

Durham City
Parking Place
Traffic Regulation Order
2024

Highways Committee
20th February 2024



Background

- On street parking charges were first introduced in Durham City on 5 May 2003 with the aim of managing parking demand and encourage sustainable travel options.
- Parking charges were in place Mon to Sat between 8am and 6pm to reflect the core times when parking demand exceeded supply and caused problems for residents and their visitors and visitors to the city.
- Whilst the scheme has been extended to incorporate a wider area on a number of occasions, the charging days and times have remained unchanged to date.
- In the 20 years since introducing the charging regime, Sunday trading has been relaxed to the extent that almost all commercial outlets in the city are trading on a Sunday.
- The consequence of this is that free on street bays and residential streets are occupied at the start of the day by long stay parkers to the detriment of visitors and residents alike. This is evident by the queuing observed at city centre private car parks.

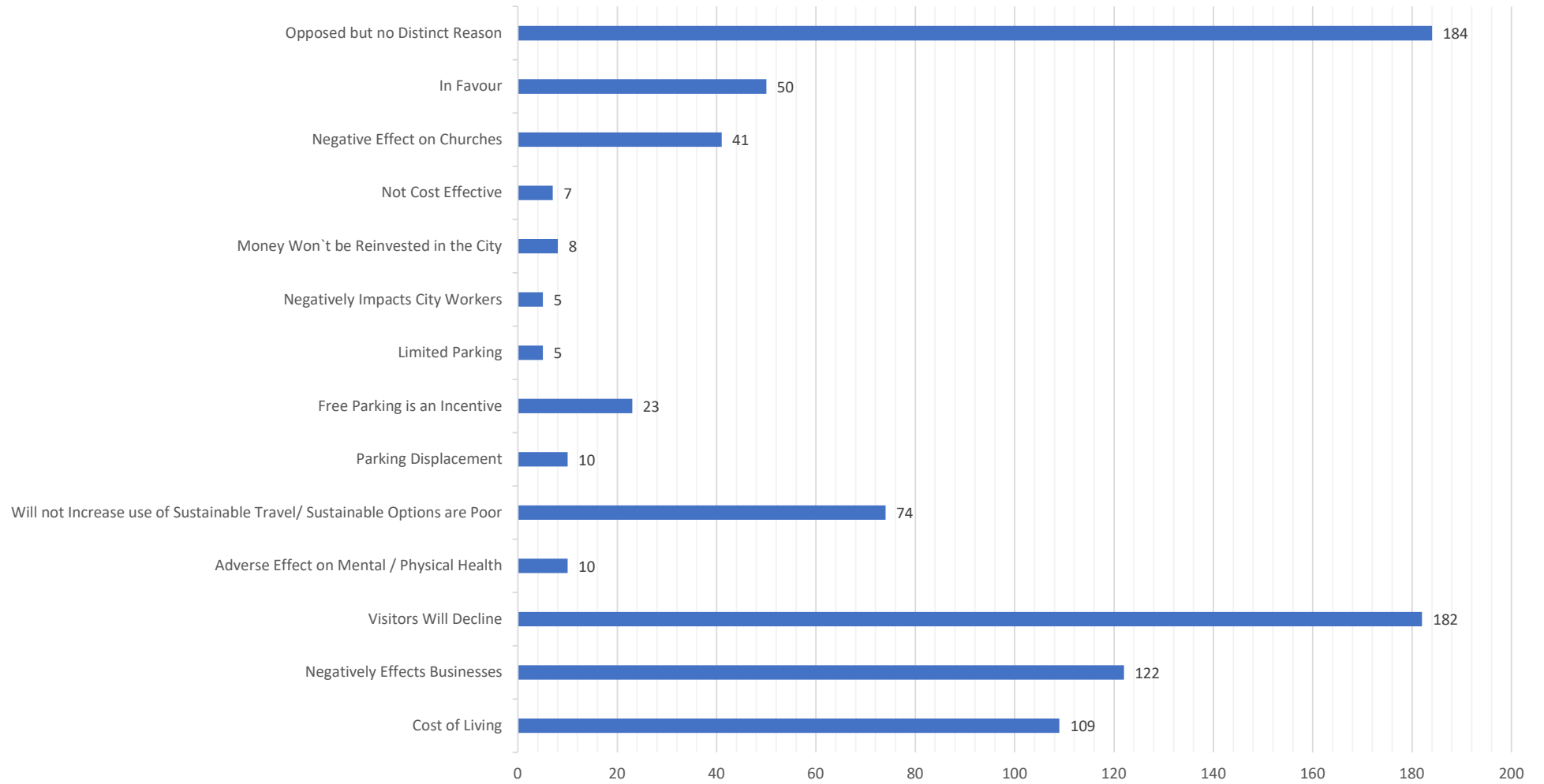
Proposals

It is proposed that:

- all relevant on-street bays within Durham City such as loading, disabled parking, permit parking, taxi parking be amended so that they operate on a Sunday between 8am and 6pm.
- income from extending the charging regime to include Sundays will allow us to extend our Park and Ride operation to provide a Sunday service to facilitate our visitor economy:
 - helping visitors access Durham and make trips more attractive, encouraging future visits.
 - reduce congestion and emissions
 - bring us in line with private sector parking providers in the City.

Objections

Durham City (Combined) - Consultation Responses



Recommendation

Officers recommend that the Committee resolves to set aside the objection/s and endorse the proposal, in principle, which will then guide the Corporate Director in the exercise of delegated decision making.

Any questions?