

**I think there should be car parking charges in the following
Peebles car parks - reason**

Would encourage people to not park in the street

I never minded the 20p charge for 4hrs, but with it now being £1.50 I will park on street instead. An unwarranted increase. NOT needed to regulate the parking ! At 20p the car parks were never full.

WHY ?

This is Peebles and I live here so why should I have to pay even more than I do already.

If, as I suspect, you will ignore responses like this then you should implement scanned access via car registration number in all car parks with barriers at the entrances and exits. In which case you could, with cars registered to owners in Peebles, make no charge for these.

If they are free far less people will park at the roadside.

I see Kings Meadows and Neidpath as recreational and out of town

A variety of parking allows people to choose what works best for them. Kings Meadows should definitely remain free as it is rarely full, its use is encouraged by the school for teachers and pupils and it is near the play parks. I think that if the school is going to continue to highlight it as the best option for users then it should remain free

Charging for parking is theft, we already pay rates

It is better for congestion, pollution and accessibility if people park in car parks and not the High Street. I would prefer to see all car parks free (or very much finally charged) and paid parking on the High Street, as a way reducing congestion on the High Street.

50 p for two hours is VERY cheap and upping it to a £1.00 is still cheap. It could act as an incentive for using public transport especially for the groups who enjoy free bus travel.

There are several reasons.

1. People across expect to pay to park their car. And they should have to for several reasons:

a/ to discourage "lazy" unnecessary journeys and encourage walking, cycling etc, with added health benefits;

b/ to raise money to pay for parking attendants to police the widely abused on-street parking rules;

c/ to prevent people parking their vehicles free of charge in the car parks all day, which reduces capacity for shoppers and visitors.

2. The present system is absurd. Visitors gather at the notice boards trying to figure out whether they need to pay - and express surprise that there's a minor charge only on Saturdays.

3. There should be graded charges 7 days a week - for instance, short-term two- and four-hour and all-day charges. Cheaper on Sundays. This is very common and works well.

4. Where a sensible system, like this is in place, councils raised hundreds of thousands of pounds to support services - as well as cover the costs of for town parking attendants.

I think it's reasonable to ask people to pay to park , most other comparable towns require you to pay to park . It would also mean that it might be easier to park , the Station car park is often full while other car parks where you have to pay are empty Parking charges deter shoppers and tourists at a time when local business need all the custom they can get.

The ones closest to town and the shops can have a charge but the ones further away should be free so you can chose to be free and walk or close and pay.

Option of free parking should be available in the car parks further from town centre to encourage walking and remove congestion from town centre

Neidpath is used for school and teachers park there as well it's also heavily used by people going to the drs and funerals so I think that should be kept free, with regards to kingsmeadows, I think we could maybe monitise people using it for motor home parking as it's a lovely spot, it's plagued work boy racers every weekend! It's horrible, but they tend not to bother when lots of folk are parked there..so a few motor home facilities? Sorted
Fairness

Town centres are dying across the UK. It's well known that restrictions on parking are a major factor for this.

Dare to not follow the herd by not introducing or increasing parking charges. We have a really good thing going here, please don't spoil it for the sake of a few whinging people. It really is no problem Peebles and people need to get a grip and be very grateful for the current set-up.

It's very relaxed and welcoming here, let's keep it that way.

You need to raise more money to pay for important services. Everywhere else you have to pay for parking

I think the status quo should remain. I think if the charges went up or were moved to every day, people would think twice about shopping or popping in for a coffee as they would know they would be burning money twice. We need to do all we can to keep Peebles a thriving High Street and community for us all to enjoy and our tourists also.

At the moment Edinburgh Road (East Station) Car Park is always full with cars parking all day. This stops shoppers parking and causes more motorists to park irresponsibly on the High Street which is dreadfully overcrowded. I presume this happens in all the free car parks.

We live, work and play in Peebles and I think that we should all be allowed FREE car parking as we pay enough community council tax. Also no public toilets are available anymore which is ridiculous. The Neidpath road car park is needed for patients and visitors at haylodge hospital as well as dropping off and picking up young children safely from Kingsland school. Teachers and helpers also use it as there is not sufficient staff parking at the school! Total ridiculous decision to charge for parking.

Parking should be free to encourage more footfall into the town Not necessary to pay at neidpath, it's empty most of the day only busy at school pickup and if there was a charge everyone would park on the road. Bit of a cheek to charge for swimming pool, then charge to use pool. Kingsmeadows is only full on holidays/weekends with visitors who probably wouldn't mind paying but again charges on these car park forces folk onto the roads.

If all car parks have a charge, nearby streets will become even more congested with parked cars, causing additional issues of access and safety.

If parking charges are required in one area, they should be paid in all. However, it will move visitors /drivers into side roads to prevent paying parking charges

Money can be used to help in other areas of Peebles that needs done

I actually think this questionnaire is REALLY badly designed. It assumes every respondent is either a visitor or working. Peebles has a huge number of retired people who make a lot of short journeys. It's also only interested in car parks whereas what the town needs is parking strategy both for car parks and also on street car parking. It's no good looking at the car parks in isolation or that will just create different problems.

Traffic will go from parking in car parks to residential roads and become difficult for all drivers.

Don't change the parking charges in any car parks. It works Makes it fairer and easier to park as people tend to try the free car parks first so they fill up quickest.

Keep visitors in the town. They'll stay longer if it's free and spend more in shops and restaurants

You should be encouraging the use of the car parks and dealing effectively with those who park on yellow lines, on corners, in disability spaces and those who park all day in 45 min spaces.

I can drive from one side of Peebles to the other and regularly pass about a dozen illegally parked vehicles, mostly on single yellows while restrictions in place.

If you want people to visit Peebles parking should be free in the car parks but charge for high street parking

Many people who shop in Peebles come from areas nearby with no, or few shops. Car parks should be free to help with this & to discourage on-street parking.

Keeping the cars away from the main Streets for long term parking.

Neidpath is a small car park but is used by carers to safely pick up children from primary school. It is also used as overflow parking from Hay Lodge Health Centre. It would be wrong to charge these two groups of people for what is always very short term parking, especially as school use is every week day (and other local schools do not have this problem with parking)

Since it is outwith the main town, it is rarely full (although increasingly used by campervans).

At the moment it's only the two smallest car parks (swimming pool which is inaccessible anyway) and Greenside that have chargers Monday - Saturday so the revenue from these can't be very much. Eastgate car park charges on a Saturday is ok but with Sainsbury's free and right next door it's fair to say people will easily park elsewhere. And with fewer people carrying coins nowadays charging machines should be contactless.

If free, may help reduce on street parking

This is by far the biggest car park and most likely to generate a surplus, I'm not sure the other smaller car parks would ever break even.

It is a good way of the council getting additional income, which could be spent on better facilities at the car parks ie toilets being kept open and maintained.

I am an over 60's lady that still works and sometimes I take the car if I have to pay that is an nearly an hour of my wages in low earning job

These are the closest to the town.

I come into Peebles to do shopping and I can never get parked close by the shops on the high street. I actually think you should be charging parking on the high street and not charging for car parks.

We want to encourage visitors to Peebles and also for park and ride.

There should be greater monitoring of parking on the high street. Many people want a short stop and pop into a shop, there are lots of people parking for over 45min, especially business owners on the high st which is in itself self defeating for custom.

Campervans & motorhomes to be charged in Kingsmeadows car park. This car park fills up in summer, or when events in Peebles are on, with campervans using it as a caravan site for days & overnight stays on end. Locals cannot get in to park. For many residents this car park is essential to shop locally with a short walk onto the High Street.

It would encourage more walking.

Also it could fund a traffic warden to prevent people parking cars on double yellow lines. Especially the double yellow lines at the road entrance/exit at Venlaw View. The view onto Innetleithen Road can be blocked by vehicles illegally parked An accident waiting to happen.

A lot of people don't carry change anymore, limits options for parking if you can't pay the charge in the car parks and on-street parking is always full

Neidpath car park is mostly used by school parents or people attending funerals - they should not be charged for this.

Without charging, cars may be left all day.

Neidpath car park is used mainly by NHS patients/visitors and school-related use so should be exempt. Swimming pool car park should be for use of pool patrons only.

Free parking should be limited to 4 hours.

No charges encourages people to come and shop, eat etc. supporting local businesses. It also gives locals a chance to shop local for free and offers convenience. Charging for car parks will encourage more on street parking for longer. It's much more beneficial for businesses to offer more frequent spaces available for short stays on the high street. Parking charges in car parks will push up longer stay parking on street. We must support our independent shops.

It's confusing having them all different and people wouldn't park as long therefore freeing up spaces.

Forces folks shopping elsewhere or onto streets.

So tourists can have a goodly amount of parking while locals know for free parking we can just walk a longer distance to central town. Hopefully commuters would be deterred from mid week parking there.

The more parking charges there are, the less likely visitors are to stay in the town. So the town economy is reduced as a result.

Visitors might go for a walk and have to leave before maybe having something to eat because they're not prepared to pay more to park

The swimming pool car park is small & without charges those attending the pool won't be able to park - important when transporting children/those less able are attending.

If charges are introduced more widely this will just push the vehicles onto side streets & cause congestion. Personally I would rather walk a small distance & not pay parking charges, however small the charges are. Peebles needs to encourage visitors & shoppers to the town, the current charging system works well although some drivers ignore the high street parking regulations.

It is frustrating to see some vehicles (often certain shop owners) parking all day & reducing parking spaces for those wishing to go into a few shops for a short period or those less able to walk a distance. I would support the introduction of parking discs so there is free parking for a limited period.

We have a great asset in the town by having either free or very cheap parking, this encourages tourists and day trippers to spend the whole day in the town, which in turn increases the spending in the town as people will stay for lunch as they are not limited to a time penalty. If charges increase then the people who use the Edinburgh road car park will look for alternative parking on side streets which will lead to congestion.
I also think there should be charges for on street parking

Because they are well used and would create an income for the council to use to improve surrounding roads and infrastructure.
Why charge to park, add parking charges to Neidpath and the rugby club and others will just park in hay lodge hospital or in the park itself

As a mother with small kids it's a regular challenge to find free suitable parking, having all car parks free will free up spaces across Peebles rather than concentrating the parking to the few free ones

Why would you want to charge to go to the cemetery or Haylodge hospital?

Shop owners are finding it tough enough without driving away trade by implementing charges

We need to encourage people to come and shop in Peebles.
Free parking is vital to boost trade!

We need to encourage visitors not chase them away. Far better to enforce the parking restrictions on the High Street.

I would pay only if the money raised was essentially going back into maintaining the car parks.

These car parks are the ones most visitors use. Residents should have free car parks

The rest of us in the Borders have to pay for council parking.

Why do Peebles get free parking. ?

Kingsmeadow car park is a long stay for camper vans ,Neidpath car park the same ,Greenside is small and if no charge it would become a dumping ground for campers and the like , same with Swimming pool car park needs to be able to provide parking for pool users .

Neidpath and kingsmeadows are good for visitors who want to enjoy the whole town, the others remain in place as paying for people visiting businesses. I'd introduce meter's on the high street as many shop keepers/workers park there (shortsightedly) which leads to double parking etc
These are used most by people going into the town.

These are often full. Useful for short stay- shopping, swimming pool etc. Charges help ensure they are not used for long stay. Kingsmeadows car park is always full so should be a charged one. The other two are charged ones anyway.

Only if it is economical related to costs of maintenance and collection from machines should charges be made. Alternatively if this can be achieved I see no reason why a reasonable charge across all car parks should not be made.

It's difficult to park in Peebles on street. Having an income from car parking is the norm. Most people expect to pay. Too many local residents parking permanently in some of the car parks, including parking camper vans

Most residents in surrounding areas rely upon driving into Peebles to access shops, and need car parking close to town. Free parking and free toilets are required if Peebles shops are to thrive.

Folk who park and ride in Peebles should be charged - the majority park at Edinburgh road. Other car parks should remain free - visitors are the lifeblood of this town. Plus if there are parking charges, folk will park on the street - I live in kingsmeadows road near the car park and it is already chaos during the summer if the car park is full. Finally less able local people and elderly will be penalised for parking near the shops etc when actually they just can't walk far.

The small very central car parks should have charges to encourage a quicker turnover of users. The less central car parks should be free so that people staying for the day can make use of them.

We need to be encouraging people to come and spend money in the High Street.

Charges penalise residents who pay enough in council tax and may deter visitors. It may also lead to more inconsiderate parking in areas which are free.

Already pay my Council Tax, free parking makes Peebles more attractive to visitors

These are generally closer to the shops. If you charge for the ones further away, then I think people will just park in residential areas

Monday to Saturday parking charges are standard across most of the country and can generate much needed revenue for the town.

These are the busiest car parks nearest the town centre. If people want a park and ride then it should be somewhere else and served by a dedicated bus

At certain times of the day, some of the car parks are extremely busy - indeed, in the Neidpath Car Park, some cars are left there most of the day by school parents. If one has an appointment at the Health Centre across the road between 2.30pm and 3.30pm, one is lucky if they can access the car park at all (the Health Centre car park itself is often full). On occasions, I have seen motorhomes parked up there for lengthy spells, sometimes days.

I think paying for parking would provide twofold benefits. First off, it might encourage locals, who are able, to walk more. Additionally, the revenue provided by parking fees could be used to fix pot-holes and more general road maintenance in the town.

It seems strange that for remote places like Cardrona Forest, a small fee for parking is paid, yet parking in Peebles town centre is largely free. It needn't be a large fee that needs to be charged, but I do feel that in providing free parking in the town the capacity to raise money, that could then be given back to the community through better road maintenance, isn't there. A lot of camper vans and lorries use this car park, taking up valuable space for locals and tourists.

The swimming car park should be free for all swimming pool user as there is only space for 30 a permit should be given for swimming lessons and members only and others should pay when using car and not using swimming pool
On street parking should be limited to under 1 hour and policed too. This would enable people to collect large items from the high street shops. Rather than these loading areas being blocked by all day parking.

The Neidpath car park is further away than the others and so making it free would encourage its use compared to the others. Charging people to park is putting off visitors to the town and reducing trade for the local businesses.

Too many people using this all day while they are at work. Makes it really difficult for visitors and shoppers to the town to find a space. Free or low cost parking for up to 4 hours similar to other towns e.g. Galashiels then a much higher charge for over 4 hours or all day parking. This would mean everyone in Borders would be treated the same and would help business attract custom. I have recently moved to area from Galashiels and the lack of parking spaces in Peebles puts me off shopping in Peebles. I live in Innerleithen but have friends in Peebles who won't go up the town on certain days due to lack of parking spaces. Also important to monitor high street parking and enforce time limits/stop double parking. Bring back traffic wardens in all Bordertowns wns

I'm retired and live on Greenside, I have a 6m long Van which is not allowed to park in the 5m long parking bays of Greenside and the Swimming Pool car parks, therefore I can't purchase a permit. I also have a small car which is used about once or twice a week for trips to the Supermarket or the recycling centre etc. If we use either vehicle during the day, when returning, it is very difficult to park on the Street outside of the house as someone has occupied the space/spaces as they do not want to pay for parking. The double yellow lines on the road do not deter people who do not want to pay for parking as they are quite often occupied. Hence my answer that none of the car parks should have parking charges.

Reduce parking charge to £1.00 a day, flat rate. Add meter the High Street to enhance traffic flow.

Neidpath is used for school drop off and pick up through the week so would be pointless to charge for that. Most wouldn't pay anyway. Dog walkers usually park there throughout the week. You could charge on the weekends I suppose. Is also the furthest from the town so shoppers unlikely to park there unless they are tightwads.

Kingsmeadows is used by visitors, large buses, campervans and caravans and remains full for long periods at peak times. Paying like in the other main car parks would free up spaces more regularly.

Most visitors to the town tend to use Edinburgh road. Neidpath is used by parents, health centre users as no cemetery visitors, plus visitors to the park

I don't think there should be charges of it's a car park for an activity.

For example the ones next to children's parks should be free so that parents aren't charged when going to park.

Or the swimming pool as you are already paying for swimming you shouldn't have to pay for parking as well.

Should be standardised across town centre car parks and free at a further distance. Parking cost to be refunded to swimming pool patrons.

Free parking does not discourage people from coming to Peebles but encourages them to walk to centre.

Consider a separate park and ride facility on edge of town for people using bus to Edinburgh/Galashiels

Very limited parking on street and I often need to park in a car park for a 5 minute collection from a shop or cafe.

I think charges should be made across all car parks at the weekend.

It's the largest & attracts the most motorists, but there should be concessions for people who work in Peebles & travel by car. If parking charges apply all day in the car parks, it will not be affordable for workers & they will just park in the streets instead.

Parking charges in the two main car parks in Peebles would raise revenues to be used to fix roads, pavements and create more cycle lanes around the town particularly on Edinburgh road, Northgate, March Street, Rosetta Road and Old Town, so go make it safer for kids and adults to cycle

Parking charges should only apply at the weekend, when there are more visitors. I live & work in Peebles. My place of employment is on the High Street. I cannot walk to work & I could not afford to pay for parking every day.

These car parks are the most heavily used car parks (Neidpath is only busy at school times and swimming pool has been closed since the fire). Small charges could generate money for public toilets in the town centre which have a hugely negative impact in the town by being closed. Edinburgh Road is used as a park and ride and even a daily charge of under £1/day could generate significant income. This would need to be considered in conjunction with Sainsburys to ensure they still have customer spaces available that aren't taken up with people trying to avoid the fees. Kingsmeadows is most frequently used by tourists who could also be reasonably expected to pay a small fee to park. I would propose some sort of annual permit wheel/scratch card that locals could purchase for shorter parking stays. I would also suggest the High Street be considered as there is often very unsafe parking on it.

There would need to be consideration of neighbouring narrow streets which may need yellow lineage to stop further congestion. There were 3 cars all parked on double yellows at the superstore junction at North Gate last week so more yellow lines may equally be ignored...

Encourages people to visit Peebles freely and spend money in local shops.

No where else can you park for free
The same nominal charge for all car parks makes it easy for everyone to accept and remember.
Think it is important that people pay
Any other town,city you go to you pay and far more than in Peebles
May stop people parking all day
May be problem for school drop off at Neidpath though
Really don't think 50p is too onerous you pay £1.50 to park in Cardrona forest carpark!

While I think there should be charges, I would hate to think that folk would park on the street for any length of time in order to avoid parking charges. It's one thing parking on the street to pop into a shop, quite another to park for longer than half an hour. Perhaps a half hour maximum on street parking in the town centre should be an accompanying restriction to the car park charges. But it would need to be effectively policed.

I believe visitors generally expect to pay for parking and it would be a way of generating funds. Important though that there are good, easy, cashless ways to pay for parking that don't mean you have to walk across the car park to a machine to pay (eg RingGo).

Flexibility is required for those parking and commuting to Edinburgh.

Worried the council will just throw the money away on other projects and give motorists nothing in return for this backdoor tax on motorists.

when I try to park here it is almost impossible to get a space some times. I have been told a lot of people park her and take the bus in to Edinburgh to work as this is the most central parking for shopper's and visitors I think we should pay. I think people wanting to park here daily for work should purchase a parking permit. This would bring in more money for the council.

There's hardly anywhere you go and don't have to pay. People don't hesitate in paying a fortune when they go shopping in Edinburgh. Maybe if we start charging maybe people thst stay in Peebles would cycle or walk yo work. And we could spend the money from the parking on sorting the road or providing something for the youths in tbe Town.

There is very limited parking as is and charges would mean residents would sometimes have to pay for parking due to the limited parking available

We want to encourage footfall to local businesses not limit it.

It's just fiddly and annoying. Peebles isn't a city, parking should be free. If you want people to come and use local shops, parking should be free. If not, people will drive to shopping centres.

Really difficult to answer.... If the justification for car parking charges is the need to shop then NONE should be charged (it's a need). If it's a desire to shop then Station, Greenside and Swimming Pool are right next to shops and charging is reasonable. Kingsmeadows and Neidpath are a short walk - something desirable and so not to be discouraged. I think the free parking adds to the visitor numbers and has helped Peebles high street to thrive...

Every day pay parking in Edinburgh Road car park will cause chaos on residential streets as people won't pay and rightly so. No need to charge Monday to Friday, Either charge for all of them or none of them.

If you charge 50p per day then at least that's money going into Council coffers to pay for a traffic warden as the parking on Peebles High Street is getting worse. Double parking, parking in disabled spaces with no badge, parking on pavements etc. Standard charges on the car parks closest to town centre. Neidpath is more distant and needed for Haylodge Health Centre.

Imposing charges requires pay machines and possibly barriers which will require maintenance and repair. It also requires enforcement which comes at a cost. I suspect enforcing charges will be a loss maker for the council as well as local shops because it will put people off coming to Peebles. It will also push people to park on residential streets instead, causing road blockages and inconvenience for residents. Visitors are pleasantly surprised by the current lack of charges. Peebles is one of the few Border towns with accessible, free, adequate parking. This isn't Edinburgh. Leave it alone! These are the closest to the town centre, and as the town is getting very busy it is often difficult to find a place in Edinburgh Road.

These are used most and need to be emptied fastest. However free parking is good for nipping places for shopping. It would be good if the high street had more enforced free parking for short periods as then I could buy stuff easier

We use the Neidpath car park for access to Haylodge Park for recreation, including the parkrun on Saturday mornings. Unlike the other car parks, this one is some distance from the town centre and therefore, we assume, less used by shoppers etc. Keeping it free would encourage recreational use of the park.

Because when I do park & ride, if I had to pay, I'd go and park on the streets and then annoy local residents. Or if I couldn't park on the street I might be tempted to drive to straiton park & ride as that's free.

Also my running club meets twice a week at Kingsmeadows car park. If we had to pay - that would be over 100 fees a year, and would add up to a considerable amount. Again I'd probably park on the street and annoy local residents.

I believe we should make car parks free, but charge for parking on the main streets. This would need to be enforced, but it would stop people parking all day on the main streets where it is supposed to be 45 minutes maximum.

Ensures consistency and lack of confusion .

Who mainly uses car park , single person car occupiers , local trades people (provide permit / subsidised cost) ? Cyclist avoid forestry parking fee ?

Many people who work in Peebles use Edinburgh Road car park, therefore it is fairer if it is free, the other car parks are used more for short stays so it is fairer to pay. I park at the swimming pool as it is convenient and because of the charges it is often quiet.

To use the funds from these charges for car park facilities such as toilets, bins and roads and paving maintenance in the town.

Most of the people in town will walk to shops, so the high street should be pick up only or 1hr limit as I have seen cyclists parking on the High Street and going cycling. Locals should have not have to pay for less than an hour if picking up from shops.

I think that there should be a free parking period, perhaps up to 4 hours, to allow people in the local area to shop in Peebles.

Parking charges deter people from using car parks which exacerbates illegal and dangerous parking around town and on the high street, which the council do nothing about. Parking charges on weekends in all car parks would be reasonable given that there is likely to be additional visitors on weekends but having different charges on different days is confusing. Any charges should be standardised across all car parks.

It is complicated when they all have different rules. As long as the charges are not excessive it will work.

Revenue generation (as long as it's kept in the town for proper projects, not nonsense like coronation stuff), consistency across all.

This is the only free text section so adding here-these questions are so narrow and cannot possibly reflect the views of residents. Parking needs to be enforced (ie warden, even part time), not just for car parks (although this should form part of their remit) but on street too.

You have to leave free parking for walkers etc

Neidpath is too far from the town centre to be used as a pay car park, it is commonly used by local residents to access the primary school, public park, cemetery and doctors surgery. It is therefore much more of a 'community resource' for using those local amenities, which local residents already pay for through their council and income tax to the local authority and government.

Kingsmeadows car park is of reasonable distance but significantly further than other 'pay and display' car parks from the town centre. This enables Peebles to give a draw for drivers and visitors who may not wish to pay to park whilst visiting the town. Make it a pay car park and there will be no opportunity to have a mixture of parking offers and a significant amount of income could probably be lost by local retail business and other private trades that use the town as their base.

1st hour could be free to allow use of local shops. Charging thereafter would help stop people using it as a free long stay car park for commuting etc. it is often very difficult to find a space which may be stopping people doing more of their shopping locally.

Damaging to businesses, cost of living crisis for employees having to pay to park to go to work.

No financial need for SBC to charge for car parking

Peebles needs the foot fall for retail and hospitality and we can't charge for going to the doctors or funeral

Us traders who bring in visitors to the town are going to be punished paying for parking. This is not fair. We create a buzz in Peebles with attracts to come visit our local town
Encourage locals to walk and reasonable charges for any vehicle use.

I have only used the car parks so far, because of the 20p charge for 4hrs.

I often park for around 2hrs - coffee + a little shopping. + meeting friends perhaps.

I am horrified that I will now need to pay £1.50 in case I am slightly over the 2hrs.

This massive increase has made me decide to avoid the charging car parks and will now park on street instead.

With the modest 20p, the car parks were never full, so there is no justification for the increase.

Both service busy areas

I loath finding places to park in various places but I have found the Edinburgh Road carpark to be ideal on any day but Saturday but if I had to pay every time I came over to Peebles I would think twice and probably take my business elsewhere.

If people have to pay for parking in the car park, then they will park in the streets or not trade in Peebles. This will affect local residents and shops etc. eg I don't shop in Peebles on a Saturday due to parking. It is only tourist that pay atm (locals will park in the streets on Saturday or like me avoid Peebles) this does not seem fair.

Having small change is nev.er easy

If a charge was to be applied, many vehicle owners would park in side streets as has been demonstrated before. Peebles is already a nightmare to park in and indeed to drive through when buses, wagons, vans and cars are double parked. If vehicle owners are minded to park out with the carparks because of cost, the impact of the traffic chaos will I feel be significant and a further deterrent to shopping in Peebles.

This is vital to bring trade into the town, the free parking brings in visitors

I like coming to Peebles to visit as there are no daily charges in the main car park.

currently parking charges are inconsistent. they should all be the same. plus visitors to Peebles expect to pay some level of parking charges.

Because charging is off-putting to visitors and residents alike, people come here to wander round our shops and parks and enjoy the traditional environment. Free parking helps that. Plus the land is 'common good' land and is not there to fund SBC. I'd suggest if SBC want to charge they should pay for the land and that money be used for projects in the town. Introducing unsightly parking barriers and ticket machines is completely unnecessary and even more so for the kingsland school car park.

Parking should be free Mon to Fri for residents

Neidpath Road car park is to a certain extent an overflow car park for the Hay Lodge Health Centre and patients should not have to pay. Neither should families going to enjoy the park. Also it's quite far from the town centre, so not very convenient for town centre visitors. I am slightly concerned about the possible impact on this car park if it remained free of charge and all the others were charging.

I think residents should get free parking in Peebles for a limited time each day

We pay enough on car tax and community tax

For park and ride users.

Charges at these car parks are justified in raising revenue for the Council.

Car parking charges would help boost funding for the council.

However, the integrity of other roads must be upheld for residents. If us locals cannot park on our own streets - which is often an issue for myself on Rosetta Road - then no-one will be happy. You could provide permit parking to remedy this.

Should be standardise across all car parks

Free parking encourages visitors to come and stay

It is nonsensical and confusing that some car parks charge every day, some only on Saturday and some not at all. Most people will happily pay a modest charge and anything is modest compared to Edinburgh charges. Therefore I think all car parks in Peebles should charge. Season tickets should be available.

Vehicles left here for very long periods (days)

Everywhere you go nowadays you pay to park. It is important for Local Authorities to raise revenue and car parking is an easy win - it then allows investment in infrastructure and amenities such as parks, bins and street furniture.

Peebles is becoming less attractive as time goes on - it often looks shabby and unkempt, the roads are awful. As residents (and visitors) to the town we need to appreciate that paying to park is necessary and that charging for parking will enable the Local Authority to work with residents to improve the look and repair of the town.

If the Scottish Borders and Peebles is keen to promote the area as a tourist destination then we need to invest and benchmark against other, successful areas (such as the Lake District). As the Borderlands project gains momentum we need to be clear about our goals and aspirations and realistic about what we need to do to achieve these.

The only caveat I have is that there has to be enforcement.

Parking in Peebles is appalling despite most places being free to park and this is an issue that needs to be addressed. Introduction of a disk system for on street parking and rigorous enforcement of this would make the town much more attractive and would resolve some of the issues and mitigate the risks caused by poor parking.

The new crossing outside the Post Office needs to be removed as well - it causes real issues with traffic movement from Tweed Brae and doesn't seem to mitigate any perceived risks - there is a perfectly good crossing 50 yards away - if people don't use this These are most frequently used and where cars park all day minimising opportunities for others to park

As a resident and local business the current charging at Edinburgh Road, Greenside and Swimming Pool on Saturdays 08:30 to 5:00 acts as a deterrent to us use using the local shops and other services the car parks serve. Although the car parks are still busy during the chargeable times, the charges must lead to loss of trade to local businesses as visitors, tourists and other car parks users who shorten their visits as a result.

I think we need to be reducing car journeys into Peebles and this will disincentivise making short journeys.. It will help promote active travel.

We also need more (working) electric car chargers.

Regarding later questions in this survey, it is impossible to answer without understanding the implications of the proposed changes. For example, what will be the changed route followed by busses to allow them to relocate to Edinburgh Road car park?

Generally, I support moves to reduce idling vehicles like busses and taxis from the High Street. However, we need to understand fully any knock-on effects before filling in this questionnaire.

As long as it is a reasonable charge I do not mind paying. Parking should be free to encourage visitors to come to the town and stay longer.

I think the system works perfectly well as it is. If Edinburgh Rd is ever full I go to the Sports centre park.

These car parks are small and charging allows a turnover of cars. Bringing in parking charges every day, all day will lead to loss of trade for the High St, Eastgate and Northgate. Free parking encourages visitors to Peebles

I love visiting Peebles and feeling able to wander around the fantastic shops and spend money in the community without having to pay for parking. I come from Penicuik which I wish would model itself on Peebles as our shops and community is not the same. A lot of this I feel is down to Penicuik's lack of free available parking near/beside shops.

To encourage people to visit the area and stay for the entire day

Closest to the town centre. Swimming pool should remain free for swimming pool users. Kingsmeadows could potentially have parking charges on a Saturday as it gets extremely busy with bikers etc who will leave their car/van for hours.

These are the car parks with existing parking charges and it should remain this way as there is a good balance of free, pay every day and a mixture of pay on a Saturday and free other days. Neidpath Road should not charge due to funerals and school drop off.

It should be consistent in all car parks. Charging would encourage people to walk if they are residents of Peebles.

Being a local resident in the Kingsmeadow area the car park is well used by visitors. If charges were introduced cars would simply park on the busy residential (free) roads. We see this when the car parks are full - cars park over driveways, block access and park dangerously on bends and near crossings , keeping car parks free will ensure safe residential roads. People will simply not pay the charges.

I have to use the Neidpath car park as I teach at Kingsland. The staff car park is too small for all staff - permanent and for visitors. Many of our staff park in the neidpath car park for this reason. I have to take the car as I have to drop my children off at wraparound childcare before I come to school. I'm not sure I could afford to pay a daily rate.

I dont know exactly what the money and fines will be used for to improve the town, nor do I necessarily trust that this will happen even if said. Would wish real evidence. If I did know and trust that this was happening, I may feel differently. Please detail this out with exact amounts given to each cause.

Why on earth do the community council want to charge for parking? Get a grip. What do they think will happen? They can't seriously think it will magically make enough money to cover the set up and management costs? All locals will take to parking on the streets leading to complaints from residents about other residents parking. They car parks will be empty so they won't make money. How much will all this cost to set up? Absolutely stupid idea. Go to a funeral and pay for parking? Fair enough charging parents at Hey Lodge because they could walk, but just crazy. What is wrong with the set up just now?

Due to lack of shops in Penicuik I travel frequently down to Peebles. With the parking being free and not restricted this allows me to shop, have a coffee and sometimes lunch without worrying about how long I have before I have to go back to my car.

Neidpath to avoid the parents leaving cars all day after dropping of kids at school which would free spaces for HayLodge .

Kingsmeadows to reduce the boy racer time sitting in the car park

We need to encourage people to visit our high street

To encourage business to stay in Peebles and keep business in Peebles

Free parking is a huge draw for visitors to Peebles on whom we rely in our business

Peebles is a shopping destination. Gateway to the Borders and home of the world famous destination spa hotel, Stobo. If parking charges are introduced it will deter visitors. It also forces drivers to park on the high street limiting access to businesses.

Parking should be free in Peebles. Our retail businesses rely on visitors and tourists. People will stay longer and spend more if there is no fee or time restrictions on their parking. More importantly, they will return and recommend Peebles and the Scottish Borders as a day trip or holiday destination. Our High Street full of wonderful independent retailers is currently struggling, parking charges will be another nail in the coffin.

I think charging for car parking will prevent visitors from staying in Peebles and visiting our shops. Outwith the cities there are other ways to deal with parking that don't involve charging. It inhibits parking

Cost of living already high. Imposing car park charges will encourage shoppers to use large supermarkets where parking is always free. This will take business away from Peebles town centre and start a snowball effect that will be hugely detrimental to the local economy. The acquisition of a few thousand pounds a year will be massively offset by empty shops in Peebles - please don't repeat the same mistakes of Galashiels! Peebles is flourishing currently, but it would take many poor decisions to reverse that.

That's where the existing charges are

There has to be consistency. When they are all different, it's easy to make mistakes. Also, people are used to paying for parking.

Discourage long term parking

We need a mix of free and paid parking that satisfies residents and visitors.

No parking should be charged for except the swimming pool. When using the swimming pool you can claim your money back. Any charges discourage people from using them no matter what price you are charged at. There is already a problem with street parking in Peebles, it doesn't need to be made worse because people refuse to use a car park.

These are the Town Centre Carparks

I think it is important to encourage visitors to the town to keep the High Street viable

Businesses have suffered for the last few years as a result of restrictions. The council should be supporting them in any way possible, and adding in charging for car parking may put customers off - especially if they require their cars to take home their purchases. This would result in online shopping. Peebles is a great town and has many excellent shops - the council should not be putting any hurdles in their way

Parking charges in these car parks, without permits for residents and business owners, is leading to free on street parking along the High Street etc to become clogged with residents and business owners. This means there is no longer such a thing as passing trade and locals are choosing to shop elsewhere rather than our local businesses.

If you start charging for parking, it will discourage visitors and locals to shop and visit the town, they will simply go elsewhere for their shopping e.g Straiton, Fort etc.

Not necessary as there seems no benefit or improvements from charges already in use.

Encourages people to shop in the town, and people would park for long periods of time on the high street
Unless you coordinate the high street and the car parks so there are charges on both

Many people especially the elderly do not feel comfortable using apps like RingGo and no one seems to carry change these days. The high street is already much quieter and as a business owner I worry about making it more difficult for people to park
Free car parking helps local trade and is a benefit to tax paying residents in the area.

These are the closest to town. It's fair to charge for them otherwise local residents with more than one vehicle will take advantage. But it's also good to have somewhere to park where you don't have to pay. Especially for short visits. Fair enough to pay for over an hour anywhere.

Edinburgh Rd only on Sat.

A lot of people have to drive to car park as there is no or little public transport where they live, others whilst not disabled and eligible for blue badge need to use a car to access Peebles. To encourage people to stop and spend their money in local businesses.

Most, if not all, motorists understand that they must pay for parking wherever that is. The revenue raised could be used to good effect to provide other essential services such as free use of toilets. There ought to be a way in which residents of the Burgh and rural areas such as Manor Valley or West Linton can park for a reduced rate because they must use their cars as a necessity. Visitors to the town will not balk at paying a fee to park.

For consistency

Car parks must be free. On-street charging should be expensive. This is the simple way you get cars to stop parking on the street for extended periods.

These are the ones that currently have charges and other works fine

Parking charges should apply to most central car parks and help fund things like street cleaners, toilets. There should still be some free parking otherwise people will park in residential areas to avoid parking fees

Very minimal charging encourages a turnaround of cars throughout the day, helping keep spaces available for others.

Present situation very confusing for visitors and locals alike. Not practical for Neidpath because of school pick ups/drop offs
Unless the money is used to pay for proper repairs of the roads.
Start charging all the overnight campervans.

I think it will detrimental to people who live in Peebles and want to enjoy the high street, parks and walks. Visitors coming for a one off visit wouldn't mind paying for a day but people who live in Peebles are being penalised for wanting to use local facilities/ shop local daily/weekly.

During a cost of living crisis I feel that people would rather spend money on feeding and clothing their families than on car park charges.

To encourage shoppers

Parking in Peebles is a nightmare at the best of times around the High St, to charge for the car parks would make it even worse
Move the main peebles bus stop to here and use the car park as a park and ride. Similar to Straiton.

Having some free helps locals, especially near the schools. The more central parks can charge. The swimming pool fee should be able to be claimed back if at the pool

Parking should be chargeable as this will deter people leaving cars there for hours and sometimes days

Because every town the country charges for parking. The parking charges could be used to pay for keeping the public toilets open and cleaned. There would be plenty of net profit that could then be invested in other local services.

We want to encourage visitors to the town & for people to shop locally

It seems odd to be charged for a couple of car parks when the rest are free

The high school are currently asking staff/students to park at Kings Meadows due to building work - it should remain free until at least work is completed

Because these are central car parks so 2 to 4 hour parking is the norm for shoppers.

There should always be free parking available in town somewhere and these two I have ticked for no charge are closest to Victoria Park for families and to Hay Lodge for sport and circular walks....

The other car parks that charge currently are closer to town so I can understand those. Good for visitors to have an option of free to as will contribute to footfall. Change from many other places which do charge.

Everywhere else outside the borders charges. It needn't be an excessive amount but the money generated could go back to the local community

Peebles is a town for visiting so you shouldn't put people off coming by charging for parking

Free parking for people who are happy to park a little further out will reduce congestion in the centre

Pointless having some free when they should all be the same

By charging at the designated car parks you push cars into double parking on the High Street and surrounding roads - thus bringing the flow of traffic to a stand still.

With the number of HGV's - only to get worse with the new high school development and farm vehicles that run through the town the gridlock on the high street will only get worse. Free car parking would so much ease the issue.

For the amount of tourism brought into the town I feel the need to charge for parking is unnecessary and may put tourists off.

For us residents, access to the high street and parks haven't got ample parking to be able to park on the streets.

Keeps traffic moving and produces revenue for road maintenance

Residents that live on the High Street already have issues with getting their own vehicles parked close to their homes and I think it's unfair to impose residents on a parking charge on this basis. We have friends who live on the High Street and they find it incredibly difficult to get parked and often have to park in one of the car parks instead and pay to park at their houses. It's almost discriminatory to make residents and local business owners pay to park at their homes or businesses, or in nearby parking spaces.

People might not stop and carry on to Penicuik or Edinburgh for shopping and free parking.

It makes sense to charge for the more central ones close to shops that have more demand, but leave others free for all-day visitors who have come for recreation.

You haven't given anywhere for additional responses so putting it here. The biggest problem with parking in Peebles is on the High Street. Many people park for hours where it is supposed to be max 45 minutes. This blocks access for others. What is needed is a parking attendant, even if only on Saturdays, to enforce the 45 minute rule. A few fines would sort out the problem, and remove the need for car park charge changes anywhere else.

Not so much for regular cars, but for the huge number of camper vans and caravans that park there overnight during summer. If car parks are free it would encourage drivers to use them rather than park illegally in the street

The busiest

We must encourage car park use and not residential or excessive High Street parking

you either charge for all or none

I think it should be fair for all. If some are free they will fill first and accessibility will be compromised. Not everyone can walk the length of the High Street and particularly if they are carrying shopping.

All the car parks should charge the same. It is unfair that green side charges every day and eastgate only charges on Saturday. If one car park charges all should do the same.

Edinburgh Road is the busiest car park and the only time you pay is a Saturday, Council could earn a lot more revenue by charging every day

Discourages residents parking then travelling to Edinburgh / Gala

The town gains enough money from visitors to our town-so they should not be charged to park here.

Peebles needs to encourage people to come into it so it doesn't end up like Gala. The rot is setting in with more and more charity shops on the High Street, and to encourage people to come into the town you need to have accessible parking. More revenue can fund decent public toilets and improve CCTV coverage

Car parking charges encourage more on-street parking which is a problem in Peebles. I particularly think that Greenside should be free throughout the week to help to limit on street parking in the Old Town which causes problems with the growth of heavy goods traffic.

I believe that charges in all car parks are acceptable on Saturdays as is current practice in East Station.

Car parking charges discourage the use of car parks and encourage on street parking

As I tend to park for around two hours I will now be charged £1.50 instead of 20p so I will park in the street now

On Saturdays and Sundays only, as that is when it's most difficult to get a parking space

People are avoiding paying for car parking by parking illegally and dangerously elsewhere, including on double yellow lines. Maybe if all the car parks were free this wouldn't happen. If we had a traffic warden their wages could be paid through parking fines - they'd make a fortune in Peebles!

Too many charges send people away from town to shop elsewhere. Local businesses will suffer

I just think it should be consistent. Don't mind if there is a fee or not.

These two are the ones most used by visitors. Residents need easy places for a quick session of parking.

Has any consideration been given to an annual pass for residents?

What are the likely ways of paying so that everyone can access the car parks? Not everyone has the facility to use apps. Contactless payment is possibly the best way these days.

We should not be penalised for using local amenities and businesses.

I wouldn't mind paying for ALL car parks on a Saturday only but mon-fri charges put me off using certain services/car parks.

There needs to be consistency.

If the car parks were free, more people would use them making the streets less congested with parked cars and double parking

I pay road tax, roads are not being maintained. If the money from parking solely went towards improving roads, resurfacing properly to get rid of the horrific potholes then i wouldn't be against it. What i would say is money is tight for many. Perhaps you could implement free parking for Peebles residents and just charge visitors and tourists to the town.

Why is parking charged? It doesn't pay for wardens any more. People park on the pavement, outside Wetherspoons, on the corner at Costa. They park anywhere. Charge them. Fine them I think it's really good to have some free car parks and Peebles is able to do this. Visitors are pleasantly surprised.

Neidpath should have notices reminding/informing school staff/parents that it is a PUBLIC car park.

The three paying car parks should be free on Sundays!
To help with support for local public toilets to remain open, and any other local public amenities that would benefit the community
Every town u go to you pay Peebles should be no different & it will not stop visitors as charges are cheap
You've upped the council tax, rent is going up . TAX the rich not the car owners

To stop traders and local workers blocking parking spaces all day.

I think the cost of installing and maintaining infrastructure for car parking charges cannot be justified. Peebles businesses need locals and visitors to come into town to use local facilities for shopping, hospitality, walking and healthcare facilities.

One of the reasons that Peebles is such a vibrant and busy town is because of the availability of parking. Charging for parking could be detrimental to local people and businesses.

The current system makes no sense whatsoever, almost every time I park in the East Station during the week I have to tell somebody they dont need to put money in the meter, we should be encouraging people to come to Peebles not penalising them with parking charges, especially charges that arent uniform and make no sense.

I also seriously doubt the charges raise enough to cover the cost of the incredibly rude parking attendant either.

It's rather stupid and confusing that some car parks are free, some have charges all the time and another charges on Saturday only. As I normally only use the Edinburgh road car park for usually a maximum of 2 hours the rate starting at 20p it seems to me that using the meters are an inconvenience.

Although I mainly use the Edinburgh road car park, I also use Neidpath car park when I unfortunately have to make frequent visits to Haylodge Medical Centre.

Please bear in mind that many parents drop off their children for school.

I usually have n trouble parking and feel this is another excuse to rip-off the motorists.

I believe that there should be no charge for Swimming pool car park to encourage use of the pool. Also I think the Neidpath car park should be free as this serves the school and the health centre. The other car parks are used by visitors and for shopping so people should be prepared to pay for them

People spend money where it's convenient to get to and park.

We need to encourage visitors to the independent shops on the high street and the great facilities in Peebles. Repeat visits become too expensive when parking charges apply - this would encourage me to use Biggar (for example) as an alternative

Car parking outside of car parks ie on street parking in Peebles is a real issue. Parking on pavements, on junctions, yellow lines, across drop kerbs happen on a daily basis causing hazards for road users, pedestrians, mobility scooter and wheelchair users and those pushing buggies. If car parks charge it will exacerbate this issue as motorists will choose not to pay and seek parking anywhere they choose on street in many cases illegally because there is no warden managing the parking issues in the town. The employment of a daily warden is the solution to get to the root problem for all concerned and would generate income. Charging should be standardised in all car parks whether it is free or not. Also there should be parking charges in the High Street, Eastgate and Northgate.

Parking is already a problem around Victoria Park with people visiting the playpark. People sometimes actually park in the park itself - this needs to be stopped. There have been assurances in the past that something permanent would be put in place but this hasn't happened - please progress this as it is dangerous to allow parking in the park. There needs to be more done to encourage playpark visitors to use Kingsmeadows carpark. Charging won't help to encourage more people to use it. Free parking apart from a Saturday encourages visitors and locals to shop and stay in our town. Introducing every day charges will cripple local businesses. We are fortunate to have the vast majority of our shops filled, please do not make us like Gala with lots of empty shops. No need for charging. Better to reduce maximum stay to stop people parking all day.

Asking as the charges are kept at a reasonable amount, I think people should pay. Put the money back into the town.

I think the parking charges at the moment are fine. And should stay the same. You cannot charge to park at neidpath. This will cause chaos with the school drop offs and pick ups. Also lots of children play sports in the park. You will just cause mayhem on the streets with people illegally parking. Peebles attracts a lot of visitors who like to walk our beautiful town. This will discourage visitors that the our little town need.

It seems unfair that charges apply only to Greenside every day. It seems businesses at this end of the town are being penalised. The other end of the High St shouldn't be free.

During the week it is often difficult to find a space in the Edinburgh Road car park , whereas on a Saturday Sunday it is empty . It is obviously being used by people parking all day for whatever reason Monday to Friday when it is free. Short term parking is extremely difficult. Cars can be seen parking in street all day. Edinburgh Road difficult to find a space during week when free but plenty spaces on a Saturday when a small charge is applied. A small charger should be applied for say 1 hour with no return within 4 hours. Charge to increase with time.

Peebles relies heavily on visitors who are crucial to businesses across the town. It must remain an attractive destination for people to come to and enjoy a day out and spend their money. Introducing parking charges would be a mistake!

Whilst in favour of car parking charges these need to be tiered and sensible. As a resident I am plagued by thoughtless parking and worry increases in charge could increase the issue. The charges could be used to fund local traffic wardens/ community officers or similar who could in turn be utilised to crack down on illegal High St parking, anti social behaviour etc which would be a huge benefit to the community. I think the key here is communication, if charges are just hiked with no explanation people will grumble but if charges are justified to improve community living I am sure people will happily pay as required. Maintain its upkeep

Because everything else is expensive enough. However the current charges where applicable are very reasonable

Charging will only encourage people to park on side streets where it is free. Allowing locals and visitors to park in designated areas is safer for all road users.

I think the current charging should apply to include Kingsmeadows car park.

We pay council tax, so why do we also need to pay parking charges ?

Peebles independent shops / activities and services bring people in to the town, charging on Saturday only works. The only other time it is that busy is maybe Thursday and Friday afternoon. Charging would dissuade people in - why would you do that? Charging not the answer. More parking provision needed This car park is most used by people from out of town.

Imposing parking charges will force visitors (local or otherwise) to park on-street, causing more disruption and inconvenience to residents and businesses. The High Street and all surroundings streets are busy, bustling places because people can get to them easily, having parked in the various car parks. Imposing charges in any or all of the car parks will force people to go elsewhere, be that Galashiels or Edinburgh, where they already know that they can get a wider range of goods and services, with the benefit of free parking in appropriate places. Imposing parking charges in the car parks will eventually lead to parking restrictions on streets, with more yellow lines, meters and residents' parking permits. If SBC wants to drive trade out of Peebles and every other town and village in the Borders, then imposing parking charges is the first step down that slippery slope. In addition, more attention should be paid to overnight parking of motorhomes and caravans in public car parks - these should be banned outright.

Visitors get free parking and take up all spaces locals can't park because of them

Maximise business and utility in Peebles

Those closest should remain chargeable. No one should require to pay if attending the swimming pool

Saturday only

I think we should be encouraging people to come to Peebles and parking FOC is part of that attraction. I also am not convinced it would be economically viable as it would need to be patrolled by traffic wardens and tickets unpaid would need to be chased, this all costs money. I am not sure sufficient funds would be raised to cover the cost of running the scheme.

It is perverse and unjust to charge responsible drivers for using the car parks while others park all day on a yellow or double double yellow lines in Peebles with complete impunity. Until SBC take action against illegal parking there should be no charges introduced.

I also believe that the introducing charges to Kingsmeadows and Neidpath parks will encourage drivers to park closer to the town centre, or encourage yet more illegal and dangerous parking.

Parking works well in the town as it is. Introducing new charges will deter visitors who often say that free parking is one of the reasons they come to Peebles.

Parking on the streets will be worse

Collecting and monitoring parking charges costs more than it earns.

It is a disincentive to visitors which are vital to the town

Having parking charges does not discourage car use, since many people are only using cars when they have to anyway.

Parking charges are more likely to cause drivers to park in inappropriate places.

Sorry that's 4 reasons.

Car parking charges are fine when they remain low at 50p for 2 hours. The car park at neidpath is used by parents at school. It's already a nightmare but if charges brought in it would be worse putting children's safety at risk

Charging for parking would lead to more on street parking leading to more congestion.

This effect is obvious on a Saturday when there is a charge for parking in the Edinburgh road car park.

This will encourage more people to visit our town and also help keep the high street clear of inconsiderate parking.

Charges will just make drivers park in streets or the High Street - charges just move the problem somewhere else and discourages tourists who would spend money in Peebles
Revenue generation and to ensure locals, like me, walk whenever possible allowing more space for visitors.

People should think more than twice about using their car out of convenience and free parking. I've not said the swimming pool because people should be encouraged to use and pay for the facility and be able to park free only if using the facilities on site.

The car parks in Peebles are a facility that are used as much by visitors as locals. I have observed that many visitors that use the Edinburgh Road car park expect to pay for the use and are pleasantly surprised when they don't have to. The main point with a payment car park is that you need to police it to ensure it is being used correctly. Equal payment at each would enable employment of the necessary staff to effect this and ensure that that over use and crowding does not occur in one particular car park.

If folk have to pay they park in the streets.

- to encourage active transport
- so that people visting from outside Peebles are contributing to the local economy and to encourage bus use instead of driving.

One of things that make peebles unique is the fact we are one of the few towns left who charge to park. Parking is crucial to using the local businesses and charging to park will reduce the desire to shop locally, instead I'll do my shopping when I go to Edinburgh to work. Additionally in light of all costs going up, including council tax most recently, it appears very unreasonable to expect people to have funds to continue meeting the demands. Money is REALLY tight, including for business owners, so let's encourage the use of local businesses.

Partly based on location/demand for space. BUT I would charge a bit more for the car parking and make the toilets free. Both Edinburgh Road and KMCP have toilets.

It is an excellent revenue for the town especially from visitors. Please don't change the current charges or add more. Parking is impossible on street and charging for more parking makes it yet another cost to find!

Both if these car parks are more central and more likely to be used by visitors

A small charge surely would help to provide revenue to help sustain facilities

Waste of time because it is not policed then people don't pay anyway. Employ a warden and enforce existing regs on high st for example. Many traders park all day every day.

We need to be warm and welcoming to visitors and having car parks free to use, will more likely make more visitors come here and stay here to spend money in the shops.

Neidpath is the overflow for Haylodge health centre so I'm kind with rest of Scotland should be free.

The parking regulations and charges in Peebles should be kept as they are. They encourage residents and visitors alike to shop in Peebles, and keep the high street vibrant. Car owners know that there is no panic to return to their cars, and they are therefore more likely to support local businesses.

There being no parking charges during the week encourages owners to leave their cars in the Edinburgh Road carpark and take the buses to work.

Peebles, and the shops and businesses within Peebles need weekday free parking to promote local businesses and reduce food miles. Sufficient free parking near the centre of Peebles will avoid inappropriate and potentially dangerous parking in minor and narrow streets.

Neidpath car park is a school drop off/pick up spot so shouldn't be charged. Kingsmeadows car park is regularly used by camper vans and mobile homes overnight so should be charged. East Station car park is used by mountain bikers parking for free for a whole day rather than pay to park at Glentress.

Where charges apply the first hour should be free. Charges should apply 7 days a week, not just Saturdays.

Compared to other towns Peebles is incredibly generous with provision of free parking.

Edinburgh Road is the most convenient other than on street parking so that's the one that should be at a premium. Kings meadow is a decent walk to the High Street so should remain free and non time limited or four hours max.

broadly than just a revenue stream to challenges in budgets -

Why ?

- concern for the real impact to retail
- without independent retailers our high street will become a ghost town as seen in other areas - currently Peebles bucks this trend
- retailers are still suffering from the pandemic , impact on consumers cost of living crisis , increasing energy costs and interest rates for outlets with reduced footfall
- local people are not able to fulfil this through their own shopping
- Peebles needs visitors from Tweeddale and also be attractive to tourists
- this must look holistically at these issues
- this impacts those that need transport right to the door of retail outlets especially elderly and although there may be small provision for disabled with an aging population who usually prefer retail shopping this could damage Peebles town
- people will turn to shopping online

Encourage drivers to use car parks rather than on street
With the recent increase from 20p to £1.50 I will stop using the car park

It was ever full anyway

The increase is not legal as it is not needed to regulate the parking at the Swimming Pool Car park !!

I tend to park for about 2 hours

So to cover myself and not risk a £60 fine for over staying, I would need to pay £1.50 for up to 4hrs instead of the previous 20p which I never minded.

No incentive now to use the car park, is there ?

No £60 fine risk if I just park in the street.

They are the main car parks for the town and could bring in a reasonable income each day. Parking charges do not appear to stop visitors in the Lake District for instance. I have had visitors express surprise not to be charged during the week!

Come to Peebles because parking is free.

Encourages visitors to come to Borders and stay longer.

Own town Hawick has free car parks

Quite simply charges and heavy penalties discourage the use of car parks and encourage street parking

Often I expect to be about two hours. Used to be 20p for four hours. Now I would have to pay £1.50. Guess parking in the street is now the best option for me..

The cost of policing the car parks currently must exceed the revenue

I park in the street now due to the new charges

For 2 hours or so I would need to pay £1.50 fee to ensure I would not be hit with a £60 fine if I was a few minutes over the 2 hours

Safer to just park in the street

The previous 20p for 4 hours was OK

The new charges are a real problem as I often stay for about an hour or so. It can be a little less or a little more, depending on who I happen to meet as well as any other things I come to do. Going from 20p to £1.50 for 4 hrs is unnecessary. It was working fine before.

Perhaps I will park in the street now (and no question of a £60 fine).

We already pay Council Tax, what else is the Council doing to help with the rise in cost of living..?

It would provide much needed local revenue which perhaps could be used to police and enforce the overall parking regulations in the town.

Also, it may encourage locals to walk & cycle - at the moment, it is too easy to "jump in the car" and either park for free or park illegally elsewhere in the town.

If the appropriate level of charging is deployed, it should not deter visitors - in fact it may even encourage them since the Car Parks should be less busy and they won't have to spend time and energy finding a space. I have first hand experience of visitors actually moving on elsewhere because of a lack of parking.

to discourage long term parking

Removing parking charges encourages people to park in designated car parks instead of side streets or busy roads. Safer options. Also with covid still prevalent, I, like many others, prefer to drive ourselves if we need to go into Peebles. As a carer this is my preferred option.

Convenience. I don't have to find change for the parking machines especially in these days when contactless is the norm. As I live on the outskirts of Peebles as with many others I use the car parks so I can shop on the High Street- Forsyths, Le fat Batard, Library, Chemist, flower shop etc. More people will go to the supermarkets where there is free car parking for their shopping here and further a field with a decline in the High street shops. Visitors are likely to find off street parking if charges are applied and this can cause congestion on the narrow streets of Peebles. Who is going to police the car parks? Look at the situation in Penicuik where private firms run 2 of the car parks there with number recognition technology with a limit of 2 hours. They issue fines by post There is debate whether this is legal or not. Who gets the money?

When charges were introduced some years ago, drivers just parked in the streets to the dismay of the residents. They do now and on single and double yellow lines and stay for more than 45 minutes where that applies. Charging in all car parks will make the situation worse. No one is checking on the infringements. If charges are introduced then some means of protecting residents would be needed; such as residents permits. I notice that in some Edinburgh suburbs, parking is free in residents' parking areas except for a fixed period during the day (1 - 2 hours) when only permit holders can park. Any charging or permits will require enforcement and need to be paid for. Encourage tourism and discourage on-street parking Other than just a nominal charge - the previous 20p for 4hrs was fine.

Charging to use car parks makes people inclined to park in the streets.

Why discourage people from using the car parks ?

I tend to stay for around 2hrs so what will it cost ?

Unless I am prepared to risk a £60 fine, it will cost me £1.50 instead of the previous 20p.

I note one councillor wants ENFORCEMENT, ENFORCEMENT !

Not great.

The present car parking charges will cause on street parking problems.

Why were they changed ?

Free use of the cars parks would reduce on street parking problems.

Should all free to encourage drivers to use them

Free is best.

More people will use it.

The new charges are unjustified !!

I used to park for 20p, but with the increase to £1.50 I will park in the street.

Why use a car park always with the risk of a big fine ?

In town parking I would expect to pay for but as for Neidpath it serves the primary school for pick up and drop off

With the Swimming Pool car park being closed I just park in the street now.

With the hugely increased charges, I think I will stop using the car park when it reopens

Don't know why the charges were changed. Seemed to be fine as it was.

Anyway why risk a big fine when using a pay car park ?

Charges discourage parking in car parks

The increase has made me starting to park in the street

No parking in Sum so you can enjoy Peebles, and no anguish to coming back to a parking fine on your car