

You are invited to attend a

Southborough Town Meeting

to discuss the proposed removal of

two hours free parking in
Yew Tree Road Car Park



7:00 pm Wednesday 3rd August 2022
Unity Hall, Southborough Civic Centre
137 London Road, TN4 0NA

Respond to the TWBC consultation by August 21st 2022



<https://talkingpointtunbridgewells.uk.engagementhq.com/parking-charges>

Why this Town Meeting is important

Quietly and without any consultation with Southborough Town Council, Tunbridge Wells Borough Council put forward proposals to remove the two hours free parking in Yew Tree Road car park.

After considerable public opposition, TWBC have now relented and agreed to a public consultation throughout August. A final determination will be made by 1st October 2022.

The proposed loss of the two free hours will have an impact that far outweighs the modest income generated for TWBC. The viability of our new town centre and our already struggling High Street relies on this provision. Access to the medical centre, library, sports pavilion, local businesses child care drop off; they all depend on the two hours free parking.

Some ten years ago the previous administration introduced charges in the car park, resulting in parked cars in the surrounding roads and impeding the access of emergency vehicles. We suffered congestion on the roads and an empty car park before they accepted the first two hours should be free.

As two local town councillors we have called this meeting so that residents have the chance to be fully informed on this important issue.

You will also have the opportunity to comment, discuss and ask questions of the TWBC Cabinet members proposing these charges.

If you value the free two hours and want to see it retained, please send a clear message to Tunbridge Wells Borough Council.

We hope to see you at the meeting.

Meeting called by Cllr Dianne Hill and Cllr Nick Blackwell

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