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By Email

Dear Cllr Mans,

PROPOSED INTRODUCTION OF PARKING CHARGES IN LYMINGTON HIGH STREET

Firstly, thank you for attending the 8 January 2020 meeting of the Lymington & Pennington Town Council. We fully appreciated your time in coming to discuss what is a complicated and disparate matter.

At the meeting you were asked a number of difficult questions, which we recognised were hard for you to respond to without the relevant facts at hand. Therefore, we were extremely heartened to hear you say that you would be returning to HCC to discuss with your Cabinet colleagues the need to provide information and achieve further and detailed consultation on the proposals with the Town Council and our partners from the Chamber of Commerce and Lymington Society. Clearly, as the democratically elected local authority we will happily facilitate any future meetings on this matter at our offices.

You are aware from comments made at the meeting on the 8th January, that the Town Council is particularly concerned that the parking surveys carried out do not provide the whole picture and we cannot foresee how improved turnover on the High Street can be achieved on the basis of such scant and suspect data.

Subsequent to your departure from the Town Hall that evening, the Town Council debated the motions put forward by members and after much discussion the following resolution was resolved:

That the Council will write to Hampshire County Council to strongly express its concerns that the proposals:

- i. Have been developed without proper consultation with the Town Council, High Street retailers, businesses and our Chamber of Commerce;
- ii. Will introduce many more items of street furniture in an important conservation area which is contrary to planning policy and may impede the operation and functionality of the Charter Market;
- iii. Have not been demonstrated that the imposition of parking charges will increase the turnover of car spaces which will threaten the viability of the High Street and make access more difficult for less abled members of our community;



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- iv. That the Town Clerk writes to the Leader of Hampshire County Council, Councillor Keith Mans, and the leader of New Forest District Council, Councillor Barry Rickman, and urges them to get back around the table and talk about renewing the expiring On-Street Parking Agreement;
- v. That a copy of the letter is published on the Council's website and sent to local newspapers.

We believe that by working together, we can achieve a satisfactory solution to the issues.

We implore you to confirm at the earliest opportunity that you will put any further progress regarding this scheme on hold, until the points made above have been completed or explored to the satisfaction of all parties concerned.

Yours sincerely,

Caroline Godfrey
Town Clerk

CC Cllr. Barry Rickman, New Forest District Council