
Tuesday, 8 June 2021

Te Hui o Te Kaunihera ā-Rohe o Heretaunga

Hastings District Council

Council Meeting

Kaupapataka

Officer Comments on Hastings Parking Submissions to LTP 2021-2031

Te Rā Hui:

Meeting date: **Tuesday, 8 June 2021**

Te Wā:

Time: **9.00am**

Te Wāhi:

Venue: **Council Chamber
Ground Floor
Civic Administration Building
Lyndon Road East
Hastings**

**Watch Council meetings
streamed live on our website
www.hastingsdc.govt.nz**

HASTINGS DISTRICT COUNCIL
207 Lyndon Road East, Hastings 4122 | Private Bag 9002, Hastings 4156
Phone **06 871 5000** | www.hastingsdc.govt.nz
TE KAUNIHERA Ā-ROHE O HERETAUNGA

ITEM	SUBJECT	PAGE
5.	LONG TERM PLAN SUBMISSIONS 2021 - 2031	
	Attachment: Officer Comments on Hastings Parking Submissions to Long Term Plan 2021 - 2031	3

OFFICER COMMENTS ON HASTINGS PARKING SUBMISSIONS TO LONG TERM PLAN 2021 - 2031

Item 5

SUBMITTER & SUBMISSION NUMBER	OFFICER COMMENTS																
	GENERIC ISSUES																
<p>All Parking Related Submitters</p> <p>Alice Eldred (1) Emma McRobbie (4)* Paola Stobart (7) James Ludlam (8) Sylvia Prins (9) Alice McCool (11) Alison Clarke (23) Teena Moody (25) Mohammed Nakdali (27) Leone Andrews (28) Murray Gyde (38) Kathryn Thompson (42) Wim Pepping (51) Maria Van Dien (52) Gillian Mangin (53) Roger Sinclair (57) John Montgomerie (62) Allison Doak (64) Angus Thomson (75) Brian & Janette Gestro (85) R D Manson (86) Robert Mellor (90) Jody MacDonald (92) Lyn Youren (93) Nicholas Dobson (96) Ruth Vincent (104) Youth Council (111)* Nicola De Jesus (118) Lucinda Perry (120)* Lucinda Perry (121)* Keriana Brooking (126)* Jerf Van Beek (137)* Jenny Elliott (140)* Rodney Wilson (141) Jessie Kyle (142) Michelle Lucas (143)* Kellie Jessup (147)* Sue Witteman (150) Ron Barrett (154) Jim Stewart (157) Maggie Brown (158)</p>	<p>Officer Responsible: John O’Shaughnessy (Group Manager: Planning and Regulatory) John Payne (Regulatory Solutions Manager)</p> <p>RESULTS FROM COMMUNITY FEEDBACK</p> <p>A summary of results from community feedback obtained from the Consultation Document tear-off feedback form and website survey is outlined below:</p> <p>Key Issue 2 - Parking pinch-point (Hastings)</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th style="text-align: center;">Preferred Option</th> <th colspan="2" style="text-align: center;">The Alternatives</th> </tr> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">Source</th> <th style="text-align: center;">\$1.00 increase</th> <th style="text-align: center;">\$0.50 increase</th> <th style="text-align: center;">No increase</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Website Survey</td> <td style="text-align: center;">47%</td> <td style="text-align: center;">19%</td> <td style="text-align: center;">34%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Consultation Document</td> <td style="text-align: center;">48%</td> <td style="text-align: center;">21%</td> <td style="text-align: center;">31%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>From the analysis above it can be broadly concluded that two thirds of respondents support the introduction of increased charges with the majority choosing the \$1.00 increase as outlined in the Consultation Document.</p> <p><i>The submitters opposite raise a range of issues in respect of the Hastings parking proposals in the Council’s consultation document. They can be summarised as:</i></p> <p>HASTINGS – comments from submissions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The proposed purchase of additional carparking resource in the Hastings CBD is considered to increase car dependency rather than give a clear direction toward alternative modes of transport which have health benefits (walking, buses, cycling), and takes up critical land in the city centre which could be used for other purposes such as parks, cycle facilities, or car pool facilities. Invest in an active and public transport network. ▪ The installation and difficulty of using the new parking meters in Hastings; ▪ Increasing parking charges will not encourage shopping in the Hastings CBD, it may be detrimental (equity with Big Box retail and Havelock North); First hour/30 minutes free parking is an idea put forward; ▪ Support for short term land purchase in CBD as long as land can be turned back into other uses (i.e. pocket parks to support inner city living); 		Preferred Option	The Alternatives		Source	\$1.00 increase	\$0.50 increase	No increase	Website Survey	47%	19%	34%	Consultation Document	48%	21%	31%
	Preferred Option	The Alternatives															
Source	\$1.00 increase	\$0.50 increase	No increase														
Website Survey	47%	19%	34%														
Consultation Document	48%	21%	31%														

SUBMITTER & SUBMISSION NUMBER	OFFICER COMMENTS
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Not Council business to enhance laneways with limited use after dark; ▪ Comments about length of stay, dedicated 2 hour parking zones in the CBD; ▪ Need for more and better parking in the cultural precinct, particularly for disabled people; increase requested in mobility permit parking space; ▪ Suggestion for a centralised/secure perhaps multi storey carpark in the CBD, utilising less flat land; ▪ Free parking Saturdays and reduce the \$40 fine amount; 2 hour off-street available. <p>GENERAL – comments from submissions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Work more closely with HBRC on public transport and reducing single occupancy trips; Embrace liveable city principles and reduce car dependency with better public transport alternatives; ▪ Need for regular Hastings – Havelock North bus service; ▪ Reduce the size of the buses and make the service more frequent; ▪ Desire to limit impervious ground cover, such as the “urban green” concept; ▪ Drop-off zones to encourage car-pooling, safety lock boxes for E-bikes and disability access; ▪ Locate facilities on the perimeter rather than utilising community amenity areas. <p>• OTHER - Comments from the website and tear-off forms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scrap the parking app in Hastings to avoid the app charges; • Provide free 2 hour parking; • Trial car free days; • Shops are suffering on Eastbourne Street, carparks taken up with office workers; • Provide exemption from parking for volunteers. <p>GENERIC OFFICER COMMENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Under the National Policy Statement on Urban Development 2020 (NPSUD 2020), Policy 11 in relation to carparking means Hastings District Council (tier 2) will not be able to set minimum carparking requirements (except for accessible parks) in its District Plan from 20th February 2022. The responsibility to manage public carparking and its associated impacts in the Hastings CBD still falls with Council. • The Council is beginning the process of putting together a Parking Management Plan in accordance with the NPSUD 2020 where there will be a consideration of alternative transport options with the intention to reduce the carbon footprint and promote healthier

SUBMITTER & SUBMISSION NUMBER	OFFICER COMMENTS
	<p>alternatives (i.e. walking and cycling). However there will need to be a period of transition and parking facilities could transition over time to encourage alternative modes of transport, or into alternative land uses.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The existing Council laneways connect retail street frontages to existing parking areas and some of the proposed laneways will serve the same function. • Existing parking facilities could be repurposed to become amenity areas, cycle storage, carpool facilities and medium density housing in future if not required for parking. <p><u>The comments above cover the broad range of issues raised – below are the specific comments against each submission.</u></p>

Item 5

SUBMITTER & SUBMISSION NUMBER	OFFICER COMMENTS
	SPECIFIC PARKING COMMENTS
Alice Eldred (1)	<p><u>Length of parking</u> <i>The submitter states that the hour long parking is not long enough in the Hastings CBD.</i></p> <p>Officer Comments: Agree – parking could be extended to 2 hours.</p>
Paola Stobart (7)	<p><u>Mobility Parking</u> <i>The submitter states that there are not enough mobility parking spaces in the District. Every road with parking should have at least one space.</i></p> <p>Officer Comments: Mobility permit holders are allowed to park in any legal parking space. HDC currently has 2.6 percent of the parking resource in mobility spaces (56 spaces), however operational policy is to allow mobility permit holders to park in any space and to stay for double the permitted time, provided their current permit is displayed.</p>
James Ludlam (8)	<p><u>Multi-storey centralised and secure carparking building</u> <i>The submitter requests a multi-storey centralised and secure car parking building in the Hastings CBD.</i></p> <p>Officer Comments: There would be a considerable cost to establish such a facility. Currently the occupancy rate for Hastings CBD (according to CCTV) is about 52%. It is considered manageable up to 85% however agree it would reduce the roadside parking, if users were prepared to pay for the facility.</p>
Sylvia Prins (9)	<p><u>Increased Parking Fees</u> <i>The submitter disagrees with the increased parking fees.</i></p> <p>Officer Comments: Without a fee increase Council would be unable to purchase additional parking resource or connect existing parking through laneways.</p>

SUBMITTER & SUBMISSION NUMBER	OFFICER COMMENTS
Alice McCool (11)	<p><u>Increased Parking Fees</u> <i>The submitter agrees with an increased fee by \$1 for Hastings. Would rather see other sustainable transport options reviewed.</i></p> <p>Officer Comments: Council is beginning the process of putting together a Parking Management Plan in accordance with the NPSUD 2020 where there will be a consideration of alternative transport options with the intention to reduce the carbon footprint and promote healthier alternatives i.e. walking and cycling. However there will need to be a period of transition, and parking facilities could transition over time to encourage alternative modes of transport and alternative land uses.</p>
Teena Moody (25)	<p><u>Additional Parking</u> <i>The submitter supports the laneway but doesn't support additional parking. Would rather see Council working with HB Regional Council to promote alternative transport options. An increase in the number of buses and an on-demand bus service.</i></p> <p>Officer Comments: Council is beginning the process of putting together a Parking Management Plan in accordance with the NPSUD 2020 where there will be a consideration of alternative transport options with the intention to reduce the carbon footprint and promote healthier alternatives i.e. walking and cycling. However there will need to be a period of transition, and parking facilities could transition over time to encourage alternative modes of transport. HDC supports the HB Regional Council bus service.</p>
John Baker (26)	<p><u>Childcare facility parking</u> <i>The submitter questions the parking behaviour and rules in respect of childcare centres in residential areas, and more specifically at 37 Duart Road.</i></p> <p>Officer Comments: Central Government is requiring Councils to remove any rules in their district plans that require on-site carparking. The consequences of this, such as the effects on kerbside parking, are currently being considered by Council.</p> <p>Illegally parked vehicles (i.e. parking over a vehicle entrance) is dealt with on a case by case basis. Restricting parking outside/around the Childcare Centre will only displace the issue to another nearby residential area.</p>
Leone Andrews (28)	<p><u>Parking Fees</u> <i>Feels the increase in parking fees will discourage people from visiting the Hastings city centre. Affordability of increases.</i></p>

SUBMITTER & SUBMISSION NUMBER	OFFICER COMMENTS
	<p>Officer Comments: Parking fees have multiple effects. They help to manage traffic turnover making it fair for all, and the revenue is used to fund better parking and pedestrian experience.</p>
Kathryn Thompson (42)	<p><u>Alternative Transport</u> <i>The submitter suggests that Council increase charges in Hastings or, as an alternative, a targeted rate for cheaper parking. Council should also be looking at more environmentally friendly ways of transport, like public transport, eBikes and eScooters.</i></p> <p>Officer Comments: Council is beginning the process of putting together a Parking Management Plan in accordance with the NPSUD 2020 where there will be a consideration of alternative transport options with the intention to reduce the carbon footprint and promote healthier alternatives i.e. walking and cycling. However there will need to be a period of transition, and parking facilities could transition over time to encourage alternative modes of transport.</p>
Wim Pepping (51)	<p><u>Alternative Transport</u> <i>The submitter states that Council should be promoting moving people around using less vehicles, in particular looking at strategies where there are less cars on our roads where there is only one occupant. Encourages HDC to continue working strongly with the HB Regional Council to promote greater use of public transport.</i></p> <p>Officer Comments: Council is beginning the process of putting together a Parking Management Plan in accordance with the NPSUD 2020 where there will be a consideration of alternative transport options with the intention to reduce the carbon footprint and promote healthier alternatives i.e. walking and cycling. However there will need to be a period of transition, and parking facilities could transition over time to encourage alternative modes of transport.</p> <p>HDC supports the HB Regional Council bus service.</p>
Maria Van Dien (52)	<p><u>Alternative Transport</u> <i>The submitter states that Council needs to promote a reduction in vehicle use and an increase in public transport such as regular bus service.</i></p> <p>Officer Comments: Council is beginning the process of putting together a Parking Management Plan in accordance with the NPSUD 2020 where there will be a consideration of alternative transport options with the intention to reduce the carbon footprint and promote healthier alternatives i.e. walking and cycling. However there will need to be a period of transition, and parking facilities could transition over time to encourage alternative modes of transport.</p>

SUBMITTER & SUBMISSION NUMBER	OFFICER COMMENTS
	<p>The HB Regional Council (HBRC) has the responsibility for public transport in Hawke's Bay and submissions related to bus services will be raised with them. HBRC are proposing to trial an on-demand service which may expand to other areas in the future as demand arises.</p>
Gillian Mangin (53)	<p><u>Parking fees and Inner City Living</u> <i>The submitter supports more CBD redevelopment and higher charges. Encourage people to live in the CBD.</i></p> <p>Officer Comments: Support noted around increased fees and inner city living.</p>
Roger Sinclair (57)	<p><u>Parking Fees</u> <i>The submitter does not support the increase in parking fees. Believes any increases should align with inflation. Laneways are not part of Council's core business.</i></p> <p>Officer Comments: Council would be unable to purchase additional parking resource without the fee increase proposed. Laneways help to connect parking spaces with retail shopping, making walking a more viable option.</p>
Allison Doak (64)	<p><u>Additional Parking</u> <i>The submitter states that it is a good time to borrow funds and supports enhancement and beautification of the Hastings CBD.</i></p> <p>Officer Comments: Council is beginning the process of putting together a Parking Management Plan in accordance with the NPSUD 2020 where there will be a consideration of alternative transport options with the intention to reduce the carbon footprint and promote healthier alternatives i.e. walking and cycling. However there will need to be a period of transition, and parking facilities could transition over time to encourage alternative modes of transport and alternative land uses.</p>
Angus Thomson (75)	<p><u>Parking Fees</u> <i>The submitter feels the parking penalties are too high. Would like to see Heretaunga Street stay as one hour but the rest of the CBD streets changed to two hours. Customers say that the parking meters are difficult to use. Putting up parking charges is perceived as a barrier to coming into Hastings to shop.</i></p> <p>Officer Comments: The parking penalties are set by central government. There is merit in reviewing CBD time controlled limits.</p>

SUBMITTER & SUBMISSION NUMBER	OFFICER COMMENTS
RD Manson (86)	<p><u>Parking</u> <i>The submitter would like to see closer parking for the Municipal Theatre.</i></p> <p>Officer Comments: Council purchased the 'Opera House' car park (ex-Briscoe's site) to help with parking demand closer to the theatre, however other than that there is no available land in the vicinity.</p>
Ruth Vincent (104) <i>Landmarks Trust</i>	<p><u>Parking Fees</u> <i>This submitter supports the increased parking fees however believes the revenue should be used to promote alternative transport options. Would like to see multi-purpose aesthetically designed carparking buildings on the edge of the city. Favours laneway developments with less emphasis on car parking.</i></p> <p>Officer Comments: Council is beginning the process of putting together a Parking Management Plan in accordance with the NPSUD 2020 where there will be a consideration of alternative transport options with the intention to reduce the carbon footprint and promote healthier alternatives i.e. walking and cycling. However there will need to be a period of transition, and parking facilities could transition over time to encourage alternative modes of transport. Car parking revenue funds car parking buildings and laneways.</p>
Keelan Heesterman Youth Council (111)	<p><u>CBD Parking</u> <i>The submitter requests easy access for public with disabilities, support CBD revitalisation, more pedestrian areas, remove cars in city centre, allow outdoor seating, consider carparks relocation toward edge of town and then walk.</i></p> <p>Officer Comments: These comments are supported.</p>
Lucinda Perry (120) <i>(Hastings CBD West Block)</i>	<p><u>Parking Fees</u> <i>This submitter is not in favour of parking rate increase, would like to see free parking on Saturdays. Supports time zone increase to 2 hours off street and one hour free parking on-street. If there is an increase, would like to see \$0.50 increase. Does not support the \$40 fine. Hastings CBD competes against perceived Havelock North free parking and free parking at Bay Plazas and Mitre 10 area.</i></p> <p>Officer Comments: The \$40 fine has always been at that rate and is set by central government. HDC now enforces this fine as the new system allows for more accurate evidence. Evidence does not support that free parking increases the retail spend, however it significantly reduces revenue, making laneway projects and parking site purchases unachievable.</p>

SUBMITTER & SUBMISSION NUMBER	OFFICER COMMENTS
<p>Lucinda Perry (121) <i>(Hastings Business Association)</i></p>	<p><u>Parking Fees</u> <i>This submitter is not in favour of parking rate increase. Would like to see free parking on Saturdays. Supports time zone increase to 2 hours off street. If there is an increase, would like to see \$0.50 increase off-street and one hour free parking on-street. Does not support the \$40 fine.</i></p> <p><i>Hastings CBD competes against perceived Havelock North free parking and free parking at Bay Plazas and Mitre 10 area.</i></p> <p>Officer Comments: Evidence does not support that free parking increases the retail spend, however it significantly reduces revenue, making laneway projects and parking site purchases unachievable.</p>
<p>Keriana Brooking (126) <i>(Hawke's Bay Health Board)</i></p>	<p><u>Parking Fees</u> <i>This submitter does not support the purchase of more land for parking. Would rather see more investment in sustainable, health promoting methods of transportation. Supports the fee increase in Hastings CBD.</i></p> <p>Officer Comments: Council is beginning the process of putting together a Parking Management Plan in accordance with the NPSUD 2020 where there will be a consideration of alternative transport options with the intention to reduce the carbon footprint and promote healthier alternatives i.e. walking and cycling. However there will need to be a period of transition, and parking facilities could transition over time to encourage alternative modes of transport.</p>
<p>Jerf Van Beek (137)</p>	<p><u>Alternative Transport</u> <i>This submitter stated that Council needs to promote alternatives to vehicle ownership and use. HDC is increasing car dependency. Invest in an active and public transport network.</i></p> <p>Officer Comments: Council is beginning the process of putting together a Parking Management Plan in accordance with the NPSUD 2020 where there will be a consideration of alternative transport options with the intention to reduce the carbon footprint and promote healthier alternatives i.e. walking and cycling. However there will need to be a period of transition, and parking facilities could transition over time to encourage alternative modes of transport. The National Policy statement "enable urban space to be used for higher value purposes by not having minimum parking, then goes on to say local authorities are strongly encouraged to manage effects associated with the supply and demand of car parking through comprehensive parking management plans.</p>
<p>Jessie Kyle (142)</p>	<p><u>Parking Meters</u> <i>The submitter does not support cashless parking meters in Hastings.</i></p>

SUBMITTER & SUBMISSION NUMBER	OFFICER COMMENTS
	<p>Officer Comments: Seven cashless meters have been installed in areas where there is no CCTV coverage, as a result of the machines being smashed open and coinage stolen.</p>
Michelle Lucas (143)	<p><u>Mobility Parking</u> Increase enforcement of mobility spaces after hours and during events. Engage with CCS to introduce the Access Aware parking App (A complaint system for misuse of mobility parking spaces).</p> <p>Officer Comments: We are unaware of any after-hours complaints regarding the use of mobility spaces. Mobility permit holders are allowed to park in any legal parking space. HDC currently has 2.6 percent of the parking resource in mobility spaces (56 spaces), however operational policy is to allow mobility permit holders to park in any space and to stay for double the permitted time, provided their current permit is displayed. HDC are keen to work with CCS to audit accessibility to the current mobility spaces.</p>
Kellie Jessup (147)	<p><u>Parking charges</u> Request for parking costs to be decreased</p> <p>Officer Comments: If parking costs were decreased Council would have difficulty paying for enforcement, securing additional parking resource for the future or developing pedestrian laneways to connect parking and retail.</p>
Sue Witteman (150)	<p><u>Parking Meters</u> One hour is not long enough. The buttons on the parking meters are too small.</p> <p>Officer Comments: Agree - parking should be extended to 2 hours</p>
Maggie Brown (158)	<p><u>Additional Parking</u> Does not support the purchase of additional parking. Agrees with the meter fee increase, however revenue should go towards more healthy and sustainable transport options which will have less impact on the environment. HDC should divest in new carparks.</p> <p>Officer Comments: Council is beginning the process of putting together a Parking Management Plan in accordance with the NPSUD 2020 where there will be a consideration of alternative transport options with the intention to reduce the carbon footprint and promote healthier alternatives i.e. walking and cycling. However there will need to be a period of transition, and parking facilities could transition over time to encourage alternative modes of transport.</p>