

# Cabinet Agenda

12 October 2021 at 7pm

Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Chelmsford

## **Membership**

Councillor S J Robinson (Chair and Leader)  
Councillor M C Goldman (Connected Chelmsford  
and Deputy Leader)

## **and Councillors**

C K Davidson (Fairer Chelmsford)  
M J Mackrory (Sustainable Development)  
R J Moore (Greener and Safer Chelmsford)

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# THE CABINET

12 OCTOBER 2021

## AGENDA

### PART 1 – Items to be considered when the public are likely to be present

#### 1. Apologies for Absence

#### 2. Declarations of Interest

All Members are reminded that they must disclose any interests they know they have in items of business on the meeting's agenda and that they must do so at this point on the agenda or as soon as they become aware of the interest. If the interest is a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest they are also obliged to notify the Monitoring Officer within 28 days of the meeting.

#### 3. Minutes and Decisions Called in

Minutes of meeting on 13 July 2021. No decisions at that meeting were called in.

#### 4. Public Questions

Any member of the public may ask a question or make a statement at this point in the meeting. Each person has two minutes and a maximum of 20 minutes is allotted to public questions/statements, which must be about matters for which the Cabinet is responsible. The Chair may disallow a question if it is offensive, substantially the same as another question or requires disclosure of exempt or confidential information. If the question cannot be answered at the meeting a written response will be provided after the meeting.

Any member of the public who wishes to submit a question or statement to this meeting should email it to [committees@chelmsford.gov.uk](mailto:committees@chelmsford.gov.uk) 24 hours before the start time of the meeting. All valid questions and statements will be published with the agenda on the website at least six hours before the start time and will be responded to at the meeting. Those who have submitted a valid question or statement will be entitled to put it in person at the meeting.

#### 5. Members' Questions

To receive any questions or statements from councillors not members of the Cabinet on matters for which the Cabinet is responsible.

## 6. Fairer Chelmsford Item

The Chelmsford City Council (Parks, Sports and Recreational Grounds) (Hylands Park) (Off-Street Parking Places) Order 20\*\*

## 7. Sustainable Development/Fairer Chelmsford Item

Chelmer Waterside Delivery Framework

## 8. Sustainable Development Item

Army and Navy Sustainable Transport Package Consultation

## 9. Urgent Business

To consider any other matter which, in the opinion of the Chair, should be considered by reason of special circumstances (to be specified) as a matter of urgency and which does not constitute a key decision.

## 10. Reports to Council

The officers will advise on those decisions of the Cabinet which must be the subject of recommendation to the Council.

## PART 2 (Exempt Item)

To consider whether to exclude the public from the meeting during the consideration of the following matter, which contains exempt information within the category of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act indicated:

## 11. Sustainable Development Item

Tindal Square Public Realm Improvement Scheme

*Category:* Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person including the authority holding that information).

*Public interest statement:* The information on construction cost is commercially sensitive given that a preferred contractor for the scheme has not yet been appointed. It is not appropriate at the current stage of the procurement process to have the costs within the public domain in advance of that appointment.



## MINUTES OF CHELMSFORD CITY COUNCIL CABINET

on 13 July 2021 at 7.00pm

Present:

### Cabinet Members

Councillor S J Robinson, Leader of the Council (Chair)  
Councillor M C Goldman, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Connected Chelmsford  
Councillor C K Davidson, Cabinet Member for Fairer Chelmsford  
Councillor M J Mackrory, Cabinet Member for Sustainable Development  
Councillor R J Moore, Cabinet Member for Greener and Safer Chelmsford

### Opposition Spokespersons

Councillors K Bentley, W Daden, S Dobson, R Hyland,  
I Roberts, M S Steel and R T Whitehead

Also present: Councillor A Thorpe-Apps

### 1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors N Gulliver, J Galley, R J Poulter, J Raven and M Sismey, Opposition Spokespersons.

### 2. Declarations of Interest

Members of the Cabinet were reminded to declare at the appropriate time any pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests in any of the items of business on the meeting's agenda.

### 3. Minutes and Decisions Called-in

The minutes of the meeting on 8 June 2021 were confirmed as a correct record. No decisions at that meeting had been called in.

#### 4. Public Questions

A representative of the Marconi Volunteers referred to the equipment from the former Marconi company that was currently stored at Sandford Mill and the Council's requirement that it be removed as part of Chelmsford Museum's application to retain its accreditation with the Museums, Archives and Libraries Council. He asked whether the Council was able to assist in finding alternative storage for the equipment close to its present location.

The Cabinet Member for Connected Chelmsford said that the presence of the equipment, which was a private collection and not stored or maintained by the Museums Service, could adversely affect the application for accreditation, hence the request that it be removed. The Council was willing to assist with the relocation of the heavier items in the collection and provide temporary storage for anything that could not easily be relocated to the planned alternative facilities in Lincolnshire, but it could not commit to providing a long-term storage facility for the collection.

(7.03pm to 7.15pm)

#### 5. Members' Questions

Councillors who were not members of the Cabinet asked the following questions:

- (a) Councillor R T Whitehead on whether the Museum accreditation process prohibited the storage of private collections; whether the whole of Sandford Mill was regarded as part of the Museum for accreditation purposes; and, if not, whether a part of it not being used by the Museum could act as storage for the Marconi collection.

The Cabinet Member for Connected Chelmsford reiterated parts of her earlier response to the question from the representative of the Marconi Volunteers, adding that storing at taxpayers' expense private items that did not belong to the Museum was not appropriate in the context of the need to maintain the Museum's accreditation.

- (b) Councillor M Steel on whether parish councils could receive notifications of applications for premises licences under the Licensing Act 2003.

The Cabinet Member for Greener and Safer Chelmsford replied that the Council's statement of licensing policy referred to responsible authorities as prescribed within the Licensing Act 2003 being notified about applications. No other body could be added to that list and be regarded as a 'responsible authority'. However, the Council consulted additionally with Ward Councillors as part of its procedure and was able to consult with Parish Councils in a similar manner. The Cabinet Member agreed with Councillor Steel that such consultation would benefit local communities therefore was pleased to confirm that from the beginning of August Parish Councils would be

informed of all licences applications. This would be in addition to the legal requirement for the application to be advertised on a public notice at the location, in the local newspaper, and on the Council's website for 28 days starting with the day following the day the application was given.

- (c) Councillor A Thorpe-Apps on whether the Cabinet was satisfied that publicity and communications on the proposed Traffic Regulation Order for the introduction of parking charges at Hylands Park was adequate.

The Cabinet Member for Fairer Chelmsford said that all possible publicity channels had been employed to advertise and make people aware of the Order, including placing notices in the Park. This and the response received to the first round of consultation satisfied him that the proposal was widely known among residents and users of the Park.

(7.15pm to 7.29pm)

## 6.1 Private Rented Sector Offer Policy (Fairer Chelmsford)

### Declarations of interest:

None.

### Summary:

At its meeting on 5 July 2021, the Chelmsford Policy Board had considered, and recommended to the Cabinet approval of, a proposed policy which would enable the Council to offer accommodation provided by private landlords, when appropriate and with the applicant's consent, as an option for discharging the Council's statutory duty to those who were homeless and entitled to an offer of settled accommodation.

### Options

Approve the policy, not approve it or ask that the policy be revised.

### Preferred Option and Reasons

The policy submitted to the meeting would assist the Council in its statutory duty to provide accommodation for homeless people and would increase choice for applicants to the housing register.

RESOLVED that the Private Rented Sector Offer Policy submitted to the meeting be approved.

(7.29pm to 7.32pm)

## 6.2. Treasury Management Outturn 2020-21 (Fairer Chelmsford)

### Declarations of Interest:

None

**Summary:**

The report to the meeting detailed the findings of the annual review of the Council's Treasury Management function and the rates of return on investments in 2020-21.

**Options:**

The report was factual and no options were presented.

RESOLVED that the Treasury Management Outturn report for 2020-21 be noted and that the Council be recommended to endorse it.

(7.32pm to 7.34pm)

### 6.3. Capital Programme Update and Provisional Outturn 2020-21 (Fairer Chelmsford)

**Declarations of Interest:**

None

**Summary:**

The report to the meeting detailed capital expenditure incurred in 2020-21 and the resources used to finance it; set out variations to approved capital schemes and the Asset Replacement Programme; and presented a budget for asset replacements in 2021-22.

**Options**

Approve or revise the proposals for the replacement of assets in 2021-22.

**Preferred option and reasons**

The capital programme and the amendments to it ensured that it included the resources necessary to support the Council's priorities and objectives.

RESOLVED that the following be approved:

1. the proposed Capital Scheme cost increases of £188,000, shown in Appendix 1 of the report to the meeting and detailed in paragraph 3.1 of the report;
2. the proposed Asset Replacement Programme for 2021-22, the increase in scheme costs of £19,000 and the rephasing of spend of £269,000 from 2020-21 as shown in Appendix 3 and detailed in paragraph 4.2 of the report.

RECOMMENDED to the Council that it note:

3. the latest proposed budgets for capital schemes of £131.379m, shown in Appendix 1 and detailed in paragraph 3.1;

4. the outturn on the 2020-21 Asset Replacement Programme of £2.565m, shown in Appendix 3 and detailed in paragraph 4.1;
5. the Asset Replacement Programme for 2021-22 of £5.328m as shown in Appendix 3 and detailed in paragraph 4.2;
6. the proposed Asset Replacement programme deferred approved schemes from 2021-22 to 2022-23, £1.534m, shown in Appendix 3 and detailed in paragraph 4.2 of this report, be noted; and
7. the method of funding of the capital expenditure incurred in 2020-21, as set out in the table in paragraph 5.

(7.48pm to 7.58pm)

## 6.4 Medium Term Financial Strategy (Fairer Chelmsford)

### Declarations of Interest:

None

### Summary:

The Cabinet received an update on the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) for the period 2021-22 to 2025-26, approved by the Council in July 2020. The MTFS provided a financial framework to support delivery of the Council's priorities as set out in "Our Chelmsford; Our Plan".

### Options:

Approve or amend the Strategy submitted as Appendix 1 to the report.

### Chosen Option and Reasons:

The proposed Strategy provided a framework to commence preparation of the detailed budget for 2022-23, taking account of the latest financial projections over the medium term and the financial risks facing the Council.

### Discussion

Members were advised that much remained unclear due to both the absence of information about future government funding intentions and likely impacts of Covid. Whilst the forecasts, strategy and budgets would need to be flexible, greater clarity from the government was expected in due course and the projection of income should become more robust as the improvements brought by the vaccination programme became more apparent.

In response to a question, the Cabinet Member for Fairer Chelmsford said that it was still intended to develop Chelmer Waterside in partnership with a developer. In doing so, the Council wished to proceed as quickly as possible, not only to provide much needed affordable housing but to meet the timescales for the funding being received from Homes England. Asked about progress with plans for the site remaining after the development of

Riverside, the Cabinet Member said that initial proposals for this difficult site drawn up by a consultant had not been acceptable in planning terms and the approach to its redevelopment was being reviewed.

RESOLVED that the updated financial forecast be noted.

RECOMMENDED to the Council that it approve:

1. the approach to reserves set out in the report to the meeting and Appendix 1
2. the updates to the capital strategy indicators set out in Appendix 2
3. the Financial Strategy as set out and the budget guidelines for preparation of the 2022-23 budget in Appendix 5
4. the carry forward of budgets of £272k from 2020-21 for initiatives delayed due to Covid, as detailed in Appendix 5, funded from unearmarked reserves.

(7.38pm to 7.49pm)

## 7.1 Public Spaces Protection Order for Multi-Storey Car Parks (Greener and Safer Chelmsford)

### Declarations of Interest:

None

### Summary:

The Cabinet considered a proposal to make a Public Spaces Protection Order to prohibit certain activities in the multi-storey car parks in the city centre.

### Options:

Make, not make or amend the extent of the proposed Order.

### Preferred Option and Reasons

The proposed Order would help reduce the incidence of anti-social and criminal behaviour in the City Centre Multi-Storey car parks.

### Discussion

The Cabinet was informed that anyone who could not pay the fine for contravention of the Order would be prosecuted in the Magistrates' Court which would decide the most appropriate course of action, taking into account the circumstances of the individual concerned. The Cabinet Member also said that consideration would be given to providing notices and information in the car parks on how best the public could support rough sleepers and those asking for money.

RESOLVED that the Director of Public Places be authorised to make the proposed Public Spaces Protection Order in respect of city centre multi-storey car parks.

(7.49pm to 7.56pm)

## 7.2 Admirals Park – Proposed Designation as a Local Nature Reserve (Greener and Safer Chelmsford)

### Declarations of Interest:

None

### Summary:

The Cabinet was recommended to approve the designation of Admirals Park as a Local Nature Reserve.

### Options:

Make or not make the designation.

### Preferred Option and Reasons

The designation of the park would support the Council's Climate Change and Ecological Emergency Action Plan and the Green Infrastructure Plan.

### Discussion

Members were informed that the designation would not affect public access to the park for recreation purposes or its current management. There were no plans to introduce charges for car parking at the park.

RESOLVED that the declaration of part of Admirals Park as a Local Nature Reserve be supported and that Natural England be requested to add it to the register of Local Nature Reserves.

(7.56pm to 8.02pm)

## 8.1. CHESS Community Infrastructure Levy Allocation (Sustainable Development)

### Declarations of Interest:

None

### Summary:

The Cabinet was requested to confirm its previous decision to allocate £300,000 of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funding to support the enhancement of services provided by CHESS in an alternative location.

### Options:

Confirm or not confirm the decision on the funding.

### Preferred Option and Reasons

The development of the CHESSE centre was an objective in the Council's Homelessness and Rough Sleeper Strategy and Action Plan for 2021 and the new location would have a number of benefits.

RESOLVED that

1. The allocation of the £300,000 from the CIL neighbourhood allocation in the unparished area for the purposes of CHESSE purchasing and developing a new assessment centre within the former Woodstock Motel building, Stock Road, Chelmsford be confirmed.
2. The Director of Sustainable Communities, after consultation with the Cabinet Member for Connected Chelmsford, be authorised to prepare the funding agreement between the Council and CHESSE to enable the transfer of funding to take place.

(8.02pm to 8.05pm)

## 8.2 South Woodham Ferrers and Writtle Neighbourhood Plans (Sustainable Development)

### Declarations of Interest:

None

### Summary:

The Cabinet received a report on progress on the preparation of draft Neighbourhood Plans for South Woodham Ferrers and Writtle. Approval was sought to delegate the next stages of their implementation to officers.

### Options:

Approve the delegation of the functions set out in the report or bring the necessary decisions on the Plans to the Cabinet.

### Preferred Option and Reasons

The delegation of decisions on the Neighbourhood Plans would avoid delay in carrying out the remainder of the statutory process.

RESOLVED that

1. The Director of Sustainable Communities, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Sustainable Development, be authorised to complete the statutory functions on the production of the Neighbourhood Plans for South Woodham Ferrers and Writtle, including considering the examiner's report and recommendations, deciding what action should be taken in response, and, if applicable, deciding whether to proceed to referendum.



2. The update on progress on the draft South Woodham Ferrers Neighbourhood Plan and the draft Writtle Neighbourhood Plan be noted.

(8.05pm to 8.09pm)

## 9. Amendments to the Constitution (Leader)

### Declarations of Interest:

None

### Summary:

The views of the Cabinet were sought on proposed amendments to the Constitution being recommended to the Council by the Governance Committee.

### Options:

Support or propose changes to the proposed amendments.

### Preferred option and reasons

With the change referred to below, the proposed amendments would keep the Constitution up to date and meet the requirements of the Council.

### Discussion

Members felt that a slight amendment to the wording of the revised Rule on the timing of the submission of public questions at meetings would make it less prescriptive and allow the Chair of a meeting more discretion to accept questions that were not received before the proposed deadline.

RESOLVED that, subject to the word “must” in the first line of the new Rules 4.1.10.1 and 4.2.14.1 detailed in section 4 of the appendix to the report being replaced with “should”, the proposed amendments to the Constitution be supported.

(8.09pm to 8.15pm)

## 10. Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.

## 11. Reports to Council

RESOLVED that the following items be subject to report to the Council:

- Treasury Management Outturn (minute number 6.2)
- Capital Programme Update and Outturn (minute number 6.3)
- Medium Term Financial Strategy (minute number 6.4)

- Constitution amendments (minute number 9, as a report from the Governance Committee)

## Exclusion of the Public

RESOLVED that under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the meeting for item 12 on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information falling within paragraphs 3 and 6 of Part 1 of the Schedule 12A to the Act (information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person including the authority holding that information and information which reveals that the authority proposes (a) to give under any enactment a notice under or by virtue of which requirements are imposed on a person; or (b) to make an order or direction under any enactment).

## 12. Vacant Properties (Greener and Safer Chelmsford)

*Public interest statement:* It is not in the public interest to release details of this report at present on the grounds that knowing the address of the properties and the identity of the owners does not outweigh the personal and private interests of the owners, and making public the intention of the Council to make compulsory purchase order(s) in this instance may hinder its ability to do so and reduce the chances of bringing the properties back into residential use

### Declarations of Interest:

None

### Summary:

The Cabinet was requested to approve proposals for the acquisition of eight long-term empty properties that were in a poor state of repair if continued negotiations with their owners to bring them back into use were unsuccessful.

### Options:

Approve or not approve the delegations set out in the report to the meeting and the principle of making compulsory Purchase Orders for the properties.

### Preferred option and reasons

If they were required, the proposed measures would help bring the properties back into use.

RESOLVED that

1. The exercise of Compulsory Purchase Powers under the provisions of Section 17 of the Housing Act 1985 (as amended) in respect of the properties detailed in the report to the meeting be approved in principle and the Director of Public Places after consultation with the Legal and Democratic Services Manager is authorised to take all necessary action for the making, submission, confirmation and implementation of Compulsory Purchase Orders pursuant to Section 17 of the Housing Act 1985 (as amended) referred to in the report including the publication and service of all

(statutory) notices including High Court Enforcement notices and the presentation of the Council's case at any Public Local Enquiry; in respect of each of the properties identified within this report.

2. The Director of Public Places after consultation with the Leader of the Council be authorised to (i) acquire each or all of the properties compulsorily and to dispose of the properties where this is appropriate, (ii) to negotiate and conclude terms for the acquisition of each or all of the properties by agreement and to dispose of the properties where this is appropriate and (iii) to deal with all matters in relation to compensation and statutory interest including the institution or defending of proceedings as necessary.
3. The Legal & Democratic Services Manager is authorised, in consultation with the Director of Public Places, to appoint as necessary external legal advisors to progress the making of the Compulsory Purchase Orders and complete all necessary legal work arising from the above recommendations.

(8.18pm to 8.25pm)

The meeting closed at 8.25pm

Chair



## Chelmsford City Council Cabinet

12 October 2021

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### The Chelmsford City Council (Parks, Sports and Recreational Grounds) (Hylands Park) (Off-Street Parking Places) Order 20

\*\* [full ref to be added when order is made]

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#### Report by:

Cabinet Member for Fairer Chelmsford

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#### Purpose

To report the representations received during the 21-day statutory consultation and publication of the proposed Chelmsford City Council (Parks, Sports and Recreational Grounds) (Hylands Park) (Off-Street Parking Places) Order 20\*\* [full ref to be added when order is made]

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#### Options

The Cabinet has the following options available:

1. To agree that the proposed Order be made as advertised; or
2. To agree that the proposed Order be made subject to modifications which result in less restrictive provisions or reduced scope; or
3. To reject the proposal and withdraw the proposed Order

## Preferred option and reasons

The preferred option is to agree that the proposed Order be made subject to modifications which result in less restrictive provisions or reduced scope.

A number of the respondents to the statutory consultation have made points which lead them to believe the Order should not be pursued in whole or part. In light of these representations, it is recommended that additional annual season ticket options and an up to one hour charge be made available to improve the financial offer for all regular users of the Hylands Park Estate.

## Recommendation

To make the Order as advertised subject to the following modifications to Schedule 1 (Hylands Park Parking Places and Fees and Charges) of the proposed Order to include:

- A charge for parking for up to one hour priced at £2.00 for residents and £3.35 for non-residents
- A reduced rate for a 5-day season ticket for Chelmsford residents priced at £54.00 per year [instead of £60.00 per year] and £16.20 per year for a second vehicle registered at the same address
- A 7-day season ticket for Chelmsford residents priced at £72.00 per year and £21.60 per year for a second vehicle registered at the same address
- A 5-day season ticket for non-residents priced at £81.00 per year
- A 7-day season ticket for non-residents priced at £99.00 per year
- Additional vehicles [to those identified above] may be registered priced at £81.00 per year for a 5-day season ticket and £99.00 per year for a 7-day season ticket irrespective of whether a resident or non-resident

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## 1. Background

- 1.1. Chelmsford City Council agreed to introduce parking charges at Hylands Estate at the Council meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup> February 2021.
- 1.2. The reasons for introducing car parking charges at Hylands Park were:
  - Fairness between users and non-users of Hylands Park
  - Parking capacity at peak times
  - A budgetary shortfall due to the impact of Covid
- 1.3. Based on the “in-principle” decision to introduce car parking charges at Hylands Park, a consultation on how to introduce and manage such a scheme took place between 16 February 2021 and 16 March 2021. This consultation was open to all residents and other users of Hylands Estate. Almost 7,000

responses were received, providing information about how and when people use the Estate and its car parks.

- 1.4. This consultation informed the proposals for a possible charging scheme, which was translated into a draft Traffic Regulation Order. This Order was subject to statutory advertisement, taking place from 8 July 2021 to midnight on 29 July 2021, inviting representations for or against the proposals. The proposed implementation of this Traffic Regulation Order is the subject of this report.

## 2. The proposed Chelmsford City Council (Parks, Sports and Recreational Grounds) (Hylands Park) (Off-Street Parking Places) Order 20\*\*

- 2.1. The proposed Order was published for the 21-day statutory period from 8 July 2021 inviting representations for or against the Order. The Notice of Proposal is attached as **Appendix 1** to this report.
- 2.2. In summary, the proposed TRO set out plans for charges at the Estate's three car parks, which would apply between the hours of 9am and 6pm, at a discounted daily rate of £3.00 for residents [arranged through a Chelmsford Resident's MiPermit account] and £5.00 for those living outside the Chelmsford City Council area.
- 2.3. A season ticket for Chelmsford residents would also be available (Mondays to Fridays excluding bank holidays), payable at £5.00 a month or £60.00 a year; [and £18.00 per annum for a second vehicle to be registered at a household]. This season ticket would be arranged through a Chelmsford Resident's MiPermit account only.
- 2.4. It is proposed that a number of groups / individuals would be able to park at Hylands free of charge, for example Blue Badge holders, residents receiving council tax support, volunteers and organised groups using Hylands for activities directly associated with education, mental health or disability support.
- 2.5. Those attending Hylands functions and events would also be able to park free of charge as the equivalent of the parking charges is included in the function hire charges. Whilst not directly a matter for consideration as part of the proposed TRO, the charging policy for parking at Hylands is set out at **Appendix 2** for information.
- 2.6. The proposed Order was formally published in the Essex Chronicle and notices erected throughout the Hylands Estate Public Car Parks and points of public access. Copies of the Notice of Proposal, the Statement of Reasons and the Draft Order were made available on request for members of the public to view. Copies of these documents were also sent to all Chelmsford Essex County Councillors, Chelmsford City Councillors, Writtle Parish Council, Essex County Council, and Essex Police.
- 2.7. At the close of the consultation at Midnight on 29 July 2021, a total of 677 representations had been received by the Council with 668 representations

objecting to the proposed Order and 9 representations in support of the proposed Order.

- 2.8. The details of these representations are attached as **Appendix 3**.
- 2.9. The respondents made several points which led them to believe the Order should not be pursued in whole or part. The representations mainly highlighted the reasons why people frequently use the park and the importance of these visits for each individual and the perceived impact that the proposed charges will have. Many objectors felt that the proposed charges should be withdrawn entirely, but there was also a general acknowledgement and acceptance evident that a parking fee was necessary to contribute to the ongoing maintenance costs and future improvements of this important and extensively used park and historic landscape.
- 2.10. A consistent point raised throughout the consultation concerned the level of daily charge and the range of season ticket options offered. In particular:
  - Non-Chelmsford residents considered the £5.00 daily charge to be expensive, particularly for those who visit the park regularly for periods not exceeding 2 hours. The general suggestion was to allow non-Chelmsford residents the option to purchase an annual season ticket and/or introduce a 1-hour and 2-hour tariff option.
  - Chelmsford residents considered that the 5-day Monday to Friday annual season ticket was too restrictive and should be extended to include Saturday, Sundays and Bank Holidays to alleviate the additional daily weekend charges for regular users of the Park.
  - The £5.00 daily fee (£3.00 for Chelmsford Residents with a MiPermit account) was considered too expensive for customers who only use the park for short periods of time and they felt consideration should be given to the introduction of a 1-hour or 2-hour tariff option.
  - The proposed fees and charges should be withdrawn and free parking provision maintained.
- 2.11. In light of these representations and objections, it is proposed to modify Schedule 1 (Hylands Park Parking Places and Fees and Charges) as follows to include:
  - The introduction of a 1-hour tariff option at £2.00 for residents and £3.35 for non-Chelmsford residents [as well as the over one-hour charge of £5.00 for non-residents and £3.00 for Chelmsford Residents with a MiPermit account]
  - A 5-day Annual Season Ticket for Chelmsford residents at £54.00 and for a second car registered at the same address £16.20
  - A 7-day Annual Season Ticket for Chelmsford residents at £72.00 and for a second car registered at the same address £21.60
  - A 5-day Annual Season Ticket for non-Chelmsford residents at £81.00
  - A 7-day Annual Season Ticket for non-Chelmsford residents at £99.00

- Additional vehicles [to those identified above] may be priced at £81.00 per year for a 5-day season ticket and £99.00 per year for a 7-day season ticket irrespective of whether a resident or non-resident

2.12. The introduction of the 5-day non-resident annual season ticket at £81.00 per annum, the 7-day non-residential annual season ticket at £99.00 per annum and the 7-day Chelmsford resident season ticket at £72.00 per annum will provide significantly reduced cost options for all frequent visitors to Hylands who use private cars.

2.13. **Appendix 4** shows the amended Schedule 1 with the proposed recommendations.

### 3. Conclusion

3.1. It is proposed to make the Chelmsford City Council (Parks, Sports and Recreational Grounds) (Hylands Park) (Off-Street Parking Places) Order 20\*\* as advertised, subject to the modifications to Schedule 1 and additions as set out in paragraph 2.11 above.

#### List of appendices:

Appendix 1 Copy of the notice of proposal

Appendix 2 Hylands car parking charging policy

Appendix 3 Details of representations received

Appendix 4 Amended Schedule 1 with proposed recommendations

#### Background papers:

None

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### Corporate Implications

#### Legal/Constitutional:

Chelmsford City Council agreed to introduce parking charges at Hylands Estate at the Council meeting on the 24th February 2021.

#### Financial:

The financial implications have been considered previously at Council on the 24th February 2021.

Potential impact on climate change and the environment:



Limited, although there may be a small reduction in the use of private cars to visit Hylands in favour of more sustainable alternative such as walking and cycling

Contribution toward achieving a net zero carbon position by 2030:  
Not applicable [in respect of the Council's operations]

Personnel:  
None

Risk Management:  
No particular risk management issues

Equality and Diversity:  
An equalities impact assessment has been carried out.

Health and Safety:  
No particular health and safety issues

Digital:  
None. Issuing season tickets [permits] and enforcement will use the existing car park control systems

Other:  
None

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**Consultees:**

Chelmsford Essex County Councillors, Chelmsford City Councillors, Writtle Parish Council, Essex County Council, the Chief Officer of Police and members of the public through statutory publication of the Notice of Proposal.

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**Relevant Policies and Strategies:**

None applicable

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## APPENDIX 1



**The Chelmsford City Council**  
**(Parks, Sports and Recreational Grounds) (Hylands Park)**  
**(Off-Street Parking Places) Order 20\*\***

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Chelmsford City Council in exercise of its powers under Section 32 & 35 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 ("the 1984 Act") and part IV of Schedule 9 to the 1984 Act, the Traffic Management Act 2004 and all other enabling powers and with the consent of Essex County Council given in accordance with Section 39(3) of the 1984 Act and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with Paragraph 20 of Schedule 9 of the 1984 Act propose to make the above Order.

The effect of the Order will revoke The Chelmsford City Council (Parks, Sports and Recreational Grounds) (Hylands Park) (Off-Street Parking Places) Order 2018 and replace with The Chelmsford City Council (Parks, Sports and Recreational Grounds) (Hylands Park) (Off-Street Parking Places) Order 20\*\*. The new proposed Order will include:-

- a) the introduction of the new proposed car parking charges and the times the new proposed charges apply within the designated car parking areas as specified in Schedule 1 of this notice. These new proposed charges will replace the current free parking provision.
- b) the conditions of use and types and validation of payment, for parking and enforcement purposes.

Copies of the proposed Order together with a copy of this Notice, a copy of the original Chelmsford City Council (Parks, Sports and Recreational Grounds) (Hylands Park) (Off-Street Parking Places) Order 2018 and a Statement of Reasons for proposing the Order are available:

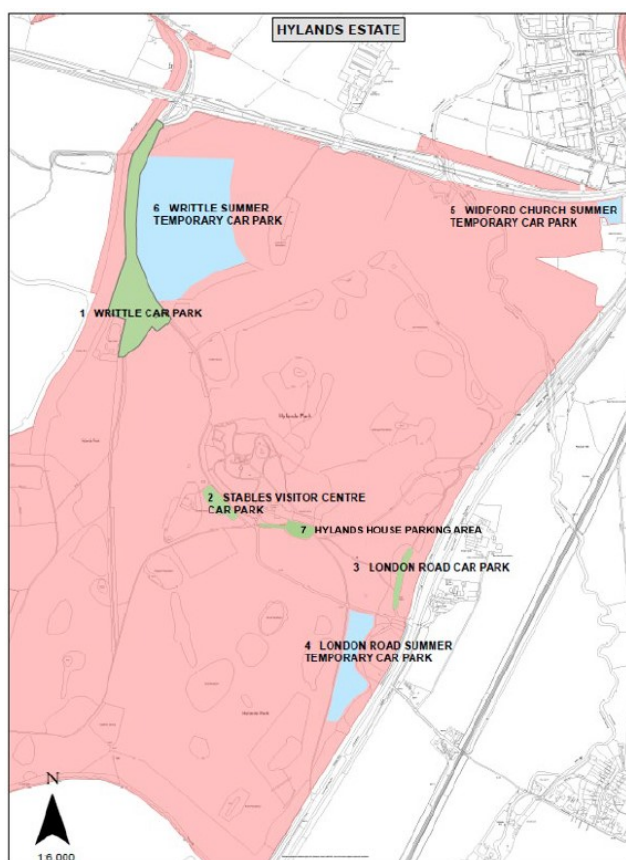
online at [www.chelmsford.gov.uk](http://www.chelmsford.gov.uk) or copies can be sent by email or post by emailing [trafficreg@chelmsford.gov.uk](mailto:trafficreg@chelmsford.gov.uk) or writing to the address below. Due to the current Covid-19 restrictions it is not possible to view these documents at the Civic Centre, Chelmsford City Council.

If you wish to object to the proposed Order or write in support of it you should either send an e-mail to [hylandscarparks@chelmsford.gov.uk](mailto:hylandscarparks@chelmsford.gov.uk) or write to the undersigned stating the reasons for your objection or support by **Thursday 29 July 2021**. Any such representations will be taken into account by the Council with the result that they may be made available to the public under sections 100A-100K & Schedule 12 of the Local Government Act 1972 if and when a report is made to the Council's Licensing and Regulatory Committee.

Dated: 8 July 2021  
Keith Nicholson  
Director of Public Places  
Civic Centre  
Duke Street  
Chelmsford  
CM1 1JE

**Schedule 1 – Hylands Park Parking Places and Fees and Charges**

No.	Name of Car Park	Opening Times for Hylands Park	Proposed Car Park Charge
1	Writtle Car Park Area	<p>All days 7.30am to –</p> <p>5pm in January, November and December 6pm in February and March 8pm in April and September 9pm in May and August 10pm in June and July 7pm in October</p> <p>For events, functions and other hires, the closing times will be varied to accommodate such events, functions and other hires.</p> <p>At all other times Hylands Park and the Parking places will be closed to the public and vehicles.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> Vehicles must leave Hylands Park before the designated closing time. Any vehicle(s) left in Hylands Park after the main gates have been locked, cannot be removed, and will remain in Hylands Park until such time the main gates are opened the following day. A Penalty Charge Notice may be issued to an unauthorised vehicle whilst parked within Hylands Park when closed to the public.</p>	<p>Charges apply - Monday to Sunday 9am to 6pm</p> <p><b>£5.00 per day</b> <b>£3.00 per day</b> (Discount for Chelmsford City Council qualifying resident)</p> <p>Discounted fee only applies for qualifying Chelmsford City Council residents who have activated an on-line account via the third-party payment system, otherwise full cost of daily charge is required</p> <p><b>Chelmsford Resident Annual Season Ticket</b></p> <p><b>Annual 5 day - Monday to Friday only</b> (normal daily charges apply at weekends and Bank Holidays)</p> <p><b>£60.00 per annum</b> for first car <b>£18.00 per annum</b> for second car</p> <p>Season ticket only available for qualifying Chelmsford City Council residents. Maximum of two permits per household.</p> <p><b>Parking Permits (Events)</b> At times of some activities or events there will be a charge for a parking permit. The charge will be advised by the Council at the time.</p> <p><b>Penalty Charge</b> Higher Level Contravention: <b>£70.00</b> Lower Level Contravention: <b>£50.00</b></p>
2	The Stables Visitor Centre Car Park Area		
3	London Road Car Park Area		
4	London Road Summer Temporary Car Park Area		
5	Widford Church Summer Temporary Car Park Area	Only open at peak summer times as and when required – Charges apply when open	
6	Writtle Summer Temporary Car Park Area		
7	Hylands House Parking Area	All days as specified above	Authorised vehicles and permit holders only



## APPENDIX 2

### Hylands – car parking charging policy

1. Same charge for Writtle Road, Stable Visitor Centre and London Road car parks
2. A standard all-day charge [to be determined by a relevant Traffic Regulation Order], applicable every day between 09:00 and 18:00 hours\*. Cashless payment system [with option to pay by phone]
3. A resident discount on the standard daily charge to be made available by way of a 'permit' registered in advance [i.e., a 'Hylands MiPermit' account validated by Council Tax number, alternative proof of residency will be possible in certain circumstances where a Council Tax reference number is not available, for example houses of multiple occupation]
4. A range of annual 'season tickets', for either weekdays or all days of the week, available to frequent users. Differential charges to apply providing discounts to Chelmsford residents who qualify as above. Charges for these season tickets to be determined by a relevant Traffic Regulation Order
5. Any parking place (except where the parking bay is specifically marked for use by Permit Holders or Special Events) may be used at no charge for the leaving of a Disabled Person's Vehicle or a vehicle carrying a Disabled Persons Badge Holder as a passenger which displays in the relevant position a Valid Disabled Person's Badge
6. Those in receipt of Council Tax Support eligible to apply for a 'Hylands MiPermit' allowing parking free of charge
7. Staff, employees, people working for the catering concessions / tenants / on events and volunteers such as the Friends of Hylands House and garden volunteers park free of charge
8. Organised groups using Hylands for activities directly associated with mental health or disability support and for organised educational purposes park free of charge
9. Visitors attending weddings and other pre-booked functions and activities at the House and Grand Pavilion park free of charge
10. Charging for parking associated with outdoor events [including parking on grass areas] are determined on an event-by-event basis [i.e., outside the scope of this charging policy]
  - \* *No more than two vehicles can be registered to a single permit / season ticket*
  - \* *Permits and season tickets do not guarantee that a parking space will be available at any given time*
  - \* *During winter months the Park may close earlier than 6pm [reflected in the b Traffic Regulation Order]*

**APPENDIX 3****REPRESENTATIONS & RESPONSES FOLLOWING FORMAL ADVERTISEMENT OF HYLANDS PARK –****8 July to 29 July 2021**

<b>Representations &amp; responses relating to Hylands Park, Chelmsford</b>		
<b>Ref</b>	<b>Representation -</b>	<b>Objection/Support</b>
<b>1</b>	The Estate is provided by the council for the public to use. Making parking charges will discourage people from visiting and will encourage visitors to seek alternative places to park e.g., in Writtle and walking to the park. This will cause disruption for those living in Writtle. Also, if you insist on charging then I wholly disapprove of a flat daily rate. I believe a sliding scale of rates would be fairer. A daily rate isn't fair to those only wishing to stay for an hour. Please consider the fairness of your proposal and amend accordingly.	Objection
<b>2</b>	I have today seen your notices at Hylands Park whilst walking my dog, I did complete a survey on the subject when it was first muted. I live in Ingatestone, the very first road in fact, which is not counted as Chelmsford! I don't object to paying something for visiting Hylands, I understand the council's need to raise funds, but I don't understand the justification for only making a season ticket available to Chelmsford residents. The way I see it is that Chelmsford resident day rate is £3, non-resident £5 so I would have thought that if a resident season ticket is £60 then a non-resident one should be available at £100 i.e., 5/3's of the resident rate. I gave up work 8 years ago because of acute depression and anxiety, I got my dog at that point and it was walking her in the large open spaces of Hylands, where I feel safe and my mind is clear, that has helped me to get my life back together – and now that is going to be taken away from me because the cost is prohibitive for me as I now only work 12 hours a week. As such, I am usually in the park when there are hardly any other people around, I come when it is raining, snowing etc and have often seen no one else while there so can't see that it makes sense to stop me coming altogether which is what this charge will do. Or I would have to park my car in Writtle and walk through the underpass which I would not feel safe doing on my own during the quiet periods as it would be secluded, and as a lone woman I feel vulnerable in such situations. I don't think you can	Objection 1 <sup>st</sup> Email (2 <sup>nd</sup> Email Rep No.89)

	<p>even begin to know what a negative impact this is having on me, but when you closed the gates due to the Covid lockdown it was unbearable for me and the biggest impact of the virus in my life.</p> <p>I doubt you will do anything to help me with this as you obviously took no notice of my voice from the survey, but I feel very strongly that if I am in this position then there must be others like me that will be equally affected. Please consider making a fair priced season ticket available to regular non-Chelmsford visitors.</p>	
<b>3</b>	<p>Although I am not a Chelmsford resident, being based in Ingatestone, I am a regular visitor to Hylands. This is usually for an hour walk, followed by a coffee. In my view the proposed charges are too high for the time I would spend at Hylands, and as a result I will not be visiting if the £5 charge is imposed. The main impact will be on the coffee concessions who will lose some income.</p> <p>I accept that a parking charge should be made to maintain the area, but when you consider the reasonable season ticket charge for the County Council country parks the proposal for £5 is excessive.</p>	Objection
<b>4</b>	<p>We have so few green places in town where we can walk our dogs freely. Hylands park is a prime destination for dog walkers and now you are going to charge us to exercise our animals? Where are we supposed to go? Owning a dog is very expensive as it is. The last thing we need is to pay for parking just to keep them healthy and happy. There is no countryside left. Almost every open space is having flats built on it right now - don't take this last little luxury that we have away from us too. I am not on benefits but would not be able to afford these charges and that is not fair.</p>	Objection
<b>5</b>	<p>All the visitors will park elsewhere and walk the last part in. Either in Writtle, or dangerously the other side of the A414 on the private road to the Galleywood Heritage Centre. This would lead to lots of pedestrians trying to cross dangerously over the A414 and put lives at risks.</p>	Objection
<b>6</b>	<p>Hylands Park should be a freely available or easily available resource for all</p>	Objection
<b>7</b>	<p>It's a park and should be free to enjoy like it has been for many years</p>	Objection
<b>8</b>	<p>Hylands Park and house was purchased for the people of Chelmsford to enjoy. Charging local people, even a reduced rate, goes against the ethos of the property.</p>	Objection
<b>9</b>	<p>Hylands is the park I visit most days. Living in Ingatestone means I'll have to pay £5 per visit, which is too much. With job losses and the uncertainty covid brings, it has been nice to have a nice safe space to meet with friends, family and to have a walk, see the wildlife and have a moment to forget the worries the last 18 months had brought. Losing daily access to this wonderful space will be a real shame.</p>	Objection

<b>10</b>	I think it's very unfair that I will be unable to get a season ticket as although I live within a 12-minute drive of Hylands I live in the Brentwood council area.	Objection
<b>11</b>	We need to encourage people to use the outdoors for their mental and physical health, and we should therefore make it easy for them to access outdoor spaces. Hylands is the best that Chelmsford has, and for children and adults it offers an opportunity to walk, run, play, or socialise in a green environment (albeit with the sound of traffic not far away). As Hylands is situated some way from the city centre it is not feasible for many people to walk or cycle there, especially if they have young children. You should particularly not assume that a fee of any amount, however trivial it may seem to you, is something people on insecure or low incomes can afford or feel justified in spending from a tight budget. Car owners are not necessarily affluent: some are dependent on them for their work, such as delivery drivers, tradespeople, and sales reps. You should actively incentivise residents to use the green spaces we have in Chelmsford, to establish good habits of exercise and using the outdoors for destressing and relaxation. If you want to capitalise on the estate as a money-making exercise, then hike up the prices for food and drink and fleece those people who are incapable of taking a sandwich and a bottle of water with them to the park; renovate the spooky old house and convert it to a sandwich/ice cream/drinks booth throughout the summer months (plenty of students around to run it); and even have pop-up marquees for the same purpose - I've seen people turn away when they see the queues for food so it is clear that there is a demand.	Objection
<b>12</b>	Far too expensive to bring a dog for a walk daily or children for a run around and a coffee. This is my local park as I'm in Ingatestone yet not considered a Chelmsford resident so can't take advantage of annual ticket. If the parking fee was refunded against coffee shop etc then acceptable otherwise you've lost valuable customers.	Objection
<b>13</b>	If there has to be a charge, there needs to be a shorter parking period cheaper option for the huge number of people who frequent the estate for one to two hours whether it be to walk their dog or meet a friend for a walk and a coffee. The logic of only offering a long-term option is flawed, it won't encourage people to stay for longer, it will simply drive them away. The argument that many visit from outside the area and they need to pay for the pleasure is also flawed; they bring their money and custom to Chelmsford in much the same way as people visit London and stroll in the green spaces for free. Why would you want to discourage people from taking open air exercise? I suspect the current council deficit is at least partly due the recent dearth of visitors and the subsequent drop in car parking revenues, both	Objection

	COVID driven. I do not think you will encourage people back to Chelmsford city by what many see as a thoroughly mean and short-sighted policy.	
<b>14</b>	I dog walk for an 89-year-old Stock resident, who pays council tax to Chelmsford. She is at 4 high street. Is she eligible to get a season ticket to allow her dog to continue using Hylands? As with many, we walk there first thing, primarily because it's safe and her spaniel is lively and it's his happy place. I think the timing of this is disgusting as we have been told to use outside spaces as they are safe. We would be happy to pay for the season ticket for the car I use to take him.	Objection
<b>15</b>	Far too expensive. Extortionate when compared to other local parks etc	Objection
<b>16</b>	It seems to me that the proposed parking charges at Hylands Park are going to cause the park to be far less well used and exclusive of those who want to visit for short times. Which is a huge number of your visitors. I don't know when you carried out your market research, but I feel sure it was not on a weekday morning in term time when the vast majority of people visiting your park are walking the dog and/or meeting a friend for a coffee. You are excluding these people from visiting with your proposal! Also, it is naive to imagine that introducing such charges will encourage people to visit for longer. On the contrary it will prevent people from visiting at all. It will certainly be a massive blow for the businesses and cafes in the park. Why haven't you based your parking charge model on the one they have in most Essex wildlife trust sites? They charge for an hourly rate up to say 3hrs and then over that is a flat rate for the day. This excludes no one and is fair to those who want to say for a short time as well as those who are there all day. If your motives are to improve the visiting experience, I fail to see how this will do so. If your motives are financial, I really think you will be disappointed.	Objection
<b>17</b>	The last year has been hard on everyone. I contracted long Covid and cannot do my full hours at work, so money is tight. Taking my dog to Hylands is my sanctuary away from this awful way of life I have now. Long Covid isn't seen as a disability so I cannot get a blue badge, I will not be able to afford the parking, so my little bit of normal life will be no more. many dog walkers I've spoken to have said they would find somewhere else to walk. Just like Danbury lakes the once packed car park will be reduced to a handful of cars.	Objection
<b>18</b>	Sometimes I just want to go to the park to walk the dog. I don't see why it should cost £5 to do this. Why isn't there an hourly charge. Hylands was left by the owner for everyone to enjoy. If these charges go ahead their wishes are not being carried out. Lots of people just can't afford it.	Objection



<b>19</b>	The fee is excessive. £5 per visit is ridiculous when my average length visit is max 2 hours. I will not visit Hylands at all if it is going to cost £5 to park every time. I am sure many other local residents feel the same. An hourly rate of £1 would be more reasonable but even this would make me think twice. The businesses based at Hylands will lose business and likely have to close.	Objection
<b>20</b>	I am a local resident - Ingatestone - not a Chelmsford resident - and have always enjoyed frequent short visits Hylands for exercise with my children. At £5 a visit I cannot afford to visit. Please rethink your charges to include an hourly rate as in the Brentwood parks.	Objection
<b>21</b>	It is too expensive, perhaps make it slightly cheaper? Or £3 non-residents and free for residents.	Objection
<b>22</b>	The introduction of the parking charge will make parking in Writtle even more difficult for residents. Visitors to the park will simply park in Writtle and walk through the subway.	Objection
<b>23</b>	Too expensive if you are only wanting to be there an hour or two. Why not pay per hour, say 50p per hour or £5 for the day?	Objection
<b>24</b>	Too expensive for many who earn slightly too much to claim housing benefit	Objection
<b>25</b>	We regularly visit Hylands Estate for walks, to use the playground, and to go to the gallery area from nearby Brentwood. The charge of £5 is prohibitively expensive for short visits for families like us. The lack of season ticket for non-Chelmsford residents is unfair. It means that we can no longer regularly visit. This will adversely affect not only us but the businesses we use whilst there.	Objection
<b>26</b>	Parking in the city is already daylight robbery. We already have to pay to park near most of the parks. I would like one place left in the city where I can take children for free, especially when you consider the financial difficulty that we're all facing. Please scrap the proposed charges.	Objection
<b>27</b>	Please add hourly rates/free periods up to the caps proposed else you will scare off many visitors as some just come for a short walk.	Objection
<b>28</b>	Why limit families and individuals to enjoy green space? Only rich people can afford £5 Parking- ridiculous- this is not central London. I would never return if the price remained at £5	Objection
<b>29</b>	£5 is just not the right amount to charge! Maybe £1 or £2 maximum for a few hours then the whole £5 if all day? Most people are frequent dog walkers or people with children in the playground so will not be able to pay that fee every time they come, just for an hour or so. I have met my friends in the cafes but	Objection

	from September they will lose all that business. Very sad, Ingatestone residents, a couple of miles away are very upset.	
<b>30</b>	Too expensive. For an Ingatestone resident, who is closer to the park than many residents under Chelmsford council, to have no concessions is wrong. If you meet friends to walk the dog for an hour or so the collective cost is prohibitive.	Objection
<b>31</b>	This is not a destination place where you stay all day, you go there for a walk/ to get fresh air/ exercise which all councils promote. People will not be willing to pay £3/£5 for the privilege. I appreciate it may be necessary to charge a small fee i.e., £1 towards upkeep but think the sums proposed are too high	Objection
<b>32</b>	There should be a sliding scale for charges. E.g., £2 for 1 hour, £2.50 for 2 hours, etc. I feel that £5 per visit will deter people from using the park completely.	Objection
<b>33</b>	Will make visiting park too expensive for many people	Objection
<b>34</b>	This will discourage people taking exercise at the park and just lead to people that do continue to use Hylands parking in the back streets around Writtle and various other adjacent areas and walking there, leading to local traffic congestion. Also, it is way too expensive for Chelmsford residents. If this scheme goes ahead it should cost no more than £1 per day for Chelmsford residents. We already have to pay too much at other car parks around town. How will you be able to prove you are a resident? It's easy for non-residents to use a Chelmsford address to avoid the higher charge. It's a disgraceful money-grabbing scheme that reflects very badly on the Council.	Objection
<b>35</b>	Parks should not be a paid thing- you will discourage people from using the park. parking around the park will become a nightmare especially in Writtle, this is unfair to the residents	Objection
<b>36</b>	Too expensive, and live within 10 minutes driving distance and not able to pay annual fee	Objection
<b>37</b>	Firstly, parking at parks should be free, this encourages families to go there, the children can ride bikes in a safe environment, run around explore nature, all the time while exercising. Many families are Having to tighten their belt at this difficult economic time because of reduced working hours or redundancy and one of the free things they can enjoy with their children, you are thinking of taking away. I understand you have lost Revenue but don't penalise the people that need this free facility the most. I am fortunately able to pay the £3 for parking to walk my dog which I do frequently and then seat and have a coffee and at times look round the studios and might purchase an item, I won't do that if I	Objection

	have to pay for parking. So, think carefully, introducing parking fees will affect all the people that rely on visitors to Hylands	
<b>38</b>	There is no hourly rate, the businesses there will lose money, the park area if you live local isn't going to be used as £3 to let the kids play on the swings is crazy. I hate stone and Margaret ting are very close but come under Brentwood council so none there would want to pay £5. It's mad	Objection
<b>39</b>	I object to the price of parking. I understand that parking might need to be paid for, however I feel that a blanket fee is too high and will exclude the majority of people who go for an hour or so. Looking at South weald parking fees Up to 1 hour £2.20 Up to 2 hours £3.30 Up to 3 hours £4.40 Over 3 hours £5.50 I feel would be more justifiable and maybe a season ticket or half season would also be brilliant and so useful for those who walk the dog or parents who go for a quick play after school. I really do hope that you re-evaluate the charges	Objection
<b>40</b>	Not only am I Chelmsford resident paying council tax I also have to pay for a resident parking permit along with having to pay for a permit for every visitor/tradesperson who comes to my house. Now have to pay for the enjoyment of a walk around a beautiful local park 😡	Objection
<b>41</b>	<p>I have now seen the proposed schedule of charges in today's Essex Chronicle and to say that I am appalled would be to put it mildly. Aside from the fact that charges of any sort to park at a publically-owned asset are iniquitous, I see that according to the notice placed by the council in the Chronicle, the charge is a flat-rate fee with no relevance at all to the length of stay, so someone who wants to walk their dog for a half-hour, or like me who attends the farmers market every so often for 45 minutes, will pay the same £5 as someone who parks there all day. This is clearly unreasonable and improper and wholly inappropriate. The farmers market has therefore regrettably just lost a customer.</p> <p>And please do not reply with some stupid platitude about reduced charges being available through some Third-Party website as I do not trust such operators, nor do I pay for parking over the internet (any other considerations aside I do not carry my iPad everywhere I go).</p> <p>It is clearly time to vote the current council out and replace it with a body that will work for the public rather than against.</p>	Objection

<b>42</b>	We already pay exorbitant taxes in Essex, you have just priced the ordinary people out, it's somewhere to bring children for a free day out, once again the poorest are to be shoved out, absolutely disgusting, how do you sleep at night	Objection
<b>43</b>	We love Hylands Park, but we are often there for a short walk with the children of an evening (mostly to avoid any crowded places), I won't be coming and paying £5 for a half an hour walk. It's a shame that somewhere the kids love and is now part of their childhood has become yet another money-making scheme to the council. I understand car park charges help with maintenance, but would an hourly rate not be better?	Objection
<b>44</b>	I think it is absolute robbery to have to pay 5 pounds to park to use a children's playground. Councils should be encouraging children to keep active and myself and my son often visit the playground then walk across and purchase a coffee and ice-cream. 5 pounds is such a high greedy amount if you want to charge why not a smaller hourly fee to raise some funds that way. It is not like there is a station in walking distance that would mean people could take advantage of free parking. Such a shame we cannot have free access to such a lovely park with a fantastic playground will go elsewhere now.	Objection
<b>45</b>	£5 a day is an incredibly high amount. We should be encouraging people to get out into nature for mental health and well-being, yet this will become a barrier to a lot of people, particularly those from disadvantaged backgrounds who won't be able to afford this. Additionally, I wonder if you have considered how this will impact the coffee shops, gift shops etc with reduced foot fall as people will go elsewhere? A change to this proposal e.g., a free 2 hours should be considered	Objection
<b>46</b>	I agree that parking charges should be introduced and understand the budget pressures for Chelmsford Council I was really pleased to see the option of an annual pass for £60 but I live in Ingatestone so would not be eligible. I do not pay my council tax to Chelmsford and understand this is the reason. However, anyone can buy an annual pass for all the county parks in Brentwood and the charge is £60 for if you are over sixty and £75 for under sixty. This is regardless of where you pay your council tax, I would like Brentwood Council and Ingatestone Parish council to have discussions with Chelmsford City Council to reach an agreement - perhaps some of our taxes can be redirected to Chelmsford I would be sad if Brentwood Parks were only available to those of us who pay taxes there and the same for Chelmsford taxpayers	Objection
<b>47</b>	I live in Chelmsford and regular walk my dog and take my daughter to the park over Hylands park. We pay a high amount of council tax which I would presume would include the cost of Hylands park. Hylands makes its own money by having weddings, events to also contribute to paying for the upkeep. I	Objection

	think this will have a detrimental effect on Hylands as local residents shouldn't have to pay to go there, they will go to other free places outside Chelmsford which in the long term will have a negative effect for the small business' situations within Hylands estate. The reason why Hylands has been so successful and is a popular place is because it's easy to park and it's free!! Absolutely disgusting that Chelmsford residents should have to pay.	
<b>48</b>	Charges should reflect the amount of time spent parked there £5 per entry is excessive hourly rate or similar would be much more acceptable. Don't feel people spend more than approx. 2 hours there anyway only used for dog walking or kids' playground	Objection
<b>49</b>	The TRO, as proposed, will fail to maximise revenue from some frequent users who live outside Chelmsford city, owing to the lack of season ticket offer. (I note that season tickets are planned for Chelmsford residents only.) I live in Ingatestone and use the park up to five times per week in summer and winter for short walks (approximately one hour in duration each time). I usually visit at off-peak times, including in bad weather, sometimes using the cafe and shop; I visit with my wife, or a friend, or elderly relative, for regular walks to benefit our health in a traffic-free environment. Often on my winter visits, the car parks are almost empty. The annual parking cost for me would be up to £1300 (£5 x 5 x 52), and therefore prohibitive. I plan to park at Hylands in summer months only, after 6pm, if the TRO is introduced as proposed, and therefore pay no charges. If a season ticket was made available to me (as a non-Chelmsford resident) I would purchase one - as I have done so for Essex Country Parks. By doing so I would contribute to the funding of Hylands' maintenance - and support the businesses based within the grounds, including during winter when their trade is lower and there is no pressure on the car park - at an affordable personal cost.	Objection
<b>50</b>	Hourly charge would be more sensible as most people only come for 1- 2 hours and £5 flat fee if too high. It would discourage me from visiting	Objection
<b>51</b>	Mrs Hanbury left the house and estate for the people to enjoy free of charge as he legacy, how can this be ignored?	Objection
<b>52</b>	Another appalling attempt to monetise off of taxpayers for council owned facilities. Given all of the new builds already pay council tax for services they don't receive due to additional estate charges, perhaps the council could actually subsidise that which the taxpayer does pay for, instead of pricing out lower income families looking for free open space to enjoy in their hometown.	Objection

<b>53</b>	It will stop the amount of people able to enjoy the park. Parking will be pushed on to main routes and Writtle village. Youth organisations won't be able to use the outdoor space for their groups. We are encouraged to use our outdoor spaces and fresh air, but this will put people off and the park will lose out and end up closing. Just another money grabbing scheme	Objection
<b>54</b>	1. Some residents can't afford the charges. 2. Several jobs have been advertised recently for the park, thus using up parking revenue. 3. Impact of parking in Writtle. This will impact on Paradise Road car park and local streets. 4. Councillors already claim allowance money - this should be abolished/reduced. 5. We are forced to pay for the museum, even if we don't use it - therefore negating the argument that all residents pay for Hylands even if they don't use it. 6. Council wastes plenty of money elsewhere. 7. It's immoral. 8. Only the Lib Dem's haven't been able to manage the budget. Other's administrations have managed under tight constraints. 9. The proposed charging structure is unfair. There needs to be a graduated scale, perhaps starting from 1 hour. 10. Additional costs will be incurred to patrol the car parks. 11. It will discourage people to take walks & exercise. This will impact on physical and mental health. 12. Unless you are physically able to walk/cycle to the park, you have no option but to drive. This is discriminatory. 13. Council have no plans to stop charging once they have managed to manage their finances. 14. Council have ignored the views of 7500 people. 15. Council are not prepared to listen to the views of local residents.	Objection
<b>55</b>	<p>As local residents of Writtle, we often go to Hylands for walks. Now we are older walking from the village there and back is not possible, so we go to the park in the car and enjoy lovely walks around the park. We understand your reason for charging the fee but feel that local people should not have to pay £3 to park in what is affectively our local green space to enjoy. Even the season ticket for £5 a month, should it be introduced, should cover the weekends as well.</p> <p>We also know that it will cause us problems in the village as people try to park and walk-through Paradise Road and the underpass. The traffic in our village is bad enough anyway without all these extra cars.</p> <p>We therefore object to the proposed charges.</p>	Objection
<b>56</b>	I object as a regular visitor to Hylands park, I don't stay all day but come for a walk and it's not somewhere that I can get to by foot. I would be happy to pay an hourly rate but not a flat daily rate	Objection
<b>57</b>	£5 a day change is a lot for non-residents. I think £2 for 2 hours or a £5 a day option would be fairer. Most people are only there for a couple of hours so £5 is penalising people. I understand there needs to	Objection

	be payment to help support the grounds and play area, but an all-day charge is silly as most people won't be going all day! I would rather pay per hour or have the first hour free.	
<b>58</b>	Far too heavy charge, especially £5 for out of area which I am. A charge of this level will stop me visiting Hylands which is a shame. I would've been happy to pay towards parking, perhaps on a sliding scale depending on length of visit but to apply a day charge of £5 for someone that may just want to walk a dog for an hour or so is appalling. For those on a limited income, this makes a visiting Hylands unobtainable.	Objection
<b>59</b>	We are being charged to go anywhere and everywhere. We pay enough taxes and rates.	Objection
<b>60</b>	The proposed Charge of £5 per visit is FAR Too expensive (having been free previously) You are pushing the public away from a much needed space especially when mental health issues and our understanding of what is needed to help by way of relaxation are very much in the public interest ... people travel to enjoy this space... alone and with family members (many of whom do not have the benefit of a garden) It will be one less place for youngsters to visit and therefore they will be pushed out onto the streets ... if a charge is needed why not implement say 50p for 2 hours ?? That is far more sensible	Objection
<b>61</b>	Hello, I am so disappointed that this is going ahead without considering the people in neighbouring villages at all. I am even more disappointed that although myself and others have spent valuable lifetime on filling in the initial consultation request and this isn't mentioned AT ALL in your summary above. Me and others made it very clear that we were very prepared to pay for the use of the park in the future, but not at the price of £5 a day which is prohibitive and completely out of proportion for the frequency of their use for many (I used to visit twice a week at least with toddler and friends plus dog walks). Needless to say, we won't be coming back out of principle now. We love Hylands House and the stables, but I am sure we can go elsewhere and so will others. I am truly disappointed and don't understand the reasoning behind this decision at all on many levels.	Objection
<b>62</b>	I think it's disgusting to charge people for access to the park, we have all had thought times and when Hylands is back doing events it will be cashing in on money again, people should not be penalised for Hylands shortfall, next your will selling off the house is there no end to your greed? Make cutbacks elsewhere 🚫	
<b>63</b>	I live in Blackmore and have visited Hylands Park regularly for years. I often go straight into Chelmsford to shop from Hylands, therefore supporting the economy of Chelmsford. Whilst I appreciate the park	Objection

	needs to be upkeep and I would be happy to pay an hourly fee or buy an annual pass, i simply feel £5 a visit is too expensive and I certainly could not afford £750 per year for a pass. The Brentwood parks do not discount Brentwood residents and are far cheaper to park in. Please please reconsider your parking fees.	
<b>64</b>	CCC needs the money.	Support
<b>65</b>	<p>I've seen the notices in the car parks today regarding the fee for parking. I totally understand why you are adding a charge, after witnessing the amount of people visiting Hylands during the lockdowns the car parks were shocking. My partner and I have walked our dogs at Hylands nearly every day for 5 years, we love the park and have made many dog walking friends. It's a beautiful park and so well maintained and we love it there as do our dogs.</p> <p>After reading the notice today I am quite disappointed that the permit, which I am happy to purchase for mine and my partners car at cost of £78, doesn't include the weekend?! Therefore, if we were to walk the dogs every weekend it would cost us £380ish a year to walk our dogs.</p> <p>I am not disputing the charge; I urge you to reconsider the permit parameters to include the weekends for the people who regularly use the park please.</p>	Objection
<b>66</b>	As a dog Walker I only spend 30-60 mins in the park. I object to the commencement of charges but if they must be introduced, pleased have a charge for just one hour as well as the whole day charge	Objection
<b>67</b>	I'm aged 64years & walked at Hylands throughout all my years. So sad charging has yet again reared its ugly head. One area to walk our dogs at a distance, unwind mentally & physically beautiful unspoilt surroundings with friends & family. Shops, coffee shops & The House will suffer financially. We were so PROUD of Hylands House & now you have taken that all away. So ashamed & disappointed in you all.....	Objection
<b>68</b>	As someone who lives just outside Chelmsford, £5 is simply too high. As a family with a young child, visiting Hylands Park is a low-cost day out and we visit regularly. If this charge is imposed, we will no longer visit.	Objection
<b>69</b>	Way too expensive. Local families won't be able to enjoy the park anymore. At least offer an hourly rate as well as a day rate.	Objection



<b>70</b>	Residents who pay Council Tax to Chelmsford City Council should not have to pay for parking as surely, we pay for the upkeep of Hylands House through this tax already. Also don't you think we have had enough of isolation over the last year to warrant a reprieve from parking at Hylands House if and when we go there for a walk to have a change of scenery?? Give something back to the residents who pay for the council to own this 'Jewel in the Crown' of Chelmsford.	Objection
<b>71</b>	No issue with charging however a flat rate is illogical. It will also likely encourage parking in lay-bys or on the verges of the two very busy dual carriageways on either side which will cause potential for accidents or dangerous road conditions. Green spaces should be enjoyed and while upkeep is required, I think hourly rates should be considered rather than a flat fee given most people will only stay for 1-2 hours.	Objection
<b>72</b>	A beautiful green space in the City of Chelmsford should be available to all not just to those that can pay. Events at Hylands already cost money extra parking charges on top will make these events unattractive. Residents of Chelmsford pay their council charge already and it seems a double charge to be able to access a green space.	Objection
<b>73</b>	Flat rate is extremely unfair, surely with the cost of council tax residents should be entitled to free open spaces.	Objection
<b>74</b>	I, like many Billericay residents, love to walk our dogs in Hylands park several times a week for an hour or so at a time. You are proposing that we pay £5 every time we visit for an hour's dog walk??? Well, none of us are able to afford that when other places we walk are free (I work for the NHS!). We normally visit the cafe when we walk also. We won't be doing that either. You will lose a lot of business with these ridiculously high charges. Most people visit only for an hour or 2 so why not charge an hourly rate. I would pay that and visit .... Maybe not as frequently as I do now but at least I could still afford to visit sometimes. Such a shame as it's a beautiful park which you are denying a lot of people access to due to greed 😞	Objection
<b>75</b>	I am writing in favour of the new parking charges. Best of luck	Support
<b>76</b>	Park needs to be maintained. £5 cost for parking is value for money.	SAME PERSON
<b>77</b>	The parking charge is a thinly veiled scheme to make money for Chelmsford City Council to make money and has nothing to do with the upkeep of Hylands Park. Local residents in Writtle will be made to suffer a large quantity of traffic and cars in a residential estate and in Paradise Road to the detriment of	Objection

	<p>the safety of children using the play and social facilities at Paradise Road. Since the initial proposal has been put forward, the Paradise Road, Rectory Road, Hunts Drive estate and Paradise Road carpark are already much busier and have a greater number of parked cars. This is only set to get worse. Those with young children and who cannot walk far are at greatest disadvantage from these proposals, though a high number of respondents stated they wanted greater under 7 provision. Those who have no or limited access to technology are excluded from receiving preferential rates, which is direct discrimination. The reduced charge for Chelmsford residents is divisive and causes many problems. Friends from outside the Chelmsford area who I might want to meet at the park will have to pay more than me, despite only receiving the same use of facilities. I shall no longer travel by car to Hylands. I am highly likely to visit less frequently and spend less money in the cafe and food facilities. There is no provision for any kind of season ticket including weekends. These proposals are a disaster for Hylands, and the local residents and Chelmsford City Council should be ashamed.</p>	
<b>78</b>	<p>have enjoyed visiting since I was a small child. It is where my siblings and I were taught to walk and ride bikes. I now regularly enjoy walking dogs in the grounds. To pay £3 every visit, when most visits are no more than an hour long will make the Estate available only to those with the funds to spare. I understand there are exceptions for those receiving financial support but there are people who do not qualify for government/council financial support who would still not have the money spare to afford to spend on parking. The estate is beautiful and I appreciate the cost that goes into the upkeep of the house and grounds but surely the regular events (fairs, markets, shows etc) and private hires (weddings, business meetings, parties, etc) contribute to this cost already? If fees must be brought in, a parks permit of some sort that allows parking in various country parks may be a better idea (for example, one permit to allow parking in Danbury Country Park, Hylands Park, Great Notley Country Park etc). People may feel they are getting more "value for money" than simply paying £3 every visit to Hylands Park, specifically.</p>	Objection
<b>79</b>	<p>I think the new charges are disgusting at Hylands park and need to be reviewed I walk my dog daily for around 20 mins, am I expect to pay £4/5 a day for this privilege? I'll just go elsewhere and create more traffic down Waterhouse lane. Please reconsider or the council will lose my full support in any elections</p>	Objection
<b>80</b>	<p>I go there EVERY day for a dog walk which means I'm there for about 45 minutes. I am NIT paying £5 to walk my dogs every day. RIDICULOUS charge-your visitor numbers will plummet.</p>	Objection
<b>81</b>	<p>A public space that offers a facility for physical and mental wellbeing. Imposing parking charges will inevitably impact upon those who don't have the financial resources. Maybe the Council could consider</p>	Objection

	alternative ways for bringing in income if this is the primary aim to sustain the park including where it could draw upon its community to continue to maintain the park / buildings- and this doesn't have to be money. People are your greatest and richest asset, and you have a real opportunity particularly at this time to draw upon the community of Chelmsford and beyond to sustain the future of Hylands park.	
<b>82</b>	I appreciate you need the revenue. Surely there should be a 1–2-hour option for people that only want to walk their dogs or use the playground. I would object to paying a daily price for a short duration.	Objection
<b>83</b>	Parks are open spaces and should be free to all residents of Chelmsford. Charging for parking penalises those who are low incomes and reinforces discriminating those who cannot afford recreational activities. Chelmsford residents already pay for the upkeep of parks through their council tax, and this is another disguised tax. The council should be ashamed of charging residents for use of this beautiful public park.	Objection
<b>84</b>	I live in Ingatestone and take my toddler to the playground 2-3 times per week. I am happy to pay a fee but £5 per visit to the park is simply unaffordable. Such a shame. I know lots of people are happy to pay for parking, but this proposed fee is extortionate when worked out annually. If we were charged the same fee as Chelmsford city council residents then that would be fine, we are closer than many of them.	Objection
<b>85</b>	It's unfair to charge some visitors more than others! I live in Billericay and would pay more yet I pay council tax like Chelmsford residents. Hylands is a field with a wooden pay park it is not worth £5 as when I go, I'm only staying for around 2 hours. Shame on you for introducing a fee that will exclude families! Several times a year events are held this must generate vast income and charging families £5 to walk a dog is extremely sad.	Objection
<b>86</b>	I think there should at least be an option for an hourly rate. I will certainly avoid visiting with my children now as £5 is excessive for a brief stay to enjoy the park surroundings.	Objection
<b>87</b>	£5 is fair for a whole day's parking, but to take my baby for a walk or the dogs for a walk or to meet someone for a coffee it is far too much! We use the park for a variety of reasons but live slightly out of the local area so would not be entitled to a discount. I think the proposed rate will be damaging to the cafe businesses in the park and stop people like myself from using the park completely. Surely it is possible to have a variable rate so that people can pay a lower rate for spending less time at the park?	Objection
<b>88</b>	live in Doddinghurst. I visit Hylands about twice a week as a dog walker like many of my friends. I normally spend about an hour at the park. Events aside, I'd say the park is mostly used by dog walkers and Children using the play area when they are not at school. I am appalled at the proposed parking	Objection

	<p>charges. 1. To be expected to pay a £5 charge, £40 a month in my case, is totally unrealistic and I would no longer be visiting. 2. I already pay £75 annually for an Essex CC Mipermit which covers 7 Essex country parks. I might have accepted a small add on to this but you're looking to charge £60 for this 1 park alone and only available to Chelmsford city residents. Even if extended to a wider area, an additional £60 on top of what I already pay is too much. 3. One of your reasons for the charge is to manage Car Park demand! I accept that Writtle car park may get busier at weekends and in the summer months when the Children are off school, but for the 39 weeks they are in school and during the winter months, the car parks are quiet. I've never had trouble parking at any time. 4. Your other reason for the charge is the upkeep of the Estate. Surely the Events at the park must contribute to this and maybe holding more events would help. 4. If you drive away all the dog walkers (because let's face it, no-one is going to pay £5 to walk their dog), I'm pretty sure the cafe will struggle to stay open. 5. I think this will encourage people to park nearby and walk into Hylands park crossing busy &amp; dangerous roads. I've already heard people talking about where they might park to avoid the charge. 6. At a time when we are trying to encourage people to be outdoors and stay healthy, this charge will only have the opposite effect. You will only drive away visitors.</p>	
89	<p>Further to my earlier email on this subject: I have just looked up the split of how the council tax charges were allocated in Chelmsford for 2020/21. I note that the cost of parks and cemetery Services was £1457k out of a total of £18876k, this is a 7.72%. The cost of an average band D property or 21/22 in Margaretting, my neighbour village, is £1854 pa. The council is stating that the permits for Hylands are available to Chelmsford residents only because they have made a contribution to the parks already through their council tax. On these figures <math>£1854 \times 7.72\% = £143</math> adding the £60 permit cost = £203. How can it be justified that Ingatestone residents have to pay <math>5 \times £5 \times 52 = £1300</math> for the same access to the park? This is a 640% surcharge! In Ingatestone we pay our council tax to Brentwood, not through choice but because of our post code. We also pay towards Essex parks and cemeteries through our own council tax. Our parks are subject to parking costs too but at the same price to every user regardless of where they live. It is a fact of life that every household pays council tax and maintains parks within their own area whether they use them or not. Parking charges that are in existence are charged to anyone using the parks, in Brentwood there is a permit available for the 5 big parks and it is not discounted for Brentwood residents, Chelmsford residents can purchase one for the same cost. None of the Brentwood parks are local to Ingatestone like Hylands is. By imposing this highly inflated rate to regular users who are not Chelmsford residents you are in effect banning us from using the park regularly during these mid-week off peak times because the cost of £1300 is just too high. I am deeply saddened that my daily hour-long afternoon walk in Hylands is being taken away from me. There are</p>	<p>Objection</p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> Email</p> <p>(1<sup>st</sup> Email Rep No.2)</p>

	no reasonable alternatives that match what I can get at Hylands. I suffer from depression but mostly manage it, but this issue is making me ill because when you locked the park during covid my depression returned when I couldn't access the park and eased when we were allowed back. This is such a personal issue for me, and I feel that no one understands the magnitude of what this pricing structure is doing to people like me. I would gladly pay for a permit, even at a higher cost than Chelmsford residents but £3 / £5 difference in daily rate should equate to £60 / £100 permit price for non-residents – or £200 for non-residents if you take into account the average contribution made via council tax – not £1300, this just isn't fair. It feels like you want an exclusive park where only the well-off can visit. Thank you for your consideration to this point	
<b>90</b>	I am disappointed by the fee structure that you are proposing. It doesn't consider those that live close to Hyland's Park but are not inside the Chelmsford area. Many love the park and will take their children for a few hours or walk their dog for an hour. £5 is far too much to pay if you are not spending at least half of day there. By limiting the options to a daily charge, you will discourage people from using the park and impact the revenue of the cafes on the site. I hope you will reconsider and put a more flexible structure in that caters for everyone.	Objection
<b>91</b>	I must say when I recently visited the park and saw the posters up saying it was going to start costing me £5 per day to go there, I thought it was disgusting. I get the fact money makes the world go round and that everyone is struggling at the moment, but could you not do it on an hourly charge or at least give Ingatestone residents a discount? It's going to absolutely kill the park and the business residing in it. Customer's Suggested Action(s): Get rid of the parking charges or drastically reduce them. Give the option for everyone to buy a yearly ticket at £60 and not just Chelmsford residents	Objection
<b>92</b>	£5 to park will put people off using the park for a short period. I would be happy to pay that for a long stay but not if going to be there an hour max. This will result in underuse if the facilities or people not paying and hoping to not get caught. I would suggest a £1 for the first hour.	Objection
<b>93</b>	I think a fairer charge. We come often from Billericay, spend in the refreshment cabin but never stay more than 90 mins or so. Please reconsider as at £5 I will never bring the children again. Full day fair enough but short visits for exercise £2 at most	Objection
<b>94</b>	There are many reasons why this proposal to charge for parking at Hylands Park should be abandoned, some of which are listed below: • Green spaces are promoted as important for maintaining positive mental health, especially following the pandemic making it even more important. • Charging for car parking would put a premium on accessing green open spaces and make it more difficult for all to visit. •	Objection

	Setup and maintenance of payment infrastructure is not without cost. This coupled with a possible scheme to vary the charge for local residents as opposed to visitors to Chelmsford only adds further complication will greatly erode any benefit from charging. • Visitors may seek out alternative 'free' parking in residential areas local to Hylands such as Writtle – increasing congestion and necessitating further parking restrictions. I am a Writtle resident and not wish to see parking get worse in my home area. • Charging for parking could decrease visitor numbers and thereby reduce footfall to businesses within the site'	
<b>95</b>	Parking has been free at the park for many years and users of the park enjoy the outside space for dog walking and exercise. A fee for £5 when people may just choose to walk a dog or exercise or use the catering facilities seems very expensive. The knock-on effect would likely see a reduction of people using the park. I am local the area and already have to pay for permit parking as well as parking fees in the town centre. A further fee for parking seems harsh.	Objection
<b>96</b>	I've been going to Hylands Park for years and it's such a wonderful and peaceful place to walk or play at. It has been a life saver for many throughout the past years restrictions as it's a large place where we were able to meet friends and enjoy fresh air. People have been encouraged to exercise more as there has been little else to do so places like this are perfect for that. Our community has become closer, and as local places are used more it's important to keep this going. Paying for parking would put many people off and other than you making money the results are negative. •People won't go there as often where they have been able to enjoy themselves and be encouraged to go out and exercise. •People low on money won't be able to visit as often. •People will choose to drive to other places further away which isn't good for the environment. •People won't have the local space and freedom they've grown to enjoy. •You will be affecting a lot too. •People's physical health as less people will exercise. •Increasing emissions which is bad for the environment. •Making people struggle with money. •Taking away a place for those with less money to enjoy. •Reducing the amount young children may socialise. •Badly effecting people's mental health as people will now be more likely to stay at home. Although for you this is a small charge, for many it is far more. It is a place for everyone, not just those that can now afford it. Families that visit regularly but have low income and aren't receiving any support won't be able to enjoy the beautiful area anymore. Children won't go there multiple times to learn how to ride their bike like I did. It's nothing to you, but it's something to 100's.	Objection

<b>97</b>	A daily charge would not be appropriate when visiting for an hour 3 times a week. I would prefer to see an hourly rate so we can still enjoy Hylands otherwise I would not be paying the daily charge. Essex Explore Pass include 7 parks for £75. I will change to the more value annual pass	Objection
<b>98</b>	Parking charge for something I already pay for via Council Tax. Also, flat rate seems unfair - why not charge by the hour? Residents should only have to pay a maximum of £1 for all day parking	Objection
<b>99</b>	As a Billericay resident, I and my friends and family use Hylands regularly for exercise and meeting up. Whilst I am happy to make a contribution to the upkeep of the park, this charge would prohibit me from visiting regularly, despite there being no equivalent spaces in my own council tax area (Basildon). Whilst I live marginally outside the Chelmsford boundary, I actively support the Chelmsford economy as it is my main shopping area for retail/groceries, and I support local businesses. I also pay for residents parking through Chelmsford.gov.uk mipermit. However, these apparently do not qualify me to enjoy the benefits afforded to residents living closer (e.g., reduced parking rates) and I'm interested to know why this scheme is so dismissive and discriminatory of those needing to travel a little further, but who for all other intents and purposes behave like a Chelmsford resident. You are more likely to raise capital from charging me little (enabling more regular visits) than charging £5 and effectively prohibit me from visiting.	Objection
<b>100</b>	I think an all-day rate is unfair. I'm never there for more than 2 hours and £5 is a lot of parking for 2 hours at a park, and although the park is nice, I don't think it's £5 for parking nice. I also think that if you plan on charging that much for parking you should have better facilities, take a look at what Brentwood council have done at king George's playing fields, I would spend £5 to park there for the day as there is things for children to do for the whole day.	Objection
<b>101</b>	As a frequent visitor to Hylands Park and living outside of the Chelmsford area, the proposed parking charges would have a negative impact on our use of this green space. We tend to visit for 2/3 hours and a charge of £5 to park seems far too much for visitors to be asked to pay. We live in Rayleigh and use the park both to walk visiting dogs and for family picnics. We fear the proposal will also encourage dangerous parking outside the park but also, we highlight the lack of any other safe places to park that visitors could choose to use. Basically, we feel that the proposed charge for us (and we are sure many more) would lead to much less frequent visits and so a loss of earnings to the shops/cafes on the estate. If your aim is to reduce visitor numbers then we are sure that's what this will achieve, although you will be preventing the general public from enjoying this free and open space.	Objection

102	<p>The costs involved are ridiculous. I understand that to ensure the park's upkeep charging may be necessary but there has been no flexibility offered. If there is no hourly rate, people will go elsewhere. Pure greed.</p>	Objection
103	<p>I would like to make my objections to the proposed car parking charges proposed at Hylands and the corresponding Traffic Regulation Order. My main concern is the total lack of consideration of the impact the charges will have on parking in Writtle and particularly Paradise Road, Rectory Road and Lodge Road given that these are the closest roads to the footpath entrance to Hylands which runs from Paradise Road to Hylands and is a relatively short walk. It is heavily used already by walkers, runners, and cyclists.</p> <p>Paradise Road is a relatively narrow road and already heavily used by visitors to Writtle Sports Field and the adjoining football pitches of Writtle Minors football club. There is already a lot of on street parking all week along the road which at times results in traffic jams. On Saturday and Sundays, the traffic levels dramatically increase due to football (there can be up to 8 games at one time at Writtle Minors) and the children's play area in the Sports Field. This results in a high level of parking along the road effectively making the road impassable at times with oncoming traffic on a 'face off'. This results in awkward and possibly dangerous</p> <p>Being the nearest walkable alternative to paying the charges means that Paradise Road and Rectory Road in particular will receive even more traffic and parking and congestion. It is likely that newcomers to the road will drive along the length of the road only to find that there are no spaces to park and will then have to turn round only to face oncoming traffic trying to do the same or going to the football. This produces gridlock at times even with the charges not being in place. Consequently, I object to the TRO on the grounds that it has not properly considered the impact on this part of Writtle and is thus flawed.</p> <p>There can be no argument that people coming to Hylands will not be aware of the footpath route as it is well signposted and only around 300m to the park. Everyone has Google Maps or OS equivalent which shows the route very clearly.</p>	Objection
104	<p>People should be encouraged to go for a walk and spend time in the countryside. There is no public transport access to Hylands park and so people have to drive. At times it has been a little busy over lockdown but nothing horrendous and there could be the introduction of a parking limit (maximum 3hrs for example) rather than introducing a cost, as this will make people park in dangerous alternatives which will put them and others at risk.</p>	Objection



<b>105</b>	Parking at Hylands should continue to be free for Chelmsford residents. Although the proposal of charges states it will be cheaper for residents at £3, this is still too expensive for many people to use the park regularly. To gain access to the reduced parking cost requires a complicated procedure that many older residents will find difficult if not impossible especially if they don't own a smart phone. If charges are introduced it should be of the "take a ticket and pay for the time you have parked", starting at £1.00 - 2 hours, £1.50- 3hours etc. Many visitors only spend an hour or two in the park, which under this new scheme will cost them £3-£5.00. This is a very unfair scheme, not thinking about the residents just thinking about the revenue it will generate.	Objection
<b>106</b>	The charges will be barriers to many who previously regularly used the park	Objection
<b>107</b>	I have lived in Writtle since 1981 and have been using Hylands Park since then- long before Hylands House was refurbished. During that time, I and my family have attended Chelmsford spectacles, V festivals, Teddy bears picnic, and my son even married there in 2014. As a semi disabled member of the community my husband and I walk over Hylands when we can with the aim of 3 times a week. We see pensioners, dogwalkers, runners, cyclists, families having picnics etc all in the knowledge that it is a safe environment which was I believe left to the people of Chelmsford when the last owner died having lost her son. I feel it is an imposition to introduce parking charges purely as a money-making exercise. I also believe that as a Writtle resident we contribute via our parish council rates although the parish council have advised me that they were not involved in the discussion to introduce parking charges, even though I am sure there will be a knock-on effect for Writtle with visitors to the park parking in Writtle to avoid charges	Objection
<b>108</b>	Most people only go for an hour to walk their dogs, surely you can bring in an hourly charge. I certainly won't be going there for £5	Objection
<b>109</b>	As someone who uses the park almost daily, I feel it is unfair to ask me to pay £5 per day to park regardless of how long I use the park I am not a resident of Chelmsford I live in Ingatestone some 6 miles from the park. I understand financial pressures on local authorities, and I think it's right that a £60 yearly charged is offered to residents after all they pay about £4 per year each towards the upkeep of the park. Having said that I do think you could offer a yearly permit to those who don't pay council tax to Chelmsford but do see it as a local park, perhaps an annual pass of £80 would compensate for not paying council tax. So many people walk their dogs for less than an hour a day so a flat hourly rate would greatly assist. A fair pricing scheme is what people want. I do all my shopping banking within Chelmsford but unfortunately, I have no sway over who I pay my council tax to	Objection

<b>110</b>	I find this incredibly unfair. My retired father uses Hylands park every morning for dog walking. He will not be able to afford the charges. I go to Hylands park 2/3 times a week for dog walking and meeting friends. I am a single woman living alone and will not be able to afford the charges either. I am very sad that a park my family have used all our lives, a place we all feel safe in will be inaccessible to us. I have lived in Chelmsford all my life and my childhood was spent in Hylands park. My family even has lost loved one's ashes scattered here. It is a terrible shame.	Objection
<b>111</b>	It is a great place for all types of people. It has the space if you want to be alone, a playground to wear the kids out, different types of terrain to walk the dog, or just to meet friends. I think that if you start charging for car parking you will lose a lot of people that use the grounds on a regular basis or even on the occasional basis	Objection
<b>112</b>	As a Chelmsford resident for all my life, paying council tax etc. I don't think this is fair to now change it to pay as you park! We often use Hylands park to take the kids out for playing football, walks, playing in the park, bike riding. If this happens I for one will not be using Hylands park!	Objection
<b>113</b>	I don't think is fair, you have such a large amount of people who come to walk their dogs or just for a walk and charge is simply going to deter people from coming to such a lovely park. People don't spend that long there on their walks and the fees are simply too much. It'll put people off coming which will be such a shame	Objection
<b>114</b>	I am happy to pay for a season ticket but to have to pay extra for weekends is totally out of order, other parks include weekends in their season tickets. The park should be for all to use but you are obviously trying to discourage dog walkers who only stay for an hour or so. And to charge for parking permits at events that the council profit from is a rip off.	
<b>115</b>	I am a Chelmsford resident. I walk my dogs at Hylands daily (not just mon-fri). I pay my council tax and feel that all Chelmsford residents should get free parking at Hylands. I am not there for a "day out" and object to paying a daily rate	Objection
<b>116</b>	I would prefer that Hylands remained a free place to visit, however I accept that costs have to be covered and many places charge for parking. What I object to is the extreme prices placed on visitors from outside the Chelmsford borough. I live in Ingatestone, which albeit falls under Brentwood borough, I am actually nearer Chelmer in location. My friends that live in Margaretting can pay £60 for a year or £3 per visit, whereas I would have to pay £5 per visit, equating to £1,825 for a year. When Chelmsford residents visit Brentwood, they aren't discriminated against or charged more just because they live in	Objection

	another borough! Charge visitors, but all you are doing is putting off anyone that doesn't live in Chelmsford from visiting, and directly affecting the businesses that run from the Hylands Estate. I will not be visiting Hylands anymore (along with many other people I know) because the proposal is nothing more than pure greed.	
<b>117</b>	The park doesn't warrant the fee there is not enough quality facilities to pay this. I go to walk my dog and am often there for maximum 40 minutes at a time. All this would make me do is stop using it and go to the fields more	Objection
<b>118</b>	I walk Hylands Park on a regular basis for one or two hours. Not all day! There is no option in the current proposals for a short stay fee which is short sighted. Few people stay all day. The proposed parking fee is far too high for the majority of visitors who only come for a couple of hours to walk their dogs or support events. The cost for people outside the Borough will not encourage visitors. I will find other places to walk and fear many others will too. In a time when people need outside space to walk and enjoy for their health and wellbeing our councillors use the covid card to raise funds. We pay over £300 a month in council tax already. As it is, I rarely shop in Chelmsford due to high cost of parking.	Objection
<b>119</b>	Lots of people enjoy this park/estate everyday - including mums/families every day after school - this is a good outlet for children to run around and exercise - to charge will just drive these people away as many families - especially single parent families cannot afford these fees. Also, will encourage parking on the very busy roads outside Hylands, which would cause accidents and possibly fatalities!!!!	Objection
<b>120</b>	Surely this is over the top, I can see a lot of people parking on the verges in three-mile hill.	Objection
<b>121</b>	I use the park every week, generally at weekends for exercise and to walk my dogs which has become so important over the past 18 months. I am a Chelmsford resident and would appreciate if the monthly/yearly pass could include weekends. I also attend Essex Bootcamp on a Saturday morning and think it is unreasonable to have to pay £3 every week for an hour use of the park.	Objection
<b>122</b>	To go from zero to 5 pounds is just greed, the park is not being managed correctly to lose the money it does, there should be a consideration for dog walking groups, who spend money at the cafe, but will no longer attend. You should embrace people coming to the park, not penalise them.	
<b>123</b>	Public parks are important to enable residents to get out and enjoy outdoor space. The proposed fee of £3 residents and £5 non-residents is too high. It is prohibitive and will stop people using the park and likely mean people will park on surrounding roads causing danger and congestion. If a fee does need to be introduced, it should be lower and potentially based on time. After lockdown and so much focus on	Objection

	encouraging people to get outside to enhance their well-being - I see this as a very negative step from the council	
<b>124</b>	I'm a regular dog Walker to Hylands and I feel a charge of £5 for parking is disgusting for an hour and a half walk. I cannot see how this charge can be justified. I already pay an annual payment for a permit for country parks. The least you could do is include Hylands with other country parks. I will not be visiting Hylands if this charge is enforced. I feel very sad about this as I feel other dog walkers will feel the same.	Objection
<b>125</b>	I visit Hylands most Sundays to walk the dog. We are there on average 2 hours, this makes the £5 charge extortionate! Hence, I will no longer be visiting Hylands Park for this activity. I also visit with the family, and we tend to be there most of the day. On these occasions I would be happy to contribute towards the parks upkeep, but still feel £5 is overpriced! It would also be encouraging to know if all the profits generated by the parking charges are going to be put back into Hylands Estate.	Objection
<b>126</b>	I live outside of Chelmsford city, but in Chelmsford borough and pay my council tax to Chelmsford. Why should I be discriminated against in parking charge to someone whose postcode is Chelmsford city.	Objection
<b>127</b>	I have been going to Hylands since a young child I'm now in my 40s with children of my own sometimes we visit to walk the dog or just to escape the world this could be for hrs or just 30mins I don't live in Chelmsford anymore but still come back to Hylands how can you now put a parking charge of £5 on non-residents I thought that Hylands park was for the people of Chelmsford to enjoy and use for free. You have enough evens that you charge for at the park. You also say free for mental health groups. After the covid pandemic some of us may not belong to a group but our mental health is still affected and places like Hylands off an escape. Please reconsider this charge not everyone who uses the park grounds will be able to afford this.	Objection
<b>128</b>	The Chelmsford resident season ticket does not cover weekends. The park is busier at weekends when children are not at school, and by charging for parking on these days it will exclude many families from being able to use this facility. And why isn't there a season ticket for non-Chelmsford residents (even if it was at a slightly higher price)?	Objection
<b>129</b>	I go to Hylands to dog walk, I am not a Chelmsford resident and only want to have 2 hours parking at the max. If parking charges have to introduced can they not be tapered	Objection

<b>130</b>	We already pay so much for council tax and services throughout the area have been cut in so many ways. the council should really look within its own cost management before penalising the residents of Chelmsford	Objection
<b>131</b>	Having 2 small children I often pop to Hylands for a quick walk around the gardens. My children love it there. We're not there for more than an hour. I feel your charges are quite high for someone like me who wouldn't make use of an all-day ticket. I'd pay the yearly charge as I would like to carry on visiting Hylands but as it doesn't include weekends, I don't think it's a viable option for me. We live in Chelmsford and think the parking charges will put people off from visiting, it will definitely make us think twice.	Objection
<b>132</b>	I have been visiting Hylands park for over 35 years and I now take my son and dog there regularly. It seems such a shame to put parking charges in place. I live outside the area but drive in 2-3 times a month to go to the park & cafes. I feel less people will visit if they have to pay to park. Such a shame.	Objection
<b>133</b>	<p>I would like to buy an annual parking permit for Hylands Park but do not qualify as I live in Ingatestone. I understand that I do not pay council tax to Chelmsford council. I have however been a member of Friends of Hylands house for many years and supported their fund-raising activities including acting as a volunteer in the second hand bookshop. We celebrated our daughter's wedding there. Living in Ingatestone we are probably closer to and use it more frequently than many Chelmsford residents. Until 1972 Ingatestone was under Chelmsford County Council and if you consult the boundary map you will notice there is an indentation which leaves Ingatestone outside the council area now which is an anomalous place for it to be.</p> <p>From correspondence on Facebook, I am aware that many Ingatestone residents feel aggrieved by the fact that they can't purchase an annual parking permit as they are used to visiting the park several times a week. This will now become too expensive and leave us with no local alternative.</p> <p>I would ask that you consider the special position that Ingatestone is in and reconsider your decision to exclude it from the annual parking permit scheme.</p>	Objection
<b>134</b>	The locals will suffer and there's no hourly charge for dog walkers, still having to pay at weekends with a permit, the cafes will suffer in the winter months	Objection
<b>135</b>	I am writing to you about the proposed Car Parking charges at Hylands Park. My Husband and I strongly disagree with the proposed charges. The scheme does not provide for a short visit such as a walk and coffee, whether it being people older, like ourselves, people walking a dog, families just taking	Objection

	children for a walk and to play on swings. It is grossly unfair to not being able to pay a lower fee, most people only want to come for an hour or two. A lower fee should be available for shorter stays.	
<b>136</b>	-this is likely to result in people parking in nearby areas e.g., Writtle, causing problems to residents -the daily rate is extortionate -cycling routes are poor and dangerous -those with less money will now be denied access to fresh air, green spaces, nature, and exercise	Objection
<b>137</b>	The park is used by dog walkers every day and has been for years! First 2 hours should be free to allow that to continue. If not, people will go elsewhere, and the coffee shops will be affected because they will lose revenue-revenue they get from the regular users of the park whatever the weather!! Going to the park with your children or dogs is one of the last things you can do for free and charging people is just greed and an easy way to make some money. Absolutely disgusting!	Objection
<b>138</b>	It's disgusting you have to pay for all day when most people use it for an hour and a half this is just extortion!! On top of increasing rents, you would think we lived in Westminster!!! This city is going down the drain and it's because of control like this!! Making sure we are taxed at every point!! I already have to pay 3.20 for a single bus ticket, to do a mile and a half home!! You are rinsing us from all angles!! This is literally shocking!! Should be 2 hours for 50p for locals this will affect the cafes!! But you just want your parking fine profit!! And screw the peasants!!!	Objection
<b>139</b>	Cannot justify paying to walk the dogs each week, this will lose more and more visitors and will have a big impact on the cafes especially during the wintertime when they rely on the dog walkers Should have 1-1.5hrs free of charge then make it payable thereafter. This will allow the regular dog walkers to continue using the park and support for businesses. It is not fair to start charging for the usage of the park since the global pandemic. No one knew this was going to happen and it has had a big impact on everyone! Doing more large-scale events will soon bring back some of the lost revenue.	Objection
<b>140</b>	I feel that a single payment is unreasonable and excessive. Why is there not the option to have a short grace period or hourly choices. This is a wonderful space but to meet family for a dog walk and to use the playground could collectively cost us £15.00. This also I believe disadvantages the people with the least, as a visit here is an affordable activity but £3 or £5 when you are on a tight budget is hard to find. Finally, I feel that the cafe and shops will suffer as I will find other places to go for a coffee and walk. Please reconsider	Objection
<b>141</b>	£5 in a post Covid economy is morally and commercially wrong. All plans need to be suspended. New proposals at a lower rate like £1.50 would be a better entry point starting 2024/2025.	Objection

142	<p>I wish to object to the proposed charging for car parking at Hylands Park. As an elderly resident of Writtle for whom walking to the park is not within my capacity, I am only able to visit the nearest open space by car. I do not visit the park as a 'day out' only a regular place of exercise and pleasure at which I stay for an hour or two.</p> <p>To pay £5.00 or even £3.00 would make it impossible for me to visit the nearest park to my house.</p> <p>I think there are many people in my position who would choose to park their car on Paradise Road or in the Playing fields car park. This would lead to blocked roads all around the area especially on match days.</p> <p>You have already agreed to 800 new houses in Writtle for whom Hylands Parks would be the park of choice making on street parking even worse.</p> <p>I appreciate that as a City Council you have lost a great deal of money now there is no longer a V Festival every year, but I do not think that extortionate car parking charges are the way to recoup this money and will only reduce the cafe and shops facilities in the park for lack of customers.</p>	Objection
143	<p>I come here on a regular basis. This is my favourite place to come. I certainly couldn't afford to come here anymore at £5 a time, that is a very extortionate price. It will also hugely decrease the number of visitors to the area (that would benefit the town) as this is a very well-known and popular place for everyone to visit and enjoy. No other park I know is that expensive. If it remains free so many people will benefit coming here health wise too inc mental health</p>	Objection
144	<p>You take so much tax from me and mis manage it already now you are effectively removing access to my favourite park. Stop paying for gold plated pensions and don't make a contribution to the stupid Moulsham quarters plan and you can reduce my council tax and not charge for parking at Hylands park. Who in the council is being anti car we need to vote them out at the first chance?</p>	Objection
145	<p>I object that in order to take my dogs to my local park which my council tax payments go towards supporting I am expected to pay for the whole day. I would be happy to buy a permit which would be for local residents at a discounted rate and for it to include weekends. Another fantastic scheme from our local council which penalises local residents.</p>	Objection
146	<p>I live in Stock and pay my council tax to Chelmsford council so why should Residents in the outer areas have to pay the full amount of £5 which I feel is overpriced this is disgraceful.</p>	Objection

147	No one goes to the park for the whole day. There's no short stay facility. These unreasonable charges are going to affect the café which people use as they either walk their dogs, take children to enjoy a safe environment or walk to get regular free exercise which as we all know has been the main stay in keeping the entire population sane during the hard times that people have recently suffered. These charges will disadvantage everyone on restricted income including pensioners whose main exercise is walking their dogs. Not spending the whole day in the park either. It's a disgrace.	Objection
148	I think the plan to charge 'daily' is not right. For people who live outside Chelmsford, even if they were to come to the park for an hour dog walk, this would cost them £5. Even if you were to park in a car park in Chelmsford town you can pay hourly, I don't think the pay system its fair AT all. I personally walk at Hylands every day, for recreation and for my mental health. Walking at a park is so much nicer then walking on a street and something I have come to appreciate during lockdown. Having to pay a significant amount to do this (before 6pm) when I would feel safer at the park with more people around, I think is unfair. I understand I can get a permit, but this is still a significant cost. And the fact the permit doesn't cover weekends I also think is a joke, makes it a bit pointless. How are you also charging until 6pm all year round when for 2 months of the year the park shuts at 5? Overall, I think the hours being charged should be reviewed, including the weekends in the permit, and perhaps introducing hourly payments instead of day passes as not many people, especially in winter will be at the park all day.	Objection
149	I feel this parking charge is too high myself along with other families will normally come to highlands several times a week but only be here for a couple of hours and the parking charge of £5 is too high, why is there not an hourly rate? I for one will not be using this car park if this is put in place and will find other places to park as will many others instead of paying this may include residential streets, A414 or 3-mile hill which will cause extra traffic and a greater risk of accidents occurring/people's life. I urge you to reconsider this charge, this will have a negative effect on businesses within Hylands park and there will be less visitors along with added issues like I previously stated. I can get a parking annual pass for other outdoor spaces for a lot less and one pass covers several sites.	Objection
150	Many people use Hylands Park for a relatively short time e.g., for a walk. Charging a minimum of £5 for non-residents will put many people off choosing Hylands Park so likely they will go elsewhere. If the charge were lower / based on time in the park (e.g., £1 minimum) then I personally would feel more likely to visit (& happily support ongoing maintenance) whilst feeling it was good value, but at £5 I would limit my visits & be much less likely to invite friends & family to visit (as I have done in the past)	Objection



<b>151</b>	Very disappointed that we will now have to pay for parking. £5 is too much. This is a very popular place for dog walkers, in addition to a meeting place for families & friends. Exercise is extremely important to people's (& dogs) health & mental health & this charge will only keep people away, which is unfair & unacceptable. Not to mention the cafes & little shops that would lose business & more than likely have to close down, therefore making people unemployed. I would kindly request that you reconsider your charges for Hylands Park & think of the people, before money.	Objection
<b>152</b>	The charges do not compare with those for Essex parks, where hourly rates apply. Non-residents particularly will no longer visit. That is such a shame as it is a wonderful facility that deserves to be shared with Chelmsford's adjoining neighbours.	Objection
<b>153</b>	Excessive charging for a couple of hours for those living outside Chelmsford.	Objection
<b>154</b>	This is so wrong on many levels. The prices are terrible the structure is so wrong not to even include weekends. You have found money to fund stupid unused cycle lanes, pavement widening allowed ridiculous scooters to be left sprawled over pavements and just a general eyesore and now expect the public to fund it by charging us to park to meet family, friends, walk our dogs exercise, but that's ok cause it doesn't affect the people making these decisions the white-collar middle class I'm alright jack sod everyone else. You go on about mental health and people's wellbeing but want to charge people for trying to be healthy and social. The things you're doing the decisions your making is not good for elderly and disabled and people with poor health hence the earlier remark While collar middle class I'm alright jack. You should be ashamed that you're allowing this to happen as we all know it will no matter what we say. Stop looking at the minority load mouth people on social media it's not real	Objection
<b>155</b>	Just far too expensive. There will be no hourly or two hourly rates offered. 2/3 times a week I meet a friend there, have a walk, buy a coffee. So many people I know will stop doing this and using the beautiful grounds.	Objection
<b>156</b>	This proposal prevents the use of Hylands by the people who need it most. It is removing a much-loved resource from local people.	Objection
<b>157</b>	Hylands Park is unique in that it is the only recreational area that is free and has been for over 60 years. This is a rare phenomenon in this day and one that I feel should be preserved. If the Council goes ahead with this charge of £5 per day it will put off all those residents who only wish to spend an hour or so walking dogs, running, or taking their children to play in the play area. £5 for an hour in the Park is too high. The Council should think very carefully about introducing a charge and how this will affect all	Objection

	those Chelmsford residents who rely on the Park for their and their children's welfare. Being a regular visitor on a Sunday morning with my dog I can see how well it is used by families who perhaps have no outdoor space of their own and enjoy the free access to Hylands Park.	
<b>158</b>	My husband and I are both pensioners and we drive into Hylands Estate from the other side of Braintree. Our sole purpose is to have a relaxing dog walk in lovely surroundings. We are sad to see that we don't fall into the categories for reduced parking. There is no option for less than all day and we would want a shorter time to walk the dogs. Petrol cost, £5 parking fee and supporting the refreshment kiosks is out of our reach, as I'm sure it must be for many pensioners. We are not against paying but perhaps a shorter parking time could be considered, although I'm sure this is probably a done deal!	Objection
<b>159</b>	I have an elderly friend who uses the park to walk her dog every day. She lives in Ongar, which is only 6 miles away from Hylands park, but she does not qualify for a permit under the current proposals. She is being asked to pay 1850 a year from her pension which is outrageous. Considering a permit is only 60.00 to residents in Chelmsford. Why are there NO concessions for pensioners? She is extremely upset as she will no longer be able to afford to use the park where at present, she meets friends for a walk and coffee. She also cannot get there before 9 when it is free. This parking charge for elderly people outside the area is truly unfair and should not go ahead.	Objection
<b>160</b>	I am a resident of Billericay but have used Hylands Park on a twice weekly basis to walk my dogs for over 35 years. Whilst I appreciate you need to raise funds please do not make this unaffordable for non-residents. On cold windy winter days dog walkers are the only visitors!	Objection
<b>161</b>	I live in Blackmore, which is outside the Chelmsford area. Hylands is however, my nearest friendly dog walking space, which I use daily. I meet so many people there, and it is a huge part of my daily social interaction. Throughout the lockdown for instance, it has been an immense help, not just for me, but so many others. I fully understand that revenue is important for the running of such an excellent park, and I am prepared to pay up to £150 for a yearly season ticket which I believe is a reasonable price, as I get loads of use from the park. I am retired and cannot therefore afford to pay £35 per week, and so I would ask you to urgently review your decision on this. Many thanks. Alf Currey.	Objection
<b>162</b>	We have been visiting Hylands park for many years now. Sometimes it's a short visit and sometimes we spend the whole day there. We feel the £5 fixed parking price is a lot of money if we are making a short stay. It will certainly put us off visiting as often as we do. Maybe a charge can in force say after the first	Objection

	hour? We understand that it is probably needed to generate some more funds, but maybe a short stay price can be considered. Kind regards The Gales	
<b>163</b>	The proposed parking fee for non-Chelmsford residents is too high and offers no sliding scale for lengths of visit. Not everyone visiting the park is staying all day. Lots of dog walkers who spend an hour at the most. I would rather a lesser parking fee and be able to have a nice walk and a coffee at the cafe. I hope common sense prevails.	Objection
<b>164</b>	I don't object to the charges, but I do object to not letting people who live outside the Chelmsford council catchment area not being allowed to purchase season tickets	Objection
<b>165</b>	Vehemently object to parking costs in general (& delighted - but unsurprised - Lib Dems failed at recent local elections!). I can't go to the public to supplement the (huge) gap in my school budget! Strongly object to annual season ticket being Mon-Fri only. There should be an option to purchase a 7-day week season ticket. As I predicted (& quite obviously), once lockdowns were over & people had more choice, the parking is down to normal & acceptable & safe levels again.	Objection
<b>166</b>	Another poorly judged money-making scheme, we enjoy Hylands park to walk our dog and have refreshments in the cafes, adding £5 to this couple of hours out is completely outrageous! The Estate was always meant to be enjoyed and accessible to everyone, having to pay for parking excludes people!!!	Objection
<b>167</b>	We have all had a very difficult 18 months with COVID. This decision is a shameful attack on families that on some cases have suffered financial and emotional hardship. Shame of you Chelmsford. Hylands should be accessible for all within our communities. Matt Hughes	Objection
<b>168</b>	I feel as do many others, that £3/5 is too much for the average person to pay. Surely £1.50/2.50 would be more reasonable?  Perhaps 9am-1pm, then 1-5pm if you are determined to charge £3/5 for a full day.  That at least gives people an alternative option.  I visit Hylands 2/3 times a week to walk my dog, but certainly don't spend all day there.	Objection

	<p>As a Chelmsford resident, I qualify for the annual pass, which I would consider if it included weekend parking.</p> <p>This charge will make the park inaccessible for many people, including families on low income, and some pensioners.</p> <p>I really hope you will reconsider these charges, but I'm well aware that the consultation is just an exercise, and this is already a done deal.</p> <p>I await your reply with interest, but no real hope.</p>	
<b>169</b>	<p>I regularly walk my dog here to get exercise and fresh air and to help my mental and physical health. Paying this amount for a dog walk makes it not possible. The park is frequently used for people to exercise, walk dogs, meet friends, and just enjoy the open air. In particular, it is an amazing place for children. Making season tickets for weekdays only is just adding insult to injury. In addition, the coffee shops and other outlets will also struggle due to people staying away.</p>	Objection
<b>170</b>	<p>I live in Ingatestone, just 4 miles from Hylands but not considered 'local' enough for a discount. Most people, myself included, visit to walk their dog for an hour or so and therefore do not need to stay at Hylands for the whole day. Irreparable damage will be done to the onsite cafes and shops as visitors will simply go elsewhere where parking charges are more realistic. This is supposed to be a community asset but will no longer be accessible to much of the local community who cannot afford such exorbitant fees. If this parking charge is implemented I and every single person I have spoken to about this will simply never visit Hylands again. Shame on you.</p>	Objection
<b>171</b>	<p>I attend the WI meetings there once a month and occasionally walk there with friends. What you are proposing is not fair to local residents and people who just there for a quick walk. It will stop people visiting. £5 or even £3 for local residents will be too much money for most of the people who live here.</p>	Objection
<b>172</b>	<p>£5 per day is too expensive for an hour walk, charge £1 hourly and you'll probably make a lot more money. There are a lot of dog walkers who will walk elsewhere, and your cafes will suffer</p>	Objection
<b>173</b>	<p>Hylands is one of the few places in Essex to meet friends and walk dogs, a £5 charge for a non-Chelmsford resident is extremely expensive for an hour or so. There is no variation in charges like most car parks or a chance for a non-Chelmsford resident to purchase a weekly or yearly ticket. I only live in</p>	Objection

	Billericay and have used Hylands as a central meeting place to meet friends and that would probably stop because of the cost	
<b>174</b>	As a person who walks their dogs over at Hylands house, several times a week and have spoken to many other dog walkers, the common consensus is that everyone feels like that they do not mind contributing to the upkeep of the grounds, however asking for a flat price of £5 is not acceptable and will reduce the numbers of visitors to what is such a lovely place to walk and de stress. This cost also punishes families and people that may not be able to afford such a cost to park for just a couple of hours. I feel it's very inconsiderate to expect people to pay such a cost when an hourly fee would be much more affordable, 50p or £1 an hour is much, more reasonable and would still pull in the numbers of visitors that the park already receives. Stop being greedy and realise that people will talk with their feet and will not visit such a beautiful open space and use the services that have been put in place to make it such a nice place to visit. I sincerely object the £5 parking charge.	Objection
<b>175</b>	Whilst there are discounts for Chelmsford residents, what about people living close by in Ingatestone & Mountnessing. I thought the park was gifted to residents; this will have a massive impact on people who visit regularly. It will also impact the small businesses there.	Objection
<b>176</b>	More cars will park illegally on the surrounding roads causing problems to local residents. The council tax should cover the parking costs. Seems like a money maker for local council	Objection
<b>177</b>	I do not object to having to pay a fee to park at Hyland Park, I object to the manner the charge is proposed. £5.00 per visit is a lot when you walk there multiple times a week. I believe that an hourly charge is more acceptable, and more people would continue to be able to enjoy the great estate. I would even be open to paying a yearly fee, like national trust locations. It is a real shame this decision has been made that will make enjoying Hyland out of many peoples reach!	Objection
<b>178</b>	It is a public space, and everyone is entitled to use it - what is the reason? It is used by residents of all ages and areas for walking, playing, family time and entertainment, outside exercise for children of all ages and should not be limited because of cost. Thank you	Objection
<b>179</b>	As a non-resident I will never visit Hylands park again, never spend money in your tearoom, shops, or market ... add that to all the other people and the losses will tell. Whose hair brained idea was this obviously someone with no idea on what this will actually mean ... let alone for the "residents that can't or will not bother either "Pure stupidity. Am I surprised, frankly no. Wake up and try and understand your marketable customers?	Objection

<b>180</b>	This amenity was given to the council by its last owner as something to be shared and enjoyed by the community in perpetuity. Charging local residents for parking at Hylands Park is against the spirit of this bequest and will deny many access to what they rightly see as "their" local amenity. The council already makes money from this land via the House and hosting pop festivals etc. Leave us something natural that we can enjoy whenever we want to.	Objection
<b>181</b>	We live in Ingatestone, so will have to pay £5.00 per day and though we walk there most days of the year always, go to events and lived in the area most of our lives we do not receive any reduction.	Objection
<b>182</b>	Yearly permits not available for non-Chelmsford residents so people living a few miles away in Doddinghurst, Blackmore etc would have to pay £5 per visit just for a dog walk! No short visit option - for a Chelmsford resident popping to park with kids occasionally to pay £3 for what may be a 30-minute visit is extortionate. Explorer pass for weald park and other Essex parks is much better value and includes weekends. How can you expect Chelmsford residents to pay for a yearly permit then still pay additionally to visit at a weekend? We are already paying for resident parking. Has any consideration been given to the parking at paradise road in Writtle? Surely this free car park will be overrun and make it impossible for users of this park and the football club and cricket club to park their car. Also, residents of paradise road will not be able to park on their road.	Objection
<b>183</b>	This will be taking something so crucial away from Chelmsford. The charge of £5.00 no matter how long you stay is far too much money for most people to afford, we visit every Sunday for about 1 hour for a family walk, this will stop once the charge is in place. Think again Chelmsford Council....	Objection
<b>184</b>	<p>This morning I went for a walk at HP. I don't normally venture to HP on a Monday but envisage having to do so, in the future, due to the imposition of weekend Car parking fees which, as proposed, discriminate against frequent/regular HP visitors. Unusually, people today talked to one another - to discuss the proposals which are clearly universally unpopular. So, I thought the following off-the-cuff comments may help you.</p> <p>I've a longer e-mail drafted but will not send it until I've discussed it with others.</p> <p>After today's informal and unplanned conversations, it seems a few subtle changes only, to the proposals, could make a huge and popular difference...</p>	<p>Objection</p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> Email</p> <p>(2<sup>nd</sup> Email Rep No.207)</p> <p>Vicky Ford MP copied in</p>

<p>1. Two daily runners will now have to find an alternative route for their runs - especially at weekends. Also, they expect to have to curtail their weekly Saturday fitness classes, which are “well attended” but their participants refuse to pay an extra £3 or £5 per car (i.e., per person) per week.</p> <p>2. The daily walker who didn't realise the proposed Season ticket excludes weekends so will find somewhere else for his walks.</p> <p>3. The daily dog walkers (two separately) who live “just outside” Chelmsford and will “have to find somewhere else to go”.</p> <p>4. The daily walker who presently parks in a small car park off Paradise Road and fears she'll be unable to do so in future due to anticipated yellow lines and/or the likely volume of other cars parked. She'd assumed the Season Ticket was for seven days a week and now expects to go elsewhere in future. She also mentioned that “Writtle residents are up in arms”.</p> <p>5. The daily dog walker who lives in Chelmsford and who'll find an alternative place in future due to the “unfair” aspect of weekend charging.</p> <p>6. The daily walker, from Brentwood, who sees no alternative but to find an alternative place for his walks. Inter alia he suggested, after various conversations, that visitor numbers call fall by as much as 50/75%.</p> <p>7. Staff at Mauro's Cafe who are concerned for the future viability of their business.</p> <p>Although the above is a small sample, the conversations took place (as and when) over a period of only about 90 minutes. There were a few common factors:</p> <p>A. Surprise, annoyance, and a lack of conceptual understanding at the Season Ticket being restricted to weekdays.</p> <p>B. All above the people spend less than two hours a time at HP. (Few people seem to do so except, perhaps, at weekends.) C. Only one person, above, was previously aware that any charging was mooted.</p> <p>D. All will stop using HP if the proposed charging regime is fully imposed.</p> <p>I realise the above (ad hoc comments) represent a small sample and care thus needs to be taken on drawing too many conclusions. But assuming the ‘samples’ are representative, which they probably are,</p>	
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	<p>there must be a risk that HP is likely to see an absolutely huge fall in visitor numbers as a consequence of the proposals: especially among frequent users of HP. Nobody knew when the scheme is due to start. Or if. Most saw it is a done deal.</p> <p>Small subtle changes should make that unlikely:</p> <p>Firstly, make the Season Ticket valid for seven days per week.</p> <p>Secondly, delay the daily start of charging by an hour to 10.00am.</p> <p>Thirdly, introduce a reduced daily charge for visits of up to two hours.</p> <p>Fourthly, introduce overt ANPR surveillance with spot checks at busy times.</p>	
<b>185</b>	<p>I agree there should be a car park payment system to help maintain Hylands but as a dog walker who has enjoyed walking in Hylands for many years, I was a bit disappointed to see how the payments are structured. Firstly, I am from Braintree so have no option to buy a season ticket, like the one I have for Notley Discovery. Also, there are no incremental payments like that of Notley, I wouldn't stay a whole day and would have preferred to see an option for an hourly payment. Thank you</p>	Objection
<b>186</b>	<p>I am disappointed in the decision to start charging for parking in the Hylands estate. Especially at this time when many families are using the park to safely walk, socially distance and increase mental well-being. If you must charge, please do not exclude weekends in the annual pass - we would happily pay for that especially if the parking money went back into the park. But the weekends should not be excluded as this park is for the everyday visitors and families that depend on its Customer's Suggested Action(s): Include weekends in the annual pass for Hylands car parking</p>	Objection
<b>187</b>	<p>I won't pay to park for an hour's dog walk every day...shame, love Hyland's but there are other lovely places that don't charge. I'm a Chelmsford resident but even £3 discounted is £21 a week?</p>	Objection
<b>188</b>	<p>Support charging a fee and a reduction for Chelmsford residents is logical but feel that there Should be option to pay for less than a day for example hour rate at less than £5/3 day rate more in line with weald/Thorndon charging system. Option for local non-Chelmsford residents to purchase a month or year ticket Charging at that rate will put some people off who won't/can't afford to pay resulting in lower usage. That would seem a shame as covid restrictions aside Hylands is not that busy much of the time. There isn't really enough to do at Hylands to stay all day. What have you done to understand usage and</p>	Objection



	how you can maximise income and use of Hylands? For example, will more people using the space at a lower charge be more profitable?	
<b>189</b>	<p>I write to object to the scale of the proposed fees for the use of the car parks at Hylands Park, as outlined in the draft copy of The Chelmsford City Council (Parks, Sports and Recreational Grounds) (Hylands Park) (Off Street Parking Places) Order 20**. The financial argument for the introduction of a charging scheme of some sort is well recognised and is not without its merits. However, as a weekly visitor to Hylands Park ("HP") from a CM3 post code, the imposition of a £5 daily charge is out of all proportion to the use and enjoyment which I obtain from my weekly hour-long walks, plus possibly a further 20 minutes sampling coffee and cake. It is also way beyond what I would pay anywhere else outside the Chelmsford area - for example, three hours visiting the Promenade Park in Maldon (not a large area but with a vastly better choice of facilities) costs me no more than £2, or less if I decide on a shorter stay. I have just returned from the beautiful village of Hathersage in Derbyshire, where I can explore the surrounding countryside for hours for just £3, or £2.50 if I take an evening stroll after 6pm. Previous to that I had been in Eastbourne where lengthy stretches of the South Downs can be explored as a result of all car parks in the vicinity being free for 2 hours. At Birling Gap, a few miles west, the cost is £3 for two hours, again offering huge swathes of glorious countryside, and an excellent tearoom to boot.</p> <p>If the proposed scale of charges is introduced, I will no longer visit HP. As a single visitor, that may not concern you - but it may concern Mauro's where I certainly spend at least £5 per week. I suspect that my £250 per year, multiplied by the many others who will (literally) vote with their feet, will have a significant effect on the financial model under which Mauro's operates. The same may well be true for the several other commercial enterprises that operate within HP.</p> <p>None of us wishes to lose access to HP - equally, none of us is willing to be railroaded into paying £5 per visit for what may be only a 60/90-minute stay. I have no idea of the financial projections that the City Council has made, but I would suggest that there will be a massive fall off in visitor numbers if the proposed scale of charges is implemented and that the level of actual new income will be far, far less than anticipated.</p> <p>I urge the City Council to reconsider this ill-thought-out proposal. I am perfectly happy to pay £1 per hour for my stay - a scale of, say £2 for two hours, £3 for four hours and £5 for anything in excess of that would enable visitors to select a stay that suited their purpose, and would ensure that visitor numbers were maintained or increased and would ensure continuity of income for the commercial outlets in HP. If the City Council wishes to offer local Council Taxpayers a reduction, that is</p>	Objection

	<p>understandable - but, equally, the proposal for only a five-day season ticket seems misguided given that many local walkers, dog owners, runners etc will want to use the facility at weekends as well. Are they to be penalised and made to pay an extra £10 per week in addition to their 5 day "concession"? There is also a strong argument for encouraging relatively short stay visitors early and late in the day - "free up until 10am and after 6pm" would provide a welcome option for those of us who, despite today's Government announcement relaxing the Covid regulations, still wish to adopt a cautious approach to contact with others.</p> <p>I have three specific comments/questions on the draft order itself:</p> <p>Clause 7(c) - it is not clear if, having purchased a ticket, one will be allowed to move a vehicle from, say, the London Road car park to the Writtle Road car park within the time covered by the parking ticket. It is not unknown for my wife and I to park in the former, walk indirectly to Mauro's and for me to then walk back to London Road and drive the car to pick her up at the Writtle Road car park. Unfortunately, she is less mobile than I am - and this also results in Mauro's selling her a second cup of coffee, i.e., more income for them. If I do this in future, will some form of ANPR system pick up the fact that I have entered Writtle Road car park without paying? Also, if I were to buy an "all day" ticket, but went home for lunch and returned for a second visit in the afternoon, would my original ticket still hold good?</p> <p>Clause 7(d) - will the ticket machines, when installed, require the insertion of a vehicle registration number?</p> <p>Clause 7(f) - I have read, and re-read, the wording and I simply do not understand what it means. Can I be given a plain English explanation please?</p> <p>Clause 10(b) - first, I do not believe the clause is worded correctly in terms of grammar and/or punctuation - i.e., it does not read as it should. Second, whilst I have every sympathy for those who are in the circumstances covered by this proposed exemption, is it not a restrictive practice to limit the exemption to Chelmsford City Council residents? I suspect it might make for an interesting debate with those who are less advantaged but living (perhaps) close to the boundaries of the City Council area and currently using HP on a regular basis, possibly for much needed exercise, relaxation, and de-stressing.</p> <p>I do not believe I will be a lone voice in objecting to these proposals and I hope the City Council will encourage an active public debate to ensure that a fair and equitable charging structure is put in place.</p>	
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190	Having used Hylands Park for the last 20 years enjoying a walk, often coffee/cake a few times a week. Rarely though do I spend longer than 2 hours most so find the all-day fees extortionate & unsustainable for myself even with the subsidy. Very sad 😞	Objection
191	Should have an option to just pay for an hour. £5 is way too much for us to pay	Objection
192	<p>We have returned from our second visit this week to Hylands park, we are angry and compelled to protest at the proposed car parking fee! We are regular visitors to Hylands Park for walks, coffee, and meeting friends.</p> <p>We are pensioners and travel 13 miles by car to be there.</p> <p>We enjoy the green space for calm contemplations and also excellent coffee and snacks Hylands has to offer.</p> <p>Free car parking is such an important factor for us, families, and friends.</p> <p>As pensioners we are weekday users and we all strongly agree that the surroundings improve our mental wellbeing and physical health.</p> <p>This is particularly so after challenging times we have had in 2020.</p> <p>We are appalled by the proposal to eliminate free parking and increase fees to £5 a day even if we are there for 2/3 hours.</p> <p>Friends on limited finance have made it quite clear the £5 parking fee will make Hylands park unaffordable as a meeting place.</p> <p>It will certainly make us look for other places to visit and eliminate visiting Hyland park!</p> <p>Hylands park proposal will ring fence its facilities exclusively for those who can afford £5 car parking.</p> <p>It implies “if you can’t pay £5 parking fee then you are an unworthy visitor”?</p> <p>We hope Chelmsford council will reject the proposal and consider how to improve bus service to Hylands park.</p> <p>It would be a positive move to link buses to park and ride?</p>	Objection

<b>193</b>	The £5 charge no matter how long you stay is unfair and disproportionate. I live in Billericay and walk my dog at Hylands every Saturday and Sunday with my friends and their dogs. My dog has had spinal surgery so will only walk for half an hour. After our walk my friends and I have coffee at the cafe which I have found to be vital for my mental wellbeing. I have a stressful job as a health visitor for the NHS in a deprived area but will not be able to afford to pay £10 per week.	Objection
<b>194</b>	Very expensive and off putting for those that live outside the area to come visit the lovely park. Maybe a short stay fee of £1 for those visiting. Otherwise, the road edges will be getting clogged up as people won't pay.	Objection
<b>195</b>	Whilst I understand the loss of revenue impact due to the C-19 pandemic these proposals do not mention what will happen when revenues recommence for events such as the V festival and weddings etc. The flat rate fee of £5 per day is outrageous and unfair to visitors from outside the Chelmsford area who use the grounds to exercise both themselves and their dogs and also those parents that use the playground areas for short periods will be negatively impacted - the time used for this activity is circa 1 hour. Excepting spring/summer school holidays and special events, I doubt that visitors spend more than 2 hours per visit. If you can evidence that visitors spend more time in the grounds on average outside of these times please publish so that we can manage and understand factual data. I can only imagine that the cafes in the park will suffer financially as the cost to using them will rise exponentially by the increased parking charges. I would be interested to understand what is being done to assist these businesses and whether they will remain viable. If parking charges are to be introduced a fairer way would be to charge £1 per hour for the 1st 3 hours and then introduce the £5 daily charge. Also, to make an annual season ticket available to non-Chelmsford residents who are local to Hylands and use the excellent grounds on a regular basis	Objection
<b>196</b>	At the Stock Parish Council meeting held on 8 July 202, Council members unanimously agreed to strongly object to the proposal to revoke The Chelmsford City Council (Park, Sports and Recreational Grounds) (Hylands Park) (Off-Street Parking Places) Order 20** for a newly proposed Order to: a) introduce a newly proposed car parking charge and the times the new proposed charges apply within the designated car parking areas as specified in Schedule 1 of the published notice which will replace the current free parking provision and  b) the conditions of use and types of validation of payment, for parking and enforcement purposes.	Objection  (Stock Parish Council)

	<p>the following concerns were raised in support of the objection:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Historically the facility was provided for the free use of local residents.</li> <li>2. Access to the site is mainly by car and therefore the proposal to charge is unfair.</li> <li>3. It is understood that the site accommodates a children's adventure playground and early years Green Earth Learning School, which are both excellent youth services which may be subsequently limited by the introduction of paid parking fees.</li> </ol>	
<b>197</b>	This facility should be open to all. Charges will stop some people being able to afford access. Surely our Council Tax is able to pay for these facilities!	Objection
<b>198</b>	Never had to pay before so why now. And some people may not be able to afford it and want to visit there regularly.	Objection
<b>199</b>	I live in Mountnessing, approximately 5 miles from Hylands Park. I am happy to pay for parking but only use the park for a maximum of an hour to walk my dogs. I therefore object to a flat day rate as this effectively means the cost is £5 per hour, which is significantly more expensive than other similar parks in the area and parking in Chelmsford itself. I always buy a coffee on my walk and therefore try and support Hylands whilst I am there. If the day rate is introduced, I will simply stop coming.	Objection
<b>200</b>	This is an asset enjoyed by many people. The parking charges are totally unfair particularly a £5 daily charge. This will make it difficult for older retired people and also for people of low income. many people come here for their daily exercise or to walk their dogs in which case it could cost them up to £35 per week. One wonders why if there has to be a charge then why not an hourly one of maybe £1	Objection
<b>201</b>	Whilst I totally understand and accept the need to impose parking fees at Hylands Estate, the proposed daily rate is exorbitant, for both Chelmsford residents and non-residents alike. I live in neighbouring Brentwood and have thoroughly enjoyed my walks on the estate over the past few years and would be very keen to continue with this mode of exercise. However, the imposition of a £5 daily fee makes this aim impossible now and I will stay in my own neighbourhood where parking fees at walking venues are much more reasonable. I have also attended events at Hylands in the past but will now check to see what the parking fee will be before booking any future events. I truly believe that Chelmsford council has shot itself in the foot with this levy. It is taking the use of such a wonderful facility out of the hands of	Objection

	those who need and enjoy it, into the hands of those rich enough (or daft enough) to pay such a high tax. I truly hope that once visitor numbers fall, this council will reassess this level and adjust it to something more realistic.	
<b>202</b>	Such exorbitant charges will greatly reduce the number of visitors and are self-defeating. Many people, including myself, have helped their mental health by making use of the park in recent months and I'm sure that most people won't be able to carry on because of this cost.	Objection
<b>203</b>	I have been walking my dogs at the park for the last 30 years now, it is one of the few spaces where we can nowadays. We always buy drinks as to many other dog walkers throughout the whole year. I suspect many of us will no longer visit on a daily basis if we had to pay to park nor spend money on drinks. Most of the year it is only dog walkers using it apart from the summer.	Objection
<b>204</b>	<p>Cash grabs everywhere I look. Chelmsford residents already pay towards Hylands park through their Council Tax.</p> <p>1. The flat fee of £5 and £3 (qualifying residents) per day is a blatant cash grab. How many visitors will spend even 5 hours at Hylands? If they are attending an event such as the flower show or the dog event they will be paying for parking in addition to entrance fees.</p> <p>Why not offer a lower rate for up to 2 hours parking?</p> <p>2. The season ticket for residents that excludes weekends and bank holidays is another cash grab.</p> <p>Why not make it inclusive of weekends and bank holidays?</p>	Objection
<b>205</b>	It is absolutely ridiculous. The park is mainly used by dog walkers. Those that do go for the café or child's park will not turn up throughout the winter and so the businesses will be getting no money in. People will simply not go just because they would have to pay during days where weather is bad. This park will significantly lose its popularity, like it already has due to the news of this stupid regulation coming in. Also, people (mainly the dog walkers) will go to other parks which do not cause people to pay for parking. Meaning that there will be barely anyone turning up to Hylands Park. It is notorious for dog walking, everyone knows that. The park has always been a popular one amongst these people, but with this paying thing, it will no longer be.	Objection
<b>206</b>	It's a public park with adequate parking, making it a paying park will lose custom and encourage parking elsewhere and potentially in dangerous areas	Objection

<p><b>207</b></p>	<p><b>Introduction</b></p> <p>The length of this missive emphasises the contentious nature of the proposals.</p> <p>I've recently read and re-read the Statutory Notice displayed at HP (which has understandably provoked widespread annoyance, amazement, and many related conversation) plus the underlying Notices and (informative) Hylands website information.</p> <p>Also, I unintentionally conducted a straw poll at HP on the morning of Monday 12th July which became the subject of an earlier e-mail of mine. Those chats have hugely me aided me in framing this email which is intended to be constructive and helpful.</p> <p>On another occasion an irate gent, from nearby Ingatestone, mentioned to a group of us that it would cost him over £1,800pa (£5 a day) to continue his decades old habit of dog-walking at HP. At about the same time, an angry young woman from Chelmsford, volunteered she'd have to pay over £350pa on the basis of a 'Season Ticket' plus £6 per weekend. Neither will pay and they will go elsewhere. Surely those circumstances were not intended!</p> <p><b>I strongly object to the proposed concept.</b></p> <p>Very simply, as proposed, a combination of the proposed charges plus their charging structure seems likely to drive many regulars away from HP. It also looks unlikely to generate much income: quite possibly less overall!</p> <p>The imposition of the car parking charges at HP, as structured, would require many regular visitors to pay very significant sums for something that was hitherto free and/or provoke major changes of behaviour. So, many regulars will now avoid HP. Presumably, also, there will also be added indirect costs associated as a result of the scheme's set-up and ongoing operational/policing costs.</p> <p>On the face of it, the scheme has a number of inherent fundamental flaws in its design and likely efficacy.</p> <p>As proposed, the scheme seems very likely to change behaviours, of necessity, especially among regular HP users, and thus risk a large fall in HP's overall income. As acknowledged, it probably will also cause losses by businesses located at HP so job losses could result. Arguably and fundamentally, the measures could even deter people from exercising (due to the massive additional cost of visiting HP) at a time when we are all being encouraged to get out more!</p>	<p><b>Objection</b></p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> Email</p> <p>(1<sup>st</sup> Email Rep No.184)</p> <p>Vicky Ford MP copied in</p>
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<p>There could, easily, be a scenario where HP becomes almost deserted up to (say) 11.00am and very busy thereafter.</p> <p>People will mostly pay a <i>fair</i> price for a fair reason but will not pay the unfair. There are viable free local alternatives to HP. Also Parking Charge avoidance, legitimate or not, will happen!</p> <p>HP is a wonderful park but in the future it could easily become the province of only a select few.</p> <p>Like many, I've used HP for recreational purposes for decades with family, friends and solo. Most visitors spend money at HP but all that income will also be at risk.</p> <p>Whilst an ultimate aim, to create some income from HP is entirely laudable. The other aim, of regulating parking demand, whilst partly understandable from HP's (arguably selfish) aspect, looks potentially misplaced and especially because this is a time when people are being encouraged outdoors for the good of their mental and physical health. These proposals effectively discourage! Thus, they can be described as ill-considered and ill-advised - as well as potentially socially divisive, anti-dog and certainly very selective. Social engineering, indeed! <b><i>Could the City Council therefore be accused of acting contrary to the mental and physical well-being of its constituents?</i></b></p> <p><b>The presently proposed mechanism is flawed and profoundly unfair to many. However, a minor re-think with modest fine tuning (see below) can easily remedy the matter.</b></p> <p><b>Without doubt, Regulatory Approval at present would be inappropriate.</b> I've copied this missive to Vicky Ford MP who I'm sure you'll have kept up to date on developments. However, she may not be aware of aspects discrimination and especially the massive potential costs. I have asked her to involve other local MPs as well as relevant Government Ministers.</p> <p><b>Comments and queries</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Will the 20 September start date actually happen? July was rumoured a good while ago but now October is rumoured. City Council Publicity about the proposed arrangements seems unfocussed and requires very active searching to locate and then piece together.</li> <li>2. Non-compliance is inevitable and conceptually looks very easy too as the charges look eminently avoidable! Costly 'policing' will be needed!</li> </ol>	
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<p>3. Presumably and rightly ANPR will be used but there is, as yet no obvious potential installation points. What about the Writtle Car Park entrance?</p> <p>4. How will the inevitable increased off-site parking be controlled? (On nearby roads such as London Road, Three Mile Hill, Greenbury Way, Paradise Road, Writtle in general, and the Widford area?) A multiplicity of yellow lines? Is that practical?</p> <p>5. The <b>proposed 'Season Ticket' arrangement oddly, illogically and unfairly excludes weekends.</b> And BHs. Many people do not realise this basic fact. Consequentially, many Chelmsford residents who regularly visit HP on Saturday &amp; Sunday mornings will now have to change long-existing habits or incur significant personal costs of an extra £150/300pa. For examples see below.</p> <p>People will not pay such amounts and will look at ways to avoid payment which is perfectly natural.</p> <p>The title of the proposed 'Season Ticket' is misleading and its proposed (weekday) limitation was not clear at the earlier Consultation. It is profoundly unfair.</p> <p>6. Numerous people visit HP for less than two hours at a time except. Most of the numerous dog walkers necessarily visit seven days a week as habit is important to such people and their dogs. As stated above, the existing proposals discriminate massively against frequent regulars (such as walkers, joggers/runners, cyclists, and dog-walkers). Is this intended?</p> <p><b>Typical examples:</b></p> <p>A. Dog walkers from Chelmsford will have additional costs of over £350pa. They will go elsewhere in future.</p> <p>B. Dog walkers from just down the road from Chelmsford, and beyond, would have additional costs of £1825! They will certainly go elsewhere as they will have no choice.</p> <p>C. Irregulars, say having a birthday party, will pay for their cars and spread the cost. Mainly this happens in the warmer months and especially at weekends.</p> <p>E. A mother (from Chelmsford) meets her son and daughter (living separately in Brentwood and Danbury), every Sunday at HP for a walk and chat followed by coffee with cakes. In future that will cost £13 just to enter HP, so they'll go to Galleywood Common instead with flasks.</p>	
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	<p>F. A group of friends, some of whom live just beyond Chelmsford, who also meet weekly, will also in future go elsewhere.</p> <p>The inference is that these people are no longer welcomed at HP by those in the City Council. Correct?.</p> <p>Importantly, most of the above people have morning visits of about 90 to 120 minutes; always intentionally avoiding peak times. (Oddly, these facts were not fully evident in the previous Consultation.)</p> <p>The existing proposals thus also seems a potential 'fleecing' of regulars but not the 'itinerants' who are perhaps less 'sympathetic' users of HP.</p> <p>7. The cost of establishing scheme-dedicated equipment must be massive given the many concrete plinths, electric conduit tunnelling, cameras (CCT?), lighting (que?), fee machines idc... ANPR equipment idc. (Albeit, oddly, less is presently evident at the Writtle entrance than London Road.)</p> <p>8. There has been a recent massive and predictable fall in HP's visitor numbers, post Lockdown. Many people, perhaps most, will now go elsewhere rather than return to HP and pay to park.</p> <p>9. Visitor numbers will thus probably fall further which will surely impinge negatively on businesses located in HP, as acknowledged. Stall holders at the Monthly Farmers' Market will get less custom. <b>Could they pursue the City Council in the Courts for lost income?</b></p> <p>10. For how long, after commencement, will Council representatives be on hand to assist visitors with aspects like MiPermit?</p> <p>11. Of necessity, fairness, and simple logic, one presumes visitors to HP's events, (such as Farmers' Markets, will not be charged but it is not clear how such necessary arrangements will be facilitated. Visitor fraud will then also be even easier as some will inevitably claim to attend such events but not actually do so! Such potential avoidance will certainly need monitoring.</p> <p><b>My simple alternative suggestions are:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Make all Season Ticket(s) valid for every day and thus 24/7.</li> <li>ii. Introduce an additional Season Ticket for those who don't live in the Chelmsford area but at a higher (and fair) price.</li> </ul>	
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	<p>iii. Start the <i>daily</i> charging regime from 10.00am - rather than 09.00am. (By which time Chelmsford's Traffic has usually moderated.)</p> <p>iv. Introduce an additional Two-Hour pricing brand at an appropriately low price. (Perhaps before noon.)</p> <p>Over time, my above suggestions may actually increase income but they should facilitate continued use by regulars (such as people with dogs) in the mornings, seven days a week.</p> <p><b><i>Simplicity is important but so is fairness.</i></b></p> <p>I assume accommodations will be made for regulars like physical fitness groups, dog society meetings and park runs etc etc.</p> <p><b>Summary and conclusion</b></p> <p>There seem to be numerous consequences of this scheme, both intended and unintended: I've suggested a few easy amendments.</p> <p>Once income and customers (such as daily regulars) is lost it is very hard to get it back.</p> <p>How many users have been informally consulted?</p> <p>And finally, rules and regulations are only truly effective when properly enforced.</p> <p>I am happy to discuss these matters by phone or preferably in person, at HP.</p>	
208	<p>I am writing to strongly object to the car parking charges being implemented from this summer. It is almost like Chelmsford City council are persecuting people for wanting to use the park!</p> <p>We was encouraged by government to 'get out in the fresh air' as most took the opportunity to and still do, without having to pay for it!</p> <p>Yes the local councils have lost revenue through Covid but many have lost their jobs too, as have I and my daughters.</p> <p>And the parks are open spaces where people go for their physical and mental wellbeing, without having to pay for the privilege.</p>	Objection

	With a rising cost of living, council tax and utilities, etc why shouldn't local people be able to use their parks as a place to go to for solitude, without having to pay for it. As let's face it, there are not many places anymore where you can go that are free!	
<b>209</b>	When I come to Hylands I am only there for a short walk and cup of tea, never more than one hour. I think you should have a tiered charge system. I will not be visiting at £5 for an hour and object to this charge. I do not understand why Blue badge holders are not being charged. They need easily accessible parking spaces but why are the exempt from paying?	Objection
<b>210</b>	It is our closest green parkland space to where we live and use the park frequently. I cannot afford £5 charge	Objection
<b>211</b>	As an Ingatestone resident, many of us use Hyland's park multiple times a week. The parking charge is extortionate and unfair to introduce. We will never use Hyland's park again if this charge is introduced.	Objection
<b>212</b>	I don't think you should have to pay for parking especially the extortionate rates that are being proposed. Some people only pop there for an hour. I think the small businesses in the stables will suffer as people will stop coming. I always thought that Hylands was for the people of Chelmsford not some money grabbing council	Objection
<b>213</b>	Absolute disgrace to have a one charge fits all approach. Surely an hourly rate would be fairer. I live within Brentwood Council but am only 10 minutes in the car from Hylands but I now have to pay more than people within Chelmsford Council who live further away. As I said, the decision is an absolute disgrace.	Objection
<b>214</b>	I live just 8 minutes from Hylands House (in Ingatestone) and come daily with my dogs. However, I am not entitled to reduced parking costs as I am not a Chelmsford resident. I cannot afford to pay £5 a day for one hour of parking. I have been coming to Hylands with my children and dogs for 13 years and it is very sad that I will have to stop coming once the charges are in place. Shame on you.	Objection
<b>215</b>	Public service. Too expensive. We need to green spaces available. Live really locally in Ingatestone so fall out the borough. Have loved coming for years and would be a real shame to never go again.	Objection
<b>216</b>	Having used Hylands for many years, I object to the cost of the proposed parking. Green space should be free to park and is an asset for the public. It encourages exercise and is good for mental health. I	Objection

	won't be able to afford to park with the proposed charges and like many others will not be able to take advantage of this community asset.	
<b>217</b>	Charging for people to access green space after the pandemic is just wrong as most people will no longer use the facility. How can people afford to access this on a regular basis and people will end up with fines when they inadvertently miss the parking rules. It is just wrong to charge to access green open spaces directly. I for one will no longer use it if I have to pay.	Objection
<b>218</b>	We live in Ingatestone only five minutes' drive away from Hylands Park, closer than people who live in Chelmer Village. Charging for parking is such a shame but what is worse is that we are being penalised and have to pay a premium if we want a yearly pass as we are not in the Borough of Chelmsford City Council although we are right next to it (less than 500 yards from the boundary).	Objection
<b>219</b>	I think that there should be some charge for cars to park at Hylands. I think £5 is charged for parking on Maldon promenade so a £1 charge for a day for all at Hylands would be acceptable. £5 and £3 is far too much and will result in cars parking all over Writtle. £1 a day would bring in a sizeable revenue to offset the cost of the park which at half a million a year is considerable. I think the council needs to make it far clearer just how much the park costs and also that if there is no charge then our council tax will have to go up.	Objection
<b>220</b>	We use the park for our boy's brigade meetings, applying parking charges will make this impossible and we will have to find alternative locations. The park is also not within walking distance for the vast majority of residents, this means driving is the only option, it's therefore unfair to charge everyone to use the space.	Objection
<b>221</b>	As I understand the situation, Hylands was given to the people of Chelmsford to use freely. After the last 16 months of restrictions and privations that everyone has gone through, the ability to get out into an open space and enjoy nature is one of the few pleasures available to us. Putting a payment for parking is just another kick in the teeth. Just when, one would imagine, the Council would be encouraging people to get out into the open spaces, it decides in its infinite wisdom and with a breath-taking sense of timing to add another deterrent, irritant and additional tax. Brilliant! Chelmsford was awarded one of the largest grants ever awarded for any project in Essex, from the Heritage Lottery Fund for Hylands. Additionally, the Council receive considerable revenue from events hosted within the Park. Events which greatly benefit the local economy. Why add an additional burden on local taxpayers, who are	Objection

	already contributing to the upkeep of the house and grounds through their local taxes. I oppose the implementation of car parking charges at Hylands Park.	
<b>222</b>	There are so many people that use the park for just a couple of hours and having to pay £5 if live outside Chelmsford is ridiculous. I know I can't afford it and such a shame as love going there for a walk and using the cafe. Think a lot of people feel the same and will discontinue using so you will be worse off on the end. Need to rethink this urgently	Objection
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<b>224</b>	Brentwood Council should also be included in reduced fee format	Objection
<b>225</b>	The case for applying costs refers in several places to it being unfair that residents of Chelmsford should pay for access to Hylands, noting as Council Taxpayers we already contribute. Whilst I recognise that the Council has a shortfall and is quick to blame Covid-19 for this, how are the Council managing finances better given the incredible over-spend on the Riverside Leisure facility that cost millions of pounds more to taxpayers. The proposal to charge residents is disgraceful and is a brazen act from a Council that has not demonstrated ability to manage financial aspects. I will sadly refuse to visit Hylands during the charged hours as a result of this action by the Council.	Objection
<b>226</b>	I object to the set price of £5 a day. We walk our dogs regularly there and only spend at most 3 hrs in the park. I find it unaffordable to have to pay £5 for 3hrs and I'm afraid May have to find another place to work out dogs which would be a huge shame as we love Hylands. Please consider introducing hourly rates to for people like us who only visit for a few hours.	Objection

<b>227</b>	I don't object to parking charges per se but I do object to the cost. I live outside Chelmsford but walk my dog there each day so the cost would become prohibitive. Why doesn't the annual season ticket apply like it does for other parks like Thorndon, South Weald etc. where you don't have to be a resident?	Objection
<b>228</b>	Although we don't live in Chelmsford, but in Leaden Roding, we do visit Hylands Park weekly to walk and meet up with friends living in Chelmsford. Myself and my wife are both retired and our income is from the state pension, therefore the proposed £5 cost of parking at Hylands Park would not be affordable. Perhaps you might consider a more reasonable hourly rate as our visits, and those of many others, never extend to more than a couple of hours.	Objection
<b>229</b>	A £5 parking charge is ludicrous and will deter many people including myself from visiting Hylands Park and enjoying its beautiful surroundings. I understand Finances have been hit due to the pandemic but hitting the visitors in the pocket is highly unfair. Can the council not subsidise from the ever-increasing council tax the residents of Chelmsford are forced to pay? I think the businesses located at Hylands will suffer most from these parking charges, but by then it will be too late!	Objection
<b>230</b>	Whilst I understand the need to introduce parking charges, the amount of £5 is a large sum for families to find on a regular basis. Many mums visit Hylands after school on a regular basis, and I, like many others bring my grandchildren on occasions. Many will not be able to afford such a high charge. To go from free to £5 smacks of profiteering. You should be ashamed.	Objection
<b>231</b>	No other way to visit Hylands but by car as there are no foot paths and no public transport, therefore if I want to visit I will be forced to pay	Objection
<b>232</b>	Sorry - but what is 'the Cabinet'? I didn't realise Boris Johnson had got involved in this.	Objection
<b>233</b>	The cost of parking is exorbitant People will not be able to afford to pay £5.00 To park daily I sincerely hope it doesn't get passed through I will not be visiting the park anymore	Objection
<b>234</b>	Although I can understand possible reasons for introducing a charge, £5 is excessive for non-residents, and significantly out of line with other equivalent locations in the Essex area. As a non-resident who is a regular user of the park, this is very disappointing, and will discourage us from visiting.	Objection
<b>235</b>	I live in Witham and regularly visit the estate to walk my dogs. I don't mind paying to park as I understand the reasons behind the charges. However, I would like to see a season ticket being offered for everyone not just Chelmsford area residents, even if it was more expensive. It is a great resource	Objection

	but having to pay £5 every time I visit would definitely put me off. I feel that more money could be made this way.	
<b>236</b>	Too expensive to visit the grounds if only for an hour walk	Objection
<b>237</b>	Yet another obstacle to stop people enjoying green space. Not everyone has endless funds and paying £5 to walk around a park is not only greedy but also extremely expensive	Objection
<b>238</b>	I understand that parking charges may be a necessity but a flat rate of £5 is way over the top. Most people use the park for an hour or two so to have a daily rate penalises those visitors. A more reasonable hourly rate would be more acceptable.	Objection
<b>239</b>	I and a group of walking friends visit HP every Thursday to enjoy the open spaces and delightful surroundings. The dog gets exercise and we support the cafes by purchases. If a charge as exorbitant as £5 for a day for a non-Chelmsford resident (/which we are) is introduced we will not be coming back. We are all prepared to pay a charge for a couple of hours say £2 per vehicle but £5 for pensioners is unacceptable. We would also consider a non-resident season ticket if the price were reasonable. Additionally, will the council subsidise the inevitable lost revenue of the businesses at the Park?	Objection
<b>240</b>	Extortionate amount of money to charge when a lot of ladies like myself walk just for an hour in what we deem to be a safe and secure place to walk alone.	Objection
<b>241</b>	Hylands park provides space for people to improve their physical health and well-being, particularly over the past 18 months. The daily charge (rather than hourly) is disproportionate and will exclude many from using the park that is already funded by local council taxpayer's money. Whilst I understand the reasons for introducing charges I strongly feel a reasonable hourly fee should be charged.	Objection
<b>242</b>	Whilst I recognise that free parking is unrealistic, I and many others who might not be aware of this platform, and/or who feel that this form of objection will not be heeded, feel that a flat rate £5 is way too much. Hylands is a beautiful community venue serving many purposes in different ways in people's lives. This should be encouraged not profiteered from. We married there and walk our dogs there but no longer when the charges come in!	Objection
<b>243</b>	Too expensive. By all means charge but an hourly rate not a flat fee which will prevent many people using the park	Objection



<b>244</b>	Far too expensive, such a shame that lots of families and children who will suffer as they won't be able to afford this and will miss out on the beautiful grounds of Hylands/fresh air/exercise etc	Objection
<b>245</b>	This will disproportionately affect low-income families, who will find themselves unable to access the site. As someone who lives in neighbouring Brentwood and a single parent, I will have to cease visiting the park regularly and my child will miss out. This feels like a particularly cruel, revenue generating scheme.	Objection
<b>246</b>	Far too high charges proposed. Most people visit for an hour or so therefore the proposed charge is too high. Why not introduce a charge per hour. The cafe and shops will surely suffer if this is imposed	Objection
<b>247</b>	Highlands given to the people. Shouldn't have to pay. Marvellous resource for families etc and will inevitably reduce access to children and those taking exercise.	Objection
<b>248</b>	By charging one high flat rate you will be stopping people who just visit for an hour to walk the dog or to let the kids play in the playground for a little while. I think it would be fairer to offer a 1-hour rate and then an all-day rate of £5 so that you're not excluding those people.	Objection
<b>249</b>	It's too high. I love taking my grandchildren there but £5 is over the top charge	Objection
<b>250</b>	I struggle to under the high charge compared to other parks like Thorndon or South Weald in Brentwood which is £2.20 for an hour. I only come to Hylands to walk the dog and get a coffee, that will stop if I have to pay £5 ... how do you justify that price?	Objection
<b>251</b>	What an unfortunate decision to charge for parking in a public open space. For many it has been a lifeline during Covid social distancing rules, a pleasant, safe place to exercise. Town parking charges have obviously taken a hit at this time but to pass the charge onto a recreational outdoor place when many people are also strapped for cash is mean and short-sighted. No doubt the council receive revenue from the businesses at Hylands which will now suffer from this proposal and will no doubt close. A similar pattern that has affected high streets.	Objection
<b>252</b>	The proposed charges seem quite prohibitive. It's a green space which should be widely available to all. During Covid, parks have sometimes been the only place you can go to for fresh air. Those who lost their jobs wouldn't be able to afford to take their children to the park. I'm not against parking charges per se but feel £5, which for many would just be an hour, is extortionate. I don't know anyone that goes to the park for the whole day unless it's an event. Reasonable hourly parking would be much better. £1 an hour, or 2 hours £1.50. Most people I know are there for 2 hours at the most. The proposed parking	Objection

	charges risk alienating the community and after the last 18months, this isn't a good thing. Essex council is always trying to encourage healthy living and the importance of exercise and getting outdoors, but now you are penalising anyone who wants to use the park and therefore sending mixed messages.	
<b>253</b>	£5 per visit is ridiculous, this will no doubt stop people coming to Hylands, if this is what you're trying to do then it makes sense. Hylands is a great outside space I bring my children, walk the dog, I also got married at Hylands house, but having to pay £5 a time will most certainly change how often (if at all) I come.	Objection
<b>254</b>	£5 is an outrageous fee for parking. There has been no charge before so this is an enormous amount to initially start charging if it is considered no longer viable to have free parking. A new fee should be less than this exorbitant amount. It is much too much to pay if you only want to be there for an hour or two. People won't be able to afford it & therefore be deprived of enjoying such a wonderful park.	Objection
<b>255</b>	At a time when the importance of regular exercise and a good diet are being recognised in maintaining good health, especially in the more deprived sections of our society it seems a backward step that a local authority would introduce such a monumental parking charge for users of Hylands Park. Surely a smaller charge for shorter periods would encourage greater access to the park and help more people achieve their exercise goals.	Objection
<b>256</b>	I understand the need to raise funds but £5 fir me to park is extortionately. I rarely stay for more than 2 hours so I would agree to a rate of £1 for the first hour rising to £5 for a full day of over 5 hours.	Objection
<b>257</b>	£5 to park is extortionate so please charge per hour with £5 for over 5 hours	Objection
<b>258</b>	I live in Brentwood and pop over some weekends with my children and to walk my dog. We only stay for about 1 hour so the proposed £5 daily rate is not appropriate for me. I already have a season ticket that covers Thorndon and Weald park as well as a few others so I sadly won't be visiting Hylands park as often as I do now should the daily charge be introduced. I understand that the upkeep of the park is costly and I wouldn't object to paying say £2 for a shorter stay (similar to Thorndon and Weald). I would also consider an annual ticket but with the current proposals I'm not eligible.	Objection
<b>259</b>	Very expensive. Most people only visit for a short time and as a non-resident £5 seems extortionate. I would go somewhere else. Parks and open spaces are important for people's mental and general health and visits should be encouraged not prohibited by high parking fees. I can understand that parks need to be maintained but these costs are too high and everyone pays their rates.	Objection

<b>260</b>	The proposed parking charge is exorbitant, especially for non-Chelmsford residents. Hylands Park is nice for a short walk but having already an annual pass for Essex country parks will not be willing to pay to go to Hylands park in the future. Parking used to be free in Lea Valley and the car parks were always full. The car parks are now nearly always empty and that's with a charge much lower than proposed at Hylands. All the machines were initially vandalised. I doubt that the cost of setting up the machines, cameras etc has yet been recouped. The cafes will lose business which could impact your revenue as well in the future. If they have to close then people will have to even less willing to go to Hylands. If you have based your projections on current levels of parking, you need to think again. A moderate charge would be acceptable to most people but not what is proposed.	Objection
<b>261</b>	Appreciate the need for a charge fee but what is being proposed is excessive Those who wish to go for walk or have a coffee should not, and I suspect will not, want to pay the proposed fees so visitor numbers will be down. One pound for the first hour would seem appropriate I, for one will not be going	Objection
<b>262</b>	The park should remain a free parking zone so that everybody can enjoy it.	Objection
<b>263</b>	The pricing level you have set is excessive, the park should be enjoyed by all & the predominant amount of people who use the facility have to access it by car, I would accept parking charges but at a more reasonable cost, for example £1 for 1 <sup>st</sup> hour then increments of 50p per hour thereafter.	Objection
<b>264</b>	I am not a resident of Chelmsford but I find these charges to be disgusting. How you can justify charging £5 for parking, regardless of how long someone is visiting your park, and whether it's a peak day is beyond me. I absolutely adore this park and understand perhaps if you do need to charge for parking but to jump from £0 to £5 is ludicrous. Furthermore, i look forward to events such as the winter lights show, but if i had to pay £5 on top of the ticket prices this would 100% deter me. I hope you reconsider these astronomical parking charges so more people can enjoy your park.	Objection
<b>265</b>	Whilst I don't mind paying to park an hourly rate would be fairer. To have to pay £5 each visit regardless of time spent there is too expensive	Objection
<b>266</b>	£5 to park to walk dog is extortionate	Objection
<b>267</b>	The proposed fee from nothing to £5 is extortionate. Shame on you.	Objection
<b>268</b>	My family and I regularly visit, as do some of our neighbours and friends. Our local parks are pretty, but there's been a number of incidents of knife crime etc which has deterred us from going. During this last year, Hylands has been an absolute sanctuary for us. I had an accident and was at home for eight	Objection

	months, unable to drive or travel. My physical and mental health has really suffered. My elderly mother who is a wheelchair user was, like so many, self-isolating. We need access to green open space, to listen to the birds, and see uncluttered sky. This is after all what the government advised us all, getting fresh air, exercise and being surrounded by nature. Charging us all for the privilege feels very cruel. We pay tax, and those local people also pay council tax to Chelmsford. My mother has a blue badge, but because we are not local we will have to pay, even though there is no other way to get her there except by car. In fact, it's the only way any of my family travel to Hylands Park. This just feels like a cruel way of generating income, especially as it's going to be £5 to park, regardless of the fact that we are sometimes only there 2 hours.	
<b>269</b>	It is tragic that car parking charges are to be introduced to access this beautiful park which will prevent the public using it as frequently as they would wish. The proposed cost of £5 is exorbitant and downright greedy. Funds may be needed but times are hard.	Objection
<b>270</b>	Ridiculously high charge (£5 for non-residents), particularly if you only occasionally walk your dog there., as I do. Am already paying for petrol to get there from Shenfield, so now totally out of my orbit (I am a pensioner).	Objection
<b>271</b>	Think it will prohibit many visitors (particularly when people are already suffering huge financial strain) at a time when outdoor healthy activities should be prioritised and encouraged. Hylands should stay a free attraction, locally we already pay high council taxes and should remain reflected in our great available facilities.	Objection
<b>272</b>	For a lot of people it's their only pleasure to sit on a bench and watch the world go by, to make new friends, to give the odd dog a stroke when they would like a dog of their own but their circumstances stop them having one, to be part of this crazy world, and they won't be allowed because they won't be able to afford it, let's take a normal carer earns £8.50 an hour and you want to take £5.00 of that for parking, she may only have 4 1/2 hr calls a day still has electricity, gas and other bills, have a rethink for goodness sake, charge for parking up by the house, not down by the fort.	Objection
<b>273</b>	This one-off daily rate of £5 is very inflexible and too costly for people who visit for an hour or two. There should be hourly rates leading up to a daily tariff. E.g., 1-2 hours, 2-4, then an all-day tariff. My 94year old war veteran father who does not qualify for a blue badge likes to come here approximately once a week, weather permitting so mainly in the summer, to sit in the flower garden as it brings back memories of time spent with his late wife. He won't be able to spend £5 a week and it is totally unjust for an hour visit, especially for a pensioner. I cannot afford this either. Please do the right thing. Reconsider	Objection

	your charge and keep people out in the fresh air of the countryside and keep people active, rather than make this beautiful place out of reach for so many. Thank you.	
<b>274</b>	As an ESSEX resident I would strongly object to having to pay £5 to park at Hylands Estate.	Objection
<b>275</b>	The proposal for a single daily rate is flawed, particularly for visitors that are not Chelmsford residents. 8% of respondents in the survey indicated that they visited for less than one hour and 63.5% indicated that they visited for between 1 – 2 hours. Therefore over 70% of people visited for less than 2 hours. This includes non-Chelmsford visitors. The flat rate of £5 will lead to a large reduction of visitors within this category. No analysis seems to have been done regarding the impact this will have on the current businesses. Does the council really think it is fair for visitors to pay £5 if they are coming to donate books to the bookshop or visit the farmers market for instance? Maybe there is a desire to reduce visitor numbers? If this is the case, then this is the way to do it. Otherwise, I suggest that the Council reconsiders the charging structure – no other park (e.g., Thorndon, South Weald) uses such a system.	Objection
<b>276</b>	1) There's no allowance for those who wish to spend a limited time, say 30-40 mins to walk their dogs. £5 is too much on a daily basis. 2) There's no mention of discounts for people over 60 years for the annual permits 3) Use of the park will drop off drastically 4) Consequently all the traders in The Stables, including the Stables Cafe and Mauro's will lose daily trade and could therefore become unviable. 5) As a visitor to Hylands I'm prepared to pay a reasonable fee for parking which is graduated depending on the time I intend to stay but a blanket £5 would rule me out of visiting. 6) This is a popular destination for families. Paying £5 for a whole day out in the summer holidays sounds reasonable but £5 every time would be prohibitive for young families, especially if they just want to come for a 2-hour picnic. You will kill off Hylands as a destination and meeting point for locals and outsiders if you charge £5 every time. It's exorbitant.	Objection
<b>277</b>	I accept that free parking at Hylands is not feasible and I am very happy to pay for parking on a sliding scale but I consider £5 for non-residents to be far too expensive if visiting this wonderful park for a walk or a visit to the cafe. This cost will deter people from visiting and the income from the cafe etc will be greatly reduced. The council should be encouraging people to use this great facility for healthy exercise and enjoyment not discouraging them to visit by charging exorbitant rates. I beg Chelmsford council to reconsider their policy for Hylands Park car parking.	Objection
<b>278</b>	I am writing to object to the proposed parking charges for Hylands Park.	Objection

	<p>Hylands Park is an integral part of Chelmsford and is at the heart of the Chelmsford community. It provides a large, safe, traffic free, open space to balance the ever-growing city centre, and is accessible to all walks of life. By introducing the parking charges from your proposal, you are making the space more exclusive and will be ruining a place that means so much to so many in the community.</p> <p>By introducing charges, you are immediately removing access to the park to low-income residents, who will not be able to afford to pay the steep charge of £3-5 a day or the annual “season ticket”. Families who have relied on taking their children and dogs to a safe, spacious green park, will now have to look elsewhere or go without in order to cover the payments. There is nowhere in the Chelmsford area that provides a safe and serene environment comparable to Hylands, and it saddens me that there will be many children who will be affected by the charges.</p> <p>For many years Hylands has been a top location for Brownies, Scouts, Mother and Baby groups, and other community groups to gather, socialise and learn. Again, the parking fines will ostracise those who cannot pay to park.</p> <p>Continuing to offer free parking will mean residents are able to exercise in the fresh air without concerns about monetary charges, and city traffic. So many rely on Hylands for a place to exercise, have fresh air, and relax, which contributes to a healthy lifestyle promoted by the government in order to combat rising obesity and mental health issues.</p> <p>Hylands has been enjoyed not only by the young, but the retired, elderly, and disabled. These are often the ones who would more often than not spend money in the cafe, whilst enjoying the quiet, access friendly park, yet you will be penalising them by charging them to park whilst they are there.</p> <p>Not only will the parking fines drive people away from visiting Hylands, but it will cause problems for local areas, as people will look to park nearby to avoid paying the parking fines, so will park in neighbouring villages and laybys. This will cause traffic and congestion issues for those local residents.</p> <p>Please do not penalise the wonderful community who value Hylands so much by introducing these parking charges. I hope it remains a free, welcoming space to be enjoyed by all generations and the future generations to come.</p>	
<b>279</b>	I visit maybe 2 times a month. Proposed parking rate is too much for me for maybe an hour’s visit each time. It’s just greedy. I’ll be going else where	Objection

<b>280</b>	£3 is a bad enough charge, £5 is way over the top. We already pay for services via council tax, an additional £5 charge will simply stop me using the park. Fees to use parks should be no more than £1, £2 at the very most. If £5 is introduced I (and I hope others) will stop using Hylands and its cafe etc. Or is that what you really want I wonder?	Objection
<b>281</b>	I feel £5 for non-locals is very unfair. I come from Brentwood with both my children. We always buy an ice cream and coffee at the cafe and then have a picnic and scoot or run around. It's so lovely to be able to just pop there for an hour. If I've got to spend £5 regardless of how long we stay, I would not be able to afford to come often at all. I think there would be a huge decline in dog walkers and groups of mums/parents in particular who like to meet here and again always support the cafe. If non-locals could pay £3 I think that is more reasonable or do hourly like most places as we usually won't spend a day there. Free is even better though or a donation link like Thames Chase does. I can say this on behalf of A LOT of parents who take their children here. Would be such a shame if this went ahead.	Objection
<b>282</b>	There should be an hourly rate. To walk a dog for an hour £5 is extortionate. My family will stay away unless a fair hourly charge is introduced. Such a shame that reasonable rates are not proposed.	Objection
<b>283</b>	I think £5 to park is outrageous, I often take my daughter there for an hour or so walk and an ice cream. Going to make it a very expensive ice cream. Could hourly parking fees not be considered?	Objection
<b>284</b>	£5. Is far too much to pay when you just want to walk your dog for an hour. I understand upkeep if this beautiful area is expensive and I would be happy to pay £1 for an hour. After lockdown this is a great place for children/adults to let of steam clear their heads. Low-income families will be penalised once again. As I live in Essex and this is controlled by ECC am I not classed as a local resident. You will be making this a park for the rich and clogging up all the parking on the outside road as people will not want to pay and will park where they can	Objection
<b>285</b>	Outrageous cost. Who would go for an hour walk with or without a dog for £5!!! Or to take children to the park for an hour or so. We won't be going if that comes in. Accept fees may be required but not that much	Objection
<b>286</b>	we are using this park for kids' entertainments, so it should be free parking.	Objection
<b>287</b>	You've just made going to the park very expensive for my kids and I. Happy to pay a sensible price per hour as only really there for a 1-2hrs but otherwise we'll find another park to visit.	Objection

288	<p>We wish to strongly object to the above proposal. We are both in our senior years and live in Chelmsford, however that does not mean that the reduced charge sits easily with us for the following reasons: -</p> <p>As pensioners we already pay for essential living costs that increase every year. Our Public Parks are one of the enjoyable pastimes that we use to keep us fit, both physically and mentally.</p> <p>We are lucky enough to have grandchildren who sometimes join us to use the facilities and woodland, again keeping them occupied and healthy.</p> <p>Our grandchildren love taking part in many sports at school and out of school clubs, e.g., annual cross-country events against other schools.</p> <p>How do you expect ordinary people like us, who may use the park many times during the week, to possibly be able to afford £5 or even £3 every time we go to the park?</p> <p>Also, when the school cross country events take place does that mean all family spectators within the Chelmsford area or outside the Chelmsford area will be expected to pay for just 1 hour, or even attend just to collect their children at the end of the event, or indeed any events?</p> <p>Public Parks are what they say they are so to make any charge for use we believe is not justified.</p>	Objection
289	<p>I do not use the park all day, to start charging £5 is very unreasonable, at least offer people the chance to pay per hour that they use the grounds / children's playground. If this comes into effect I will not be visiting highlands park, king George park in Brentwood has excellent facilities, much of a muchness for me. Chelmsford council, think twice!</p>	Objection
290	<p>Support – but with questions. WHERE? Is the money raised going? Is it towards cleaning up the park? Where is it going? WHY? The very ugly and obtrusive CCTV poles? IS this how any contraventions will be monitored. WHY? Not a barrier system? How is this going to stop the travellers getting in? All staff and Police are afraid to tackle any issues arising from the travellers when they camp out at Hylands. CONFUSED? Over the annual pass (which as a Chelmsford resident and twice-weekly user as a dog-walker of our two dogs) which covers you Mon-Fri but not weekends?</p>	Support
291	<p>Once again the motorist is seen as a cash cow. We used to pop into the cafe for a coffee and snack. We would only be there a short while. Put a £5 charge on that and it's not going to happen. Simple.</p>	Objection



<b>292</b>	After the parking was free I think 5 pound is far too much. You will find that people either won't use the facility or will park on roads close as possible causing problems such as what happens at South Weald.	Objection
<b>293</b>	This has always been a wonderful amenity for people, enabling everyone to enjoy the outdoors in a safe environment. The proposed charges are short sighted and will be detrimental to people's health and wellbeing. Resulting in more pressure in other facilities. More appropriate methods of financing are surely available to a forward-thinking council.	Objection
<b>294</b>	I often visit the Hylands estate for a walk with friends. We usually stay for about 2 hours and then leave. A £5.00 charge equates to £2.50 an hour. Surely you could have lesser charges for shorter stays with £5 for those staying longer than 4 hours. These high parking charges will impact on the small businesses that operate there. You need to rethink this.	Objection
<b>295</b>	As a Chelmsford CM1 resident, I already help to support Hyland's. I believe Chelmsford residents should not have to pay a fee at all.	Objection
<b>296</b>	It is discriminatory to non-Chelmsford residents. Chelmsford residents pay on average £143 towards parks and cemeteries i.e., 7.7% of their council tax bill taken from published budget figures and band D properties within Margaretting, my neighbouring village. They can then get a permit for £60 for 5 days a week. A non-Chelmsford resident must pay 5x£5x52 weeks = £1300 for the same access, this is a 640% surcharge. As an Ingatestone resident I am not considered local but visit the park most weekdays for around an hour, I won't be able to afford too anymore. Brentwood parks are not that local to me but a permit can be purchased for £75 incl. 7 parks for ALL USERS regardless of who they pay council tax to and yet I have already paid a contribution to them through council tax – that's a fact of council tax throughout the country but the parking charges are not then this discriminatory to outside regular users. Hylands is my local large park and I have lived in CM4 9EQ for 20 years, the first road not in Chelmsford! I suffer from depression and this issue has made me ill.	Objection
<b>297</b>	Far Too expensive – why?	Objection
<b>298</b>	Charges are too much....you are penalising pleasure to subsidise your budget.	Objection
<b>299</b>	It is nothing short of profiteering, although we are only 10 drive from Hylands we will certainly not visit the park in future.	Objection

<b>300</b>	Another regressive, stealth tax which will prove detrimental to the health and wellbeing of many. The proposed fees are excessive in a time of unemployment, inflation and covid. Councils should be encouraging people to use outdoor spaces not charge them	Objection
<b>301</b>	Whilst I understand that you may no longer be able to offer free parking, I find the £5 charge for “non-Chelmsford residents” outright extortion. I have three children and a dog and often want a quick walk that’s not down my own road. I no longer go to Weald or Thorndon park due to the parking charges. I receive no benefits from the government, I am married and we both work to pay our bills, but we don’t have “spare” money, we try to live frugally. I would no longer be able to afford to visit Highlands...but maybe that is what you’re wanting??	Objection
<b>302</b>	I refuse to be robbed blind to go for an hour’s dog walk, if the charge I’d implemented I will no longer go there and already know a large amount of people who won’t either	Objection
<b>303</b>	Support charging but think you should offer different charging rates depending on how long you stay at park £5 is too much for say an hour stay. Also, it isn’t clear what happens when there are events such as craft fairs, shows. Will we have to pay £5 to park on top of charge for entry to show. This would definitely make me think twice whether to attend or not.	Objection
<b>304</b>	I have used Hylands Park for more than 10 years to walk my dogs. I never stay more than 1 – 2 hours and would happily pay £1-2 but £5 is too much. I would also have purchased a season ticket but as a Brentwood resident am not able to and I find this most unfair.	Objection
<b>305</b>	£5 parking charge for those of us living just beyond Chelmsford boundary is excessive. This is a disincentive for taking safe exercise within the park and to those bringing children to play.	Objection
<b>306</b>	As a non-Chelmsford resident £5 is exorbitant for an hours walk. For us as RHS members it will be far cheaper to go to Hyde Hall. We always use the cafe at Hylands – they will lose so much custom. Happy to pay for parking – but £5 is way too much	Objection
<b>307</b>	I’m in Ingatestone and we love to visit Hylands Park, but we usually stay for less than an hour. £5 for less than an hour is too much and will stop us from visiting. I’m happy to pay, but it has to be reasonable.	Objection
<b>308</b>	Disgraceful behaviour council taxes are already far too expensive.	Objection

<b>309</b>	I understand the need to charge for parking at such places as Hylands Park and I have no objection to paying something towards its upkeep. It is a lovely park and has had a lot of money spent on it since I first used to go there many, many years ago. My objections are, however: 1. There should be an hourly rate. How about £1.50 for an hour, £2.50 for 2 hours and £3 for everything over 3 hours. 2. Season tickets should be available to non-residents of Chelmsford (I live in Mountnessing) and should cover visiting at the weekends as well as on weekdays. Personally, I don't visit at the weekends because it tends to get too busy, but the season tickets should be for the season – not for the season, less the weekends. I'd be happy to pay more for a season ticket than someone resident in Chelmsford, as the residents of Chelmsford own the estate, but I think I should be able to get one. £60 to £80 would seem to be about the right charge range. Before you implement the new charges, please do reconsider the rules around their imposition. If I am going to be required to pay £5 per visit, I will no longer visit. I believe it is too much.	Objection
<b>310</b>	Please just stop teasing us to death I can't afford it. Get real and allow people some freedoms. Stop it now!	Objection
<b>311</b>	I come here a couple of times a week to meet my daughter who lives in Writtle and go for a walk. I think the proposed cost is extortionate	Objection
<b>312</b>	too expensive. Also, as a Brentwood resident I already pay a hefty council tax to Essex. Why should Chelmsford residents be given preferential treatment? If this charge goes ahead I will never visit Hylands House again.. Is this what you want – to deter use of the park.	Objection
<b>313</b>	We have lived in Billericay, outside Chelmsford for over 40 years and have been going to Hylands with our children and subsequently grandchildren during that time. To charge £5 for each visit is just over the top! We sometimes visit three times a week, I can't see us paying £15 for the privilege! Surely you could charge by the hour, most people only stay approximately two hours, certainly not for a whole day! It will likely mean that we stop visiting all together, which after all these years is a great shame! Mrs Hanbury left Hylands for the enjoyment of everyone in the borough, you should not be charging such an exorbitant parking fee!	Objection
<b>314</b>	Highlands Park is a lifeline for parents with young families on small incomes and people of all generations to meet up with friends and dog walk with likeminded folk. We are constantly told to get out in the open air and walk it is good for our mental health and wellbeing. Nobody should be changed at an	Objection

	extortionate rate to park their vehicle to go for a walk! Paying these parking fee on a daily basis is disgusting and whoever made this decision should be ashamed of themselves.	
<b>315</b>	I think the charge of £5 or £3 is extortionate. Most people probably visit the park for short periods, i.e., under 2 hours and the use of flat rate fees are being unfairly penalised. The introduction of parking fees will inevitably cause traffic/parking issues in Writtle village as motorists will try to circumvent the charges. The park is a fantastic area for families to get fresh air and exercise, which aid health and well-being. It is hard to access the area via public transport and will prevent families from using the Hylands Estate on a regular basis, I understand that permits will be available to be purchased but it sounds complicated.	Objection
<b>316</b>	£5 parking fee is a very high fee compared with other similar local sites. This is simply too expensive, especially given the majority of visitors are families and are looking for a wholesome day out without expense. This fee will simply deter people from visiting. If fees need to be introduced then a flat £2 fee would avoid these issues.	Objection
<b>317</b>	<p>Please find my objections below:</p> <p>The charges will have a direct and negative impact on the village of Writtle in particular the residents and users of paradise road and the very popular facilities at the end of the road. As a volunteer user, this would impact on our ability to run activities for hundreds of people who have used these facilities for many years and nothing has been forthcoming to mitigate, that will result in an unprecedented, huge impact in any way.</p> <p>The location of the park is by its distance from the majority of the city's residents in been fairly remote for getting to the Park is therefore mostly only accessible by motor vehicles. There is no real safe access other than via Writtle due to the surrounding fast and dangerous roads that could even facilitate alternative and sustainable methods to access the park. No mitigation to aid safe alternative access by other means or route has been adopted in the plans. This would put additional strain on Writtle and has not been addressed.</p> <p>The council seem to be penalising trades people who drive vans for a living again from parking up to use a toilet (this is the only type of facility that we can rely on) or have lunch as you have prohibited them from using the car Park. Note that its highly unlikely you read the small print of the parking order anyway! Vans typically are 3.5 -4.25 tons and taller and wider than stated. This also excludes minibuses</p>	Objection

	as well. Presumably these vehicles (as used by the council as well) presumably they will not be able to service and maintain the park as well?  I do hope that when all comments are read from all resp	
<b>318</b>	The park should be free for local residents only. There are local people which include the elderly who visit the park daily for various reasons ranging from mental health to dog walking. For some this is the only form of social life and/or exercise who would not be able to afford the daily charge.	Objection
<b>319</b>	I am a nearby Brentwood resident who, having grown up in Chelmsford, regularly walks my dog there. She is blind and knows her way around the park off lead. We only stay for an hour or less. The parking charge of £5 day rather than an incremental hourly rate will prevent us from walking in Hylands altogether. Absolutely appalling!	Objection
<b>320</b>	Too expensive and surely it's illegal to bully people like this when walking is one of the few activities we can do right now	Objection
<b>321</b>	Outrageous charge for 1/2-hour visits. Charge should be made on hourly basis and no distinction should be made between Chelmsford residents/non-residents. Will totally discourage visitors and damage existing businesses rather than helping them to thrive. Completely short sighted and greedy proposal. Hope this scheme makes national news and gets slated for it.	Objection
<b>322</b>	The cost is too high. Many people go to highlands for an hour walk, £5 regardless of length of stay is far too high.	Objection
<b>323</b>	The proposed charge is extortion. The public should be encouraged to exercise not used as cash cows to use a public park which has already been paid for as part of the Council Tax.	Objection Same person
<b>324</b>	I will not be paying again to use a public park. I have already paid as a % of the Council Tax.	
<b>325</b>	The estate was left to/for the people and provides a wonderful opportunity for simple exercise, pleasure, and fresh air. All even more important in COVID days.	Objection
<b>326</b>	Charging for parking would discourage the use of the park for less privileged. Open spaces especially during covid is a valuable necessity.	Objection
<b>327</b>	£5 is extortionate I love visiting but stay there between 1-2 hours at the most for either a little walk, a visit to the cafe or the play area. It is not somewhere most visitors go all day. £5 for this time period is	Objection

	too much and it will certainly put me off visiting when this goes live. If it was £1 per hour I would be happy to pay.	
<b>328</b>	Expensive fees if only visiting for a short period of time. Unfair to offer discounted rate to Chelmsford residents. None of the parks in Brentwood / South Weald penalize non-Brentwood residents with higher parking charges.	Objection
<b>329</b>	Parks are for people to enjoy, recharge and relax not to get ripped off by paying so much money for parking. Introduce more events in the estate for people to get revenue from.	Objection
<b>330</b>	I certainly will not bother to walk over Hylands Park with a £5 a day charge, shame but they're plenty of lovely places to walk without having to pay for parking on top. This is such a shame for the businesses there as I'm sure they will suffer with people having to pay for parking they will probably end up bringing their own lunch instead of buying from the cafés.	Objection
<b>331</b>	I accept there will be parking charges, been expecting it for years but I object to the annual pass only being for weekdays, these days due to work commitments I only get to walk my dog at Hylands on Saturday and Sunday's. I refuse to pay £6 a week for 2 hours walk (an hour each day) as will many of my doggy walking friends or maybe that's the idea you don't want us walking over there anymore, such a shame as I have enjoyed walking the estate for the last 40 plus years, long before the council started investing in it (not all for the good).	Objection
<b>332</b>	£5 per day for non-residents? That's extortionate!!! We have been going there for years although living in Brentwood with lots of parks around us we've always chosen to go to Hylands. Yes extra time and money for petrol to get there but we will definitely not pay an additional £5 for parking as well for an hour plus visit! We also do the Essex Sausage Dog walk there on Sunday mornings and the organisers are already looking for another venue due to your greedy daily parking fee. People come from all over Essex to join the walk but will now go elsewhere with cheaper parking fees	Objection
<b>333</b>	The ability to visit a site of beauty without car parking charges is so rare that it should remain like this as it will encourage people to visit and maybe consider a £1 charge or volunteer charge rather than a high price of £5 which will massively affect those who do not earn much or are not working.	Objection
<b>334</b>	Charging for parking will stop people using the space, we need this to be accessible to all, all the time. At a time when exercise, mental health is being promoted this is cruel to bring in charges	Objection
<b>335</b>	I am appalled by the charges proposed. Whilst I understand a charge will generate income to maintain Hylands, I think £5 is extortionate. I walk my dog on an adhoc bases, so the £60 option isn't a viable	Objection

	one. It is my opinion that, such a charge, will affect all those families, I see during my walks, enjoying Hylands and creating memories. I think a £2 & £3 for the day and in the long term, probably generate more revenue.	
<b>336</b>	Paying £5 to park for, say, an hour's parking is extortion! Why is it I could park in the centre of Chelmsford for far less. Hylands is out of town and basically only accessible by car, whereas the town centre is accessible by bus or train. It should therefore be less expensive to park there if people are to be encouraged to use it.	Objection
<b>337</b>	I have been coming to Hylands for 40 years, from Doddinghurst, with children and now with a group of walkers. We think Hylands is a beautiful place and appreciate the need to raise money to maintain it, but £5 is a lot of money to some; especially as it is so near to us. Surely £3 would be a fairer price and much more acceptable.	Objection
<b>338</b>	I lived in Chelmsford for some years and still attend Chelmsford Hockey club and have for over 50 years. I use Hylands fairly regularly as it is along the A414 from Stondon where I live. £5 is too much for a 1 hour or 90-minute stop. At least make a season ticket available for non-residents otherwise I will not use Hylands Park, which may be what is the intention	Objection
<b>339</b>	Although I support charging customers a small fee for the car park, £ 5 is however extortionate if you only go for a couple of hours walk! I will not be returning to Highland's Park if these kinds of fees are imposed. I used to think the Brentwood parks were expensive (Thorndon & South Wield Parks) but they are far closer for me and seem very cheap now by comparison! Why not install paying machines payable by the hour rather than a greedy £ 5!	Objection
<b>340</b>	Charge is excessive,, and I feel counter-productive. £5 per day almost designed to say "We don't want you if you don't live in Chelmsford". An hourly, or £2 half-day charge more friendly, then perhaps Max £4 for all-day for non-residents.	Objection
<b>341</b>	I understand you need to charge parking fees but I feel £5 is too much.	Objection
<b>342</b>	I enjoy using Hylands Park occasionally to walk my dog in the morning and a buy a snack at the café. Typically, I would be in the park for 60 – 90 minutes. I have no means to reach the park other than by car. The proposed flat rate charge of £5 is unreasonable. Perhaps a sliding scale depending on length of visit and an option to redeem the parking fee against purchases made within the park would be fairer? It would be a shame to put this beautiful park out of reach of so many who currently enjoy it.	Objection

<b>343</b>	I live 5 minutes' drive away in Hutton. I strongly disagree with bringing in any charges to use the public space. I visit Hylands park for half an hour to an hour usually. It would put me off visiting. People are meant to be encouraged to remain healthy both physically and mentally. This will most definitely not help.	Objection
<b>344</b>	I would prefer this park to remain the beautiful free to visit open space that is so rare in this era of money making and grabbing. If there has to be fees it should be incorporated in the scheme run by Essex Council which means a season ticket covers many parks in the county... Thorndon, Weald, Belhus, Danbury, Culmore Grove etc NOT just Hylands. If this is not feasible and I can't see why it shouldn't be then an annual season ticket should be for ANYBODY in Essex and be for ANY time, weekday, or weekend.! A resident of Chelmsford who buys a season ticket and walk their dogs' weekdays and weekends will have to find £360 a year which is pure greed and quite frankly shocking. Please reconsider this awful decision..... young families, pensioners, everybody will suffer.	Objection
<b>345</b>	Hylands has excluded dog walkers, even though they are regular users, from the stable yard. This is a ban that exists, no matter how well behaved the dogs are. Dog walkers are accommodated in the darker & damper, rear garden. Now dog walkers are to be charged parking & at a flat rate of £5! Dog walkers, including us, often go, walk the dogs & leave. Before, we used to eat in the stable yard & visit the shops. Very often we are not going to spend the day there.	Objection
<b>346</b>	Cycling links to Hylands are still terrible and I have seen no indication that you want to improve them.	Objection
<b>347</b>	I often visit Hylands for a walk and a cup of tea or coffee. I usually stay 1 to 2 hours. To charge £5 will mean I stop these visits as it is a ridiculous amount for a short visit. If pay machines are being installed I can see no reason why they cannot be programmed to charge different amounts for different stay times. I think it would be reasonable to charge £2 for 0-2 hours £3.50 for 2-3 hours and £5 for more than 3 hours	Objection
<b>348</b>	£5 is extortionate, I don't mind paying £2 all day but £5 seems a lot, we would never pay to go to another park that has a lot more for the kids but we go and support the cafe in buying food and drinks and then with the parking on top it's too much.	Objection
<b>349</b>	I find the cost of £3 for locals or £5 a day to be an excessive proposed charge. In fact I feel it's purely greed at that price, £1 per car when easily way over 100 cars enter the park daily would provide income to support the parkland, but not to the detriment of a number of people who could not afford to visit. Where so many cities are encouraging people to go out and use green spaces, Chelmsford thinks it's a good time to enforce a charge to use green spaces, so how long will it be before every green space within the city is being charged to park & use? After a year (+) when spending time in such green spaces was the only kind of normality for so many, and also changed many people's lifestyles to include	Objection



	more time enjoying parks and green spaces like Hylands do you really feel that it is right to now introduce paying for the use? Does no one think or worry about some of the effects of this could be? Parking on roadsides in Writtle & Widford to avoid parking charges? Overuse of much smaller free green space areas in the city? The health detriment to many who use Hylands to exercise & for keeping their mental health in check? I know I for one could not afford to visit Hylands anymore with these costs in place, I usually would visit the park for a long daily walk to help my mental & physical health at least a couple of times a week, but where I may afford a visit here or there by sacrificing a meal (the same cost for me) I would never be able to afford a hefty one lump sum for an annual ticket. Thankfully there still are many places across Essex that are free of charge but it seems such a shame that the park that's just around the corner (2min drive from near Tesco's) will be in accessible for me.	
<b>350</b>	Happy to pay something to visit this beautiful park, but £5 to take my son to adventure playground for an hour is unreasonable. People should have the option of say 1-2 hours at half that amount. Other parks such as south Weald offer this option	Objection
<b>351</b>	I have been a visitor to Hylands over the years and enjoyed visiting the cafe and bookshop sometimes alone or with friends. However, I will no longer do so once the parking fee as proposed is introduced. I feel as a non-resident the £5 fee I will be expected to pay is extortionate. I would have no problem with paying a parking fee if given a cheaper option of staggered periods (1 hour or 2 hours etc) with charges to reflect this and I could then carry on enjoying the facilities on offer, but otherwise I will be having my coffee or lunch, meeting friends and browsing in a bookshop in less enjoyable surroundings.. Surely this decision have also have knock on effect for the cafe and bookshop which I was looking forward to reopening	Objection
<b>352</b>	I think that the council should be encouraging residents to use outdoor spaces for exercise and socialising in the context of the pandemic. This is a deterrent not an incentive.	Objection
<b>353</b>	I walk my dog for 45 mins every day, how on earth do you think £5 for parking is reasonable for that amount of time! So greedy!!!!!!	Objection
<b>354</b>	"Covid-19 has created a large shortfall to the City Council's finances, much of which will be permanent". The real truth for the charge.	Objection
<b>355</b>	This is a very mean thing to do at a time when people recovering from covid need fresh air and exercise. There is no reduction in cost for OAPs and I thought that the house and grounds were left to the people of Chelmsford and surrounding areas not for the council to generate money from.	Objection

<b>356</b>	I am not totally against the proposal. What I do object to is why it appears there is no option for a season ticket for people from out of the area? Surely revenue is revenue regardless of what area it comes from. We come to Hylands every weekend to walk our dog and spend money in the cafe as well every time. It feels like discrimination. No other park operates like this.	Objection
<b>357</b>	Why can't you provide hourly rates like most other country parks do? Surely in the winter months it shouldn't be a daily cost or should be less. As for all Chelmsford residents it should be for at all times as we already contribute via council tax, will our council tax be reduced then (no). Visited today and I see you have already started installing anpr cameras and places for machines. So, this isn't going to make any difference so why bother with this date. We will just start going to other parks more if have to pay and spend money on-site there instead (meaning your losing). I also assume if going to toddler groups on site have to pay parking as well, which makes them too expensive and will go elsewhere.	Objection
<b>358</b>	Your notices do not, as far as I can see, mention free parking for holders of disabled badges, which were in the original proposals. I am sure the residents of Paradise Road, and the regular users of the Parish Council car park will not thank you when these spaces fill up once the word gets around the social media that charges can be avoided here.	Objection
<b>359</b>	<p>I object to the scale of the charges being applied to those not living with the Chelmsford City Council area. The decision to charge non-residents more is discriminatory and divisive and against the views expressed in response to the consultation. The argument that Chelmsford residents are already subsidising Hylands Park while others don't is divisive. Should other local authorities now charge Chelmsford residents for coming to their own parks or more for using the public toilets? Council taxpayers contribute to publicly available facilities for everyone.</p> <p>As stated in my response to the consultation on Hylands Park, I do not object to a charge if the Council finds it is necessary to protect the future of the park. Living in Ingatestone I am nearer to Hylands than any other similar facility and probably nearer many Chelmsford residents. £5 is a disproportionate charge for the majority spending 1-2 hours there.</p> <p>Unless the charge is reduced to £2-3 for all, I shall not return and neither will many others with a negative impact on the small business in the stables yard.</p>	Objection
<b>360</b>	£5 far too expensive. Should be £1 Per hour to maximum of £5 for the day. Happy to pay that	Objection
<b>361</b>	The fees are disproportionate and will drive people to park illegally outside the entrance. If a season ticket was available it should cover all Essex parks and be available to all Essex's residents again at a	Objection

	fee that was reasonable. £5 just once a week would be more than £250 a year- how can that be fair? I suggest a £1 fee for 3hours would allow people a reasonable time to visit and not price people away for a short visit. Then a higher fee could cover a whole day.	
<b>362</b>	I live in Hutton but have family in Writtle so walk my dog at Hylands. As a pensioner £5 a day is too much for me. I am only there an hour. Could you not change parking rates to hourly? Say £2 an hour? Thank you	Objection
<b>363</b>	<p>I am writing to object to your proposals to impose a minimum charge of £5 for entry by car to Hylands Park. I appreciate I am not a rate payer in Chelmsford but I am so in nearby Brentwood whose public parks welcome visitors, including from Chelmsford, for much more reasonable charges. It is inequitable to have such an imbalance. It seems designed to keep people away unless they plan to spend the entire day in Hyland Park. My wife and I like to have a light lunch in the café and then a brief stroll around the lovely grounds, as we did last Saturday.</p> <p>There is not a chance that we will choose to visit Hyland for a light lunch in the future if there is to be an automatic £5 charge on top of the £10/£15 it normally costs us. What on earth is the matter with introducing a graduated charge, as in Brentwood's Thorndon Park, for instance? If you go ahead, as the staff I spoke to seem to think you will anyway, despite public objections, I fear for the businesses that are struggling to keep going there. It is all very well for you public sector officials who have not suffered financially in lockdown; consider the plight of the entrepreneurs who have – the taxes they generate, by the way, help pay for the salaries of officials like yourself.</p> <p>I trust you will reconsider this 'one-size-fits-all' scheme. I appreciate you need to make up lost revenues, but not at the cost of driving visitors away. Please introduce a graduated charge.</p>	Objection
<b>364</b>	£5 is a shocking amount of money, especially for a park that is virtually unreachable by public transport. You're excluding those who are financially disadvantaged from using it, the very same people who need green spaces the most. Personally, I doubt I'll ever use the park again once the charges come into force as I'm only ever there for a maximum of two hours and I cannot justify the expense. I heard and read nothing but opposition to the proposal and it now seems the "consultation" was a sham – the decision had already been made. The past year has demonstrated just how vital green spaces are for physical and mental health and you're snatching that away. Unless you're planning on introducing more things to do, there is literally no way you can spend enough time there to make parking worth the money, especially if you go with dogs because you can only go to that dingy cafe now! I, like many others, shall	Objection

	take my parking money elsewhere and contribute to councils who charge a reasonable amount. You'll get nowt from me	
<b>365</b>	<p>As Writtle residents we strongly object to the proposed car park charges at Hylands park for the following reasons</p> <p>Writtle especially around the area of Paradise Road will be gridlocked at times due to people either parking in Paradise Road or in the Writtle sports and social club car park to avoid the charges and walking to Hylands park. Lots of sport is held on the Playing fields i.e., football, cricket, tennis plus social events, children's play area and participants park in the car park in large numbers.</p> <p>When lockdown first happened last March our beautiful Hylands Park was closed to vehicles and there was traffic chaos both on the A414 and the entrance to the park, we can see this happening with people trying to avoid the charges. The police and Hylands staff couldn't control it then and sure it will not be controlled if these charges are brought in.</p> <p>Not everyone has access or can use a computer to be able to book online and this will only add to the problems caused by the charges.</p> <p>Dog walkers frequently use Hylands Park and to avoid a daily charge would consider parking in Writtle and using the sports field to walk their dogs, which is banned, who would then leave their faeces for others to walk in. As the parents of a daughter who is blind in one eye thanks to Toxicaria this is of great concern to us as we would not want other parents and children to suffer from this terrible disease as we have and still are some 30 years after the first diagnosis. Chelmsford City Council Dog Wardens are responsible for ensuring that Highlands Park is monitored but they would not carry out the same function for the Playing Fields.</p> <p>Once again we strongly object and would ask you to reconsider</p>	Objection
<b>366</b>	It's a shame that despite living a few miles down the road from Hylands in Ingatestone, we fall into the non-resident category as we are Brentwood Council residents. £5 will just stop us visiting. £3 is understandable.	Objection
<b>367</b>	This is an open play space free at the point of access for numerous children and their caregiver/parents. If a parking charge is suddenly imposed this is going to strain already stretched budgets and is unfair. Children need open air play to thrive, climbing play to develop muscle and encouraging activities that	Objection

	ward off the threat of obesity whilst developing the imagination. The threat of destroying this wonderful resource is hideous and must be resisted at all costs.	
<b>368</b>	<p>Firstly, I would like to point out that I live outside of the Borough of Chelmsford, however I do live around 6miles from the park and myself and my wife use it to walk our dog several times a week. So, to see that the council are planning on charging to park is bad enough, but to charge £5 per visit is quite frankly extortionate. This is going to be one of those decisions that in a year or so when the cafes and studios on the Stables have shut down because of the lack of customers, Chelmsford Council will suddenly wake to the fact that this was a totally ridiculous idea. I realise that you may point to the ability to purchase a season ticket as a way of saving money, however I don't see why when we have two cars that we should need to pay for both and to add insult to injury the annual tickets are only valid weekdays. The fact that you are asking us to buy a season ticket in the first place is bad enough, but then making us pay a further £5 a day at weekends is quite frankly a disgrace. Areas like Hylands Park should always be open and accessible to the general public, and whilst instigating a parking charge may be acceptable at a certain level, the current suggested charges are out of all proportion for both residents as well as non-residents. I assume you have also considered that most people will now park in the lay-by outside the park and probably on the grass verge of a busy dual carriageway? It's a real shame to see a Council reach such a short-sighted decision and as I said earlier it'll be very interesting to see how many people continue to use the park after these charges are applied. I for one won't be and looking at the local neighbourhood website there are a lot of other people that won't be either. A poor decision I fear and one I think you will probably regret when nobody uses the park.</p>	Objection
<b>369</b>	<p>We walk our dog at Hylands Park &amp; have done for the past 10 years. To now be faced with a charge to do this is abhorrent. I understand there is a season ticket to reduce the cost but this does not cover weekends. I also understand that the council needs to make up lost revenue but to charge to access somewhere that people can visit to forget the troubles of the outside world does not seem right. There is such a huge awareness on people's mental health yet this haven is now having a price put on it. If a charging structure needs to be implemented perhaps consider 1-hour free parking to enable people, such as dog walkers, the chance to continue to make short visits. I also feel that with such a charge the park will be visited by substantially fewer people and this will have an impact on the small businesses located there.</p>	Objection
<b>370</b>	£5 is far too much for a visit – I think c£2-3 is ok but it will certainly prevent me from visiting	Objection

371	<p>Hylands Park has been a sanctuary to me and my son, not just during the past 18 months but for the past 8 years that we have lived in Chelmsford. I estimate we visit 4/5 times per week for play in the woods and walking the dog. As a solo parent the charges of £5 per day (as I read it) are way beyond my budget.</p> <p>When we visit in the week during the day there are few people using the grounds, generally dog walkers and local people. This setting is a local destination, thankfully lockdown enabled us to explore many other woodlands and green spaces and we will now be forced to venture to these more often.</p> <p>Hylands, will now be a treat! I hope all those with deep pockets will enjoy what we have used up until now to wash away the stresses of the day for free, and we have enjoyed the ice and mud and water and trees and camp building and tree climbing and deer spotting and feather finding, it has gifted us so much. But again, as a solo parent I will be alienated by these charges, the same happened at Danbury when parking fees increased. We can very rarely visit these places.</p> <p>I imagine Hylands/Chelmsford Council will prevent access to many on a low wage to visit the park on a regular basis, the elderly couple who visit every lunchtime to sit and eat their sandwiches in the car. The dog walkers who take in the tranquillity each day, who enjoy the local proximity to this space, the parents with young children who need time out to meet up with other stay at home parents on a daily basis. These are the daily tribe that frequent this space and this charge will be a heavy blow to this collective, including myself and my son.</p> <p>We will go elsewhere, but I will not 'flag up' where, as I do not want Chelmsford Council to potentially consider these places as another money-making machine to the detriment of local residents.</p> <p>Thank you for the past 8 years of free access to Hylands, we truly loved it, but for us, when these charges are implemented, we will be penalised financially.</p>	Objection
372	<p>I wish to object to the proposed car parking charges at Hylands park Due to being a Chelmsford resident and using the park weekly for many years I will no longer be interested in visiting having to pay the proposed £3 charge.</p>	Objection
373	<p>£5 a day is a disgraceful charge for people wanting to walk their dogs or even exercise! It seems that most people only visit for an hour – 90 mins. This will drive people away. I doubt Chelmsford residents will be happy to pay £3 for a daily dog walk. The Mipermit should be available to ALL Essex residents. Just Disgraceful.</p>	Objection

<b>374</b>	I only object to the part where you are proposing that season ticket holders will not be able to use their ticket over the weekend and bank holidays. You are therefore discriminating full-time working residents, who let's not forget are paying their council tax, whose only time when they are able to visit the park is over the weekend or on bank holidays. This could also exclude elderly or less able-bodied residents who rely on family members to take them to the park over the weekend. This is not acceptable. Whoever tabled this motion deserves not to be re-elected.	Objection
<b>375</b>	I must say when I recently visited the park and saw the posters up saying it was going to start costing me £5 per day to go there I thought it was disgusting. I get the fact money makes the world go round and that everyone is struggling at the moment but could you not do it on an hourly charge or at least give Ingatestone residents a discount? It's going to absolutely kill the park and the business residing in it. Get rid of the parking charges or drastically reduce them. Give the option for everyone to buy a yearly ticket at £60 and not just Chelmsford residents.	Objection (came in through Escalator)
<b>376</b>	I am disappointed in the decision to start charging for parking in the Hylands estate. Especially at this time when many families are using the park to safely walk, socially distance and increase mental well-being. If you must charge please do not exclude weekends in the annual pass – we would happily pay for that especially if the parking money went back into the park. But the weekends should not be excluded as this park is for the everyday visitors and families that depend on it Include weekends in the annual pass for Hylands car parking.	Objection (came in through Escalator)
<b>377</b>	£5 is far too expensive especially if you're only there for an hour or so. It will definitely stop people using the park for exercise and also enjoying the park with children. This will then have an effect on the cafe and businesses. I regularly meet up with a group of 6-12 friends for an early Saturday morning exercise walk which lasts approx. 1 hour followed by a drink and food in the cafe. This alone would cost us approx. £30!! In car parking fees for such a short time. So, we will definitely be finding somewhere else to exercise or parking on side streets which will cause other problems. What about parents who take their children there after school to play in the play park they will need to pay every time even if they are Chelmsford residents it'll cost £3. What about people without their own gardens having to pay £5 (£3) each time to use the park when they need to for their own mental wellbeing. In my opinion the flat fee charging scheme is totally ridiculous and if charges have to be brought in then payment by the hour or £5 for all day would be fairer to all.	Objection
<b>378</b>	A single blanket fee of £5 per day is far too steep. There are many dog owners, including dog minding/walking businesses, who are pleased to use the park for a SMALL portion of the day, not the	Objection

	<p>WHOLE day. A £5 daily charge will encourage them to park outside, either in Writtle, or on Three Mie Hill, causing problems for local residents. CCTV has already been installed: why not use this with a system such as that at Hadleigh Country Park? The barriers allow entry, having read number plates: the car owner pays for parking just prior to leaving and the automatic gate releases as the number plate is re-read. The parking charge at Hadleigh is scaled depending on the length of your stay. Charges are clearly displayed in the car park. Season tickets could be configured to allow for a certain number of visits during a calendar year: for myself, I just visit once a week usually, pleased that I can let my dog off the lead safely for a maximum of two hours. Others may visit monthly or fortnightly. But it is the length of the stay that is the issue here: apart from school holidays: how many families are likely to remain in the park for the whole day? I'd suggest relatively few. To instigate a whole day parking charge for everyone would cause many people not to visit Hylands Park and House at all, losing anticipated revenue.</p>	
<b>379</b>	<p>£5 for someone who wants to just walk a dog for an hour? £5 for families who want to go for a lunch picnic with their children? There should be an hourly rate, happy to pay that but £5 standard is not on. I've lived in Chelmsford growing up and loved going to the park, I live in Billericay now and would think twice about going if I had to pay £5!</p>	Objection
<b>380</b>	<p>this is a public open space donated to the people of Chelmsford by the family owners for public use ,we were unable to attend the meeting in February 21 due to covid lockdown, no hourly car park rate there are some of us that do not have a mobile phone, do not have the use of an app, there are a number of people not with a laptop/computer people will park elsewhere ,thus blocking local Writtle roads no bus service to get people to the park who do not drive penalising dog walkers during 9am to 6pm this parking operation by the lib dems is another move by them to bring in rules/regulations by stealth overall I am thoroughly disgusted by the way the lib dems run the city council, as with all politicians they talk a good story but fail to act</p>	<p>1<sup>st</sup> Objection (2<sup>nd</sup> Objection Rep No.384)</p>
<b>381</b>	<p>The parking charge is much too high, it should be graduated for example free for the first hour, £3 for up to 3 hours and £5 for a day. We want to encourage people to walk and enjoy open spaces for physical and mental health and this charge would restrict people's ability to go for a short walk</p>	Objection
<b>382</b>	<p>The proposed charge is disproportionate to those visiting the park for only a short space of time and is discriminatory against those on lower incomes who will be priced out of visiting the park. There is no evidence that income could not be obtained by better commercial use of the venue (events, etc) and a parking charge is simply a stealth tax on those wishing to use the park. We have a national obesity problem, and areas for the public to exercise and improve their health should remain free to access and</p>	Objection



	visit at all times, including parking. The proposal acts against public health and merely serves to place additional pressure on the least well off in society.	
<b>383</b>	I usually meet friends for a coffee and a walk. We visit the studios too. With this charge we will not be able to justify the cost. I live within 10 mins drive but not in Chelmsford. I can only assume you don't want visitors. The charge you are proposing is too high.	Objection
<b>384</b>	let's not forget that our council tax covers some of the upkeep of the park, I do not see why I should have to pay a car park fee because the lib dem council cannot organise their finances accordingly, since they have been running the city council there is marked deterioration around the Chelmsford area, to me they seem completely out of their depth, the leader and his main councillors are a waste of space and seem clueless on how to run the council, I refuse to pay if I go over to the park, everybody has suffered in a financial area because of covid ,let's not be penalised for an opportunity to get out into the park for some light relief	2 <sup>nd</sup> Objection (1 <sup>st</sup> Objection Rep No.380)
<b>385</b>	Parking charges are far too high! I normally meet friends and family there for dog walks but they will not be paying £5 to park and even as a resident I think £3 is too much! People only stay for an hour or so to walk. £5 for that amount of time will dissuade people from visiting rather than encourage people!! 😡	Objection
<b>386</b>	I like walking my dogs at Hylands and do so often which normally involves getting a drink and something to eat at the cafe. I won't be visiting Hylands anymore if car parking charges are put in place. Especially as I only visit for 2 hours maximum.	Objection
<b>387</b>	This has always been a lovely spot to meet up with friends or family for a few hours, more recently I have utilised the park for running. Many residents of Chelmsford do not have access to garden or green spaces for exercise and this is putting a price on something which should really be free. I would have been lost without Hylands during the pandemic, it offered sanctuary and a meeting spot as well as a place for exercise	Objection
<b>388</b>	Charging for parking (especially for a 1 off day rate) will reduce traffic and people to Hylands. Most don't spend a whole day there and there are plenty of other options to gather and go for a walk/picnic in the area. If parking is to be introduced then fees should be significantly lower for periods of 1/2/4 hours etc	Objection
<b>389</b>	I cannot believe that the majority of people visiting Hylands would be there for a whole day – the proposed £5 parking charge is excessive and unnecessary. Unless, of course, the council are trying to	Objection

	stop visitors? I know I will not be able to afford the charge, and I know I am not the only one, and will therefore be unable to continue to visit this beautiful place. Shame on the council	
<b>390</b>	People using the grounds for exercise for a few hours and aren't there all day. I walk the dog there and wouldn't go if I had to pay, limiting the available space to walk. Making the free parking places even busier	Objection
<b>391</b>	The park is an important amenity and much loved by visitors from near and far. For many people, especially those on low incomes, it is the only such amenity they can access for exercise and open-air activities. In this respect it provides a health benefit. The imposition of parking charges is very likely to deter those who most need it from visiting the estate. The estate should be for everyone – not just the privileged who can afford the parking fee.	Objection
<b>392</b>	For local dog walkers who go there every day, paying £5 to be able to walk their dog and get exercise is ridiculous. It is so unfair to charge let alone a day rate and not even hourly.	Objection
<b>393</b>	There needs to be a scale of charges as I will be visiting for an hour to 90mins	Objection
<b>394</b>	We use Hylands for the play park and walking with our children. £5 for what is normally less than 2 hours will stop us using the park. It's also massively elitist, hitting families on moderate to low incomes and preventing them enjoying a fantastic outdoor space. We should be encouraging active children not pricing their parents out of local facilities.	Objection
<b>395</b>	This is a great place to pop to for an hour or so but to add parking to the petrol costs makes it an expensive short trip. It would be such a shame to make it unfeasible.	Objection
<b>396</b>	It's so hard to find good places to take families and dogs without it costing a fortune. This is a glorious space and to charge for parking will make it unavailable for some who don't have the means to spend money on parking.	Objection
<b>397</b>	It's ridiculous to charge that fee when people sometimes go there only for an hour to walk the dog. This will make less people use it and therefore not spend at the businesses that are run there. Seems the opposite of what you would like. Bet you are rubbing your hands in glee at the current full car parks, I think they will go and the revenue you desired will as well.	Objection
<b>398</b>	I generally support the need to charge parking fees however I think the council should reconsider and introduce the option of hourly parking fees as well as an 'all day' fee. Very rarely would people spend all	Objection

	day at Hylands so this is clearly (and rather sadly) going to drive people away from spending an hour or two at the park (for dog walking or for the local market etc). It also prohibits people with little money to spare from using the park. £5 is a hefty fee when you're on a tight budget. The daily fee will also cause people to park outside the park boundary, clogging up the country roads around Hylands. A more considered hourly fee (reduced for Chelmsford residents) would be beneficial to those who just want to walk the dog for an hour or those who want their toddlers to let off some steam.	
<b>399</b>	<p>I'm writing to object to the blanket parking charges being proposed at Hylands House.</p> <p>I am not a resident of the borough but do travel to walk my dog and attend events at Hylands House. These parking charges will preclude me from visiting for an hour or two to enjoy the Estate as I will not be able to afford it each week on top of other increasing costs. It will be yet another beautiful open space which will now be denied to low-income families and some pensioners like myself which is really unfair.</p> <p>Could you please reassess the proposed charges and perhaps bring in a nominal charge for the first two hours followed by an all-day charge?</p>	Objection
<b>400</b>	Far far too expensive. In a time when people need access to outside space you are penalising them. It's utterly wrong.	Objection
<b>401</b>	The charge of £5 is too much visitors tend not to spend all day at the park. I personally may be 1-2 hours max to walk and enjoy the parkland. I fear parking will happen along roads leading to Hylands.	Objection
<b>402</b>	I think £60 residents pass should include weekends	Objection
<b>403</b>	I only go there for a short walk with my daughter. To charge £5 for maybe an hours stay is outrageous. Need to have hourly charges.	Objection
<b>404</b>	Another Chelmsford city council money grabbing scheme. The facilities are crap, there's no need to pay! This needs to remain free. It's ludicrous that it's considering being charged for. Chelmsford city council is run by more Tory crooks. This need to not happen.	Objection
<b>405</b>	This should be a freely accessible space. Limit charges to a minimal amount so everyone can afford it. Should be incremental charges for small amount of time there.	Objection

<b>406</b>	A flat fee of £5 for non-Chelmsford residents is excessive. Learning from the way Brentwood manages Thorndon and South Weald I'm happy to pay 2-3£ for 2 hours (average visit time) but £5 will simply put me off coming altogether.	Objection
<b>407</b>	An hourly rate should be available.	Objection
<b>408</b>	I feel the charges are crazy. I understand the need to charge for upkeep of the grounds. However, £5 is crazy especially if you may only be there for an hour.	Objection
<b>409</b>	The estate is a fantastic open space which should be free for the public to use. Charging £5 simply to be able to take your children to the play area or your dog for a walk is unreasonable at best.	Objection
<b>410</b>	Having a flat rate of £5 rather than pro rata is not equitable. It will discourage people attending. Indeed, if it was pro-rated you are likely to get more folk attending with a greater revenue, rather than folk simply staying away by going elsewhere. At the very least you should have a trial of say 6 months to ascertain the likely revenue if it were pro-rated for say 1 hour - £1.50, 2 hours - £2, 3 hours - £3 over 3 hours - £5. Please reconsider your decision. You're more likely to have a following without abuse of the system if you're seen to be fair and to have given it due consideration; this just seems to be a knee jerk reaction and is likely to be a false economy.	Objection
<b>411</b>	I have an Essex Country Parks season ticket which I pay annually. Why do I have to pay again to use this park. It should be included.	Objection
<b>412</b>	This is discrimination against those on low incomes, and the public health effects of making exercise more easy. You are meant to be incubating it not putting people off. Also, I meet my daughter there as it is halfway between us. It would now cost us 10 pounds. It will be impossible to continue to do this. £5 is very expensive to a couple of hours. No one goes there all day.	Objection
<b>413</b>	Parking charges are too high. As a Chelmsford resident I cannot understand if I buy a season ticket why I have to pay extra at weekends	Objection
<b>414</b>	I often visit Hylands park for a walk and when the proposed charge for parking comes in I won't be visiting again. £5 for a short stay is going to be restrictive to many people at a time when we are being encouraged to take exercise!	Objection
<b>415</b>	It's unreasonable to expect Chelmsford residents to pay to park. At a park.	Objection

<b>416</b>	I walk my dogs everyday including weekends for 1to 11/2hours this will cost me £540.00 a year on top of my Council tax. I understand £5.00 a day for a family to spend a day there, but £5.00 to take my dog for a walk for 1hour.I think most dog Walker like me will go else were. Maybe be you should charge an annual fee including weekends.	Objection
<b>417</b>	I live in Brentwood but work for the NHS. I was a regular visitor to the park with my dog but cannot afford the £5 fee. I might be different if I could get a season ticket, but as I live outside of Chelmsford I'm not eligible for that. I work in Broomfield hospital keeping Chelmsford resident well. Does that not qualify for some kind of discount?	Objection
<b>418</b>	I live in Chelmsford and use the park pretty much every day. The season ticket only covers weekdays with a charge of £5.00 a day at weekends. The charge for the weekend would push it out of my price range. Why should I pay more for the weekend, it seems to me that you are being greedy. I understand that you have lost revenue over the city as a whole but so has everybody felt the pinch on their income over the last year or so. The city council has been complaining about lost revenue on car parks ever since Essex County Council opened up the park and ride schemes so perhaps you should be talking to ECC about that not punishing the people that elected you into office. Remember the same people that voted you into power are the very same people that can vote you out next time. Trust is earned don't abuse it. A season ticket is fine but it should be all week. `	Objection
<b>419</b>	Many families won't be able to afford to pay £5 to park for what is supposed to be a free day out at the park. Punishing people for being poor again.	Objection
<b>420</b>	£5 A day is a lot of money for someone people that love to come and exercise at the park. I don't understand if you want to change way not do a pay for what you use as we only to the park for 1-2 hours and £5 for 2 hours parking is just crazy and money grabbing on your behalf! You pay less in Chelmsford City centre for 1-2 hours parking!!! You will lose so many customers including myself and family as I feel £5 for 2 hours is crazy and refuse to pay that so I will go somewhere else!	Objection
<b>421</b>	A blanket £5 daily charge is completely out of proportion. Like many, I regularly visit the park for an hour at a time. I am unlikely to do so if it costs me the same for that hour as it would for the entire day. It is also unreasonable that those outside the area, albeit not far, cannot buy a season ticket. We live in Billericay, just 15 minutes drive away, and I assume will not be eligible under the present proposal. In short, this is a completely unreasonable charge and one which appears to be transforming a public	Objection

	utility, one needed all the more as people adapt to life with COVID, into a pure revenue generating asset for the council. You should think again.	
<b>422</b>	It is appalling to effectively tax the use of open areas and public spaces meaning those who are already struggling with finances Following difficult times are being unable to afford access to one of the best open spaces in Chelmsford. Completely shocking and fully object to imposition of parking charges	Objection
<b>423</b>	It will stop me visiting..... the cafes will no longer receive my business. Travelling from Billericay, it is the nearest estate of its kind, but we are also charged a higher rate. If it puts me off, I am sure many others will be put off. The amount brought in by car parking charges will be lost in income for those with businesses, such as cafes, ice cream, pop up stall holders. It's a short-sighted proposal	Objection
<b>424</b>	£3 & £5 are excessive for people who may only want to park there for an hour. For commuters it's a good deal but Hylands is nowhere near the town! People use the car park to walk their dogs or meet friends to go for a walk and will not want to pay these charges. I know of a lot of people who regularly use Hylands (myself included) and will no longer go there and will find somewhere else that is free or cheaper. If you want to charge how about £1. People will pay that.	Objection
<b>425</b>	£5 is an extortionate amount to pay for a half hour dog walk. Or quick pop to the playground early in the morning before it gets busy in the holidays. It will certainly stop me from visiting the par	Objection
<b>426</b>	A £5 parking charge all day is ridiculous and greedy. I walk my dog daily in Hylands, I use the cafe and occasionally purchase from the shop. I will not be paying £35 a week to park for a couple of hours walk per day. The shops will also lose out on the regular income from people. If you must charge then at least a sliding scale and dependent on the time-of-day abs day of the week.	Objection
<b>427</b>	£5 per day to park is pure greed. People are often there just for an hour or so. Parking charges in Chelmsford are higher than other local towns as it is and to now charge for the park is disgusting. Parks are generally free it park in or consist of a small charge. I will not be using the park to walk my dog at £5 per day if this is in place. Such a shame this has not been thought through properly	Objection
<b>428</b>	I'm saddened to read about the proposed £5 parking charge. I travel to Hylands a few times a week to use the park. With these charges this just won't be possible to do this. It's ridiculous a person to walk round for an hour is being charged the same for someone who is there all day. Where is the common sense in this. I hope you reconsider your charges so everyone can still enjoy the park. Chelmsford	Objection

	parking charges are always more expensive than anywhere else but this really is criminal to be charging for.	
<b>429</b>	We pay enough	Objection
<b>430</b>	Go dog walking to Hylands on a regular basis, usually enjoying a coffee afterwards. These proposed parking charges are excessive and beyond a lot of peoples means. If they come into effect we will not be visiting Hylands, it's a dreadful shame!	Objection
<b>431</b>	It is important for our health both physically and mentally to be able to access open spaces. It is important for children to be able to access these too. These charges will prohibit the most vulnerable. I live in Basildon Council district on the border with Chelmsford so I consider Hylands to be a local amenity which is now going to be difficult to access. Additionally, extortionate charges, which I consider this to be, has also led to people parking along roads to avoid the charges. Open spaces should be available to all, not just the wealthy.	Objection
<b>432</b>	Hylands is an absolute haven for Essex residents to enjoy. Especially people who are not fortunate enough to be able to afford a garden. The amounts you are proposing are very expensive and discriminate those on lower incomes.	Objection
<b>433</b>	So many families who enjoy the park will be denied this because they cannot afford the fee. This has been a wonderful place to visit as a community for so many years it will be a real loss to many previous frequent visitors.	Objection
<b>434</b>	I don't think you should be charging people to park their cars at all. This is a major attraction to the city a boost financially for the whole community. By imposing a parking fee, it will deter visitors to both the park and city.	Objection
<b>435</b>	I object to the proposed parking fees at Hylands House. My objections to the parking charges are as follows: • "Fairness between users and non-users of the park." There are many items my council tax pays for which I do not use, can I get a rebate? • "£5 charge for those living outside the Chelmsford City Council area." As we are already paying for the park in our Council Tax, why should residents double pay? Free for Chelmsford residents, charge for non-residents. • Limit of two cars per household. This stops my daughter (3 <sup>rd</sup> car owner) going to the park as she will be classified as a non-resident. She can't use the other family cars for insurance reasons. • "Parking problems at peak times." Education, improved bay designation and better enforcement would negate this. Also charging does/will not improve parking. • People will park in Paradise Road and surrounding areas. Those residents will now	Objection

	be forced to pay for Resident Parking Permits through no fault of their own. How much will this cost the Council to set up and enforce? • "Shortage of cash due to Covid." We cannot continue to use Covid as an excuse for poor service provision or finance recovery. This has been "in the wind" for a couple of years, there has never been an excuse to implement it. • Poor amenities. Improvements to the Café with a wider offering will generate more income. People will be less likely to pay for drinks/food etc if they must pay parking. • No other means to visit the park except for car usage.	
<b>436</b>	A flat, non-duration based £5 fee for non-Chelmsford residents is extortionate and will put myself and my family off visiting the estate. I appreciate the need to raise funds but I think this will severely discourage visitors; in fact, it will impact cafe revenues and I think I can say we have bought from the cafe on 90%+ of our visits.	Objection
<b>437</b>	I am happy to have a discounted season ticket but I am disgusted that it only counts for Monday- Friday. This is such a sly way to go about this. I take my dog and family over to Hylands park 3/4 times a week and I also always spend money in the cafes there and support the local attractions/markets over there too. If you do not make the £60 charge for 7 days a week I will not be purchasing and will find somewhere else to take my family.	Objection
<b>438</b>	This park is now one of the only free places to park in Chelmsford, this will impact low-income families being able to take their families there...	Objection
<b>439</b>	Absolutely appalled at the level of greed that is being shown with the new parking charges at Hylands Park, how can they justify charging £5 to park?? Most people are only there for 2/3 hours at the most. These costs are just figures that are plucked out of thin air and they get away with it, absolutely disgraceful. Customer's Suggested Action(s): make it cheaper	Objection
<b>440</b>	I support parking charges & glad to see no charge for early morning/evening parking. However, I do NOT support the exclusion of weekends & bank holidays from the local resident's annual pass. Also, I think consideration & a plan of action is needed on the impact to Writtle: Paradise Road & the park at the end will be inundated with people using it as an alternative (free) parking area. Thank you for your email.	Objection



	<p><i>Thank you for your representation. If you there is part of the proposal that you do not support then your representation should be logged as an objection. Could you please confirm if you would like to object to the proposal or support it in its entirety?</i></p> <p>Please could you amend my representation to object?</p> <p>(Or let me know if I need to resubmit the form?).</p>	
<b>441</b>	Charging will reduce access to the park for those of limited means	Objection
<b>442</b>	<p>I am very sorry to see the proposal to implement parking charges at Hylands Park. My late husband and I have, in the past, spent many an hour there, hour being the operative word. Even concessions for Chelmsford residents, makes the cost high for short trips. We used to take out grandchildren to feed the ducks, or just have a stroll and then a coffee. We would only be there for a short time, as I'm sure many people are, especially those who are retired. The charge of £3.00 I would consider reasonable for families making a day of it with a picnic etc., but for just a walk followed by a coffee, it is too much. I don't think anyone would object to say a £1.00 charge for a limited time, but I'm afraid the higher charge will mean quite a large number of people will no longer come. My daughter and son-in-law frequently pop up for a pleasant walk, but now they will go to Galleywood common instead apparently.</p> <p>One other thing, I couldn't find out on your page how people are expected to pay. I very much doubt slot machines will be practical, so guess that it will have to be by card or phone. Another discrimination against the elderly who don't like using cards and certainly don't have the iPhones necessary. We are encouraged to get exercise for our health and this is not the way to go about it in my opinion.</p> <p>I appreciate the reason for implementing these charges, but feel it has not been well thought, nor has enough been done to get the public's feelings.</p>	Objection
<b>443</b>	<p>My wife and I live in Billericay and we regularly enjoy walking at Hylands Park. Particularly during the last 18 months Hylands Park has provided a safe and pleasant environment for essential exercise. While we do not object in principle to parking charges being introduced the single daily charge proposed offers poor value for money to anyone visiting Hylands Park for a relatively brief visit. Additionally, restricting the availability of season tickets to Chelmsford City Council residents only will significantly</p>	Objection

	reduce the number of regular visitors and, therefore, the level of income that could be achieved by introducing charges. In our view the proposed Hylands Park car parking charges should be modified to provide: 1. A range of daily charges for 1, 2, 3 and 3+ hours, similar to those already applied for Essex Country Parks; and 2. The opportunity for individuals who are not Chelmsford City Council residents to apply for annual season tickets	
<b>444</b>	It's unfair, disproportionate & penalises families who want to get their families outside. £5 a day is too steep that's £140 a month just to walk your dog or get kids outside. Also, other towns do not charge Chelmsford residents a different price. The estate was left for the enjoyment of others not another unfair money making scheme.	Objection
<b>445</b>	Costs for a days parking too expensive, people don't normally visit for a full day. It is wrong that Chelmsford residents have to have an online account to receive the discounted rate. It will just encourage people to park in Writtle and walk to the park.	Objection
<b>446</b>	<p>I object</p> <p>I think unfair people of Writtle having to pay. Yes I could walk but not with elderly dogs or young grandchildren.</p> <p>I drive and have normally under an hours walk with the dogs yet I'll have to pay for a days parking.</p> <p>And even if I take my grandchildren we are not good mg to be all day! Maximum 2 hours!</p> <p>Elderly people from Writtle probably won't go as often nor low-income families. On Tuesday they have the toddler walk-again this may exclude some because of extra cost.</p> <p>Funding for parks already comes out of our council tax.</p>	Objection
<b>447</b>	I meet my friends & we walk our dogs at Hylands Park at least once a week. We are not local to Hylands but meet there because we love the size of the park. We are usually there for 1 – 1.5 hours & we nearly always grab a coffee from the cafe. The introduction of the £5 parking charge would mean that we would no longer meet to walk our dogs & support the cafe. I cannot afford to pay £20+ per month just on parking to walk the dog when we can go elsewhere for free. I understand the reason for introducing a charge but such a shame that a tiered tariff starting at £1 for an hour is not being introduced.	Objection

<b>448</b>	No relief for Chelmsford residents on the weekend. Season tickets should be available for residents on the weekend	Objection
<b>449</b>	£5 per day is too expensive for most people and they will just not go which will affect the cafes, also Hylands is owned by Essex County Council and I am sure they get funding to run it.	Objection
<b>450</b>	It is a community park and facility that should be free to enjoy. Parking charges will discourage local people and not solve traffic issues. It will also cause parking problems in the surrounding area close to homes, where people can park for free.	Objection
<b>451</b>	I am more than happy to pay to park, but as I am usually there to walk and get a coffee with a friend, I am usually only there for about an hour to an hour and a half. I live outside the Chelmsford City Council area and so would be paying £5 regardless of how short my visit is, as would my friend, so we would be paying £10 between us. Although £3 and £5 is fine if you are staying for several hours, the usual parking fees based on an hourly time would be fairer for those visiting for short periods. If this were to be implemented I think I would have to choose an alternative venue.	Objection
<b>452</b>	I do not object to the introduction of parking charges but feel that the proposed charges are too high. A charge of £2 per day for all visitors would still recoup the costs mentioned based on the number of visitors. The proposed costs are greedy and will affect those on low incomes most.	Objection
<b>453</b>	According to the Leader of Chelmsford city council, no equalities impact assessment has been completed during the consultation stage. If this has subsequently been completed it must have identified that this proposal directly discriminates against at least one group with a protected characteristic – the elderly. I have recently experienced as a result of the Essex county council liveable neighbourhoods proposal that there is a large number of residents of just my small neighbourhood that are elderly and lack internet access but rely on their car to get about due to their age. However, these same residents do not meet the strict criteria set for a blue badge. I believe that these residents may find themselves digitally disadvantaged due to their lack of an internet connected device with the specific app required to be identified as a resident and would therefore be required to pay the full, non-resident price. Furthermore, the park as a free to park, provides low-income families with a free place to visit. Those low-income families with children may now find that the cost of parking prohibits them from visiting regularly outside of term time, negatively impacting the experience for those families, their mental health and giving those children the opportunities of wealthier families.	Objection
<b>454</b>	I am writing to strongly object to the proposed parking charges for Hylands Park.	Objection

	<p>Hylands Park is an integral part of Chelmsford and is at the heart of the Chelmsford community. It provides a large, safe, traffic free, open space to balance the ever-growing city centre, and is accessible to all walks of life. By introducing the parking charges from your proposal, you are making the space more exclusive and will be ruining a place that means so much to so many in the community.</p> <p>By introducing charges, you are immediately removing access to the park to low-income residents, who will not be able to afford to pay the steep charge of £3-5 a day or the annual “season ticket”. Families who have relied on taking their children and dogs to a safe, spacious green park, will now have to look elsewhere or go without in order to cover the payments. There is nowhere in the Chelmsford area that provides a safe and serene environment comparable to Hylands, and it saddens me that there will be many children who will be affected by the charges.</p> <p>For many years Hylands has been a top location for Brownies, Scouts, Mother and Baby groups, and other community groups to gather, socialise and learn. Again, the parking fines will ostracise those who cannot pay to park.</p> <p>Continuing to offer free parking will mean residents are able to exercise in the fresh air without concerns about monetary charges, and city traffic. So many rely on Hylands for a place to exercise, have fresh air, and relax, which contributes to a healthy lifestyle promoted by the government in order to combat rising obesity and mental health issues.</p> <p>Hylands has been enjoyed not only by the young, but the retired, elderly and disabled. These are often the ones who would more often than not spend money in the cafe, whilst enjoying the quiet, access friendly park, yet you will be penalising them by charging them to park whilst they are there.</p> <p>Not only will the parking fines drive people away from visiting Hylands, but it will cause problems for local areas, as people will look to park nearby to avoid paying the parking fines, so will park in neighbouring villages and laybys. This will cause traffic and congestion issues for those local residents.</p> <p>Please do not penalise the wonderful community who value Hylands so much by introducing these parking charges. I hope it remains a free, welcoming space to be enjoyed by all generations and the future generations to come.</p>	
455	<p>The pandemic and subsequent lockdowns have had a severe impact on people’s mental health. There is no doubt that further restrictions on movement will come into force when the next COVID wave hits us. Being able to enjoy Hylands Park has been a necessary safety valve for many families especially those on low incomes and those with aged relatives. By implementing a parking fee to use the park you</p>	Objection

	are adding to many family's financial burden and it may be the difference between going out or staying at home.	
<b>456</b>	After the pandemic that we been going through I can't believe this council want to push through charging local residents to park in this wonderful park that has been free for so long. With all the all the building of apartments that is going up in the town local people want somewhere to escape to for the sake of their mental health and Hylands park is the perfect escape for someone with no garden and now you want to stop this.	Objection
<b>457</b>	<p>I am writing to strongly object to the proposed parking charges for Hylands Park. By imposing parking fees you are making a public park only accessible to 'well off', as many visitors will not be able to afford £5 per visit. It is virtually impossible for most people to visit Hylands Park without having to drive. Many visitors will attempt to park in the nearest residential area, creating further parking and traffic issues.</p> <p>Hylands is a popular location for Brownies, Scouts, (they even have the World Garden area), disabled, elderly, Mother and Baby groups, and other community groups to gather, socialise and learn. Again, the parking fines will ostracise those who cannot pay to park.</p> <p>Continuing to offer free parking will mean residents are able to exercise in the fresh air without concerns about monetary charges, and city traffic. So many rely on Hylands for a place to exercise, have fresh air, and relax, which contributes to a healthy lifestyle promoted by the government in order to combat rising obesity and mental health issues.</p> <p>To impose high parking fees at any time is unjust and unfair, but to do it during a worldwide pandemic is plain cruel.</p>	Objection
<b>458</b>	We take our dogs for a walk there regularly and live the fact that parking is free as we are only there for 1 hour and don't think it's fair to pay a full day price.	Objection
<b>459</b>	Another money grab by the council! Yes, it gets busy some days but that's not because the parking is free, it's because it's a place people like to visit, primarily for exercise. When there of thousands of residents struggling financially it's just another blow – from a council that wants an Active Essex and more people exercising?! No, it's about taking more money off people that have little. Not unlike your plans for Moulsham quarters – nothing to do with making people active... it's about getting your hands on more money from central government.	Objection

<b>460</b>	There is no need for the charges to be introduced. Just a way to get more money from us when you've mis managed council spending over last year and half. It's a space to be enjoyed which you'll take away from a lot of residents £3 to spend hour in park is too much.	Objection
<b>461</b>	I use Hylands to not only be able to walk my dog off lead but to help with my mental health after being in lockdown for the past 18 months. While I understand the need to finance the upkeep of the park, Chelmsford residents already pay towards this by virtue of council taxes. Furthermore, the proposal to provide residents with a "discounted " rate is nonsensical as this does not include weekends which is when most people are not working and have the opportunity to relax. I feel this will just lead to illegal parking and congestion in other areas such as Writtle where people will be inclined to park and walk through the pedestrian walkway. By all means charge non-Chelmsford residents but for Chelmsford residents this should remain a free parking facility.	Objection
<b>462</b>	I am opposed to the Lib Dems controlled City Council plans to introduce car parking charges at Hylands Park, as this will cause additional parking congestion on and around Paradise Road and may discourage people to use such a beautiful open space, for all to enjoy, and it will have a negative impact on maintaining peoples' mental health if these parking charges are implemented. Also the City Council should not be over-reliant on parking charges to top up the City Council coffers (I understand that the City Council currently has deficit) and parking charges could cause demise the use of Hylands Park which could open up Hylands Park to property developers by stealth.	Objection
<b>463</b>	People of Chelmsford have paid over years in local taxes for upkeep of park, all residents should be free as the last 30 years a notional £1 charge for 2 hours for residents seems fair	Objection
<b>464</b>	I visit for dog walks and exercise – I refuse to pay so I can go for a run through the park. It is not fair to charge people to walk dogs/take children for a quick trip to the park.	Objection
<b>465</b>	This is a public space for exercise and dog walking, I do not see why I should pay to park, I walk my dog most days in Hylands park. This new cost would prohibit this.	Objection
<b>466</b>	We walk over Hylands regularly, it is a place to exercise, for people to meet and enjoy time together. We walk our dog and generally love spending time there. Paying for parking will stop us being able to do this.	Objection
<b>467</b>	This will push parking out into the Writtle village. I thought Hylands Park was gifted to the people of Chelmsford to enjoy the space and freedom.	Objection

<b>468</b>	It is a town park belonging to the people	Objection
<b>469</b>	Season ticket should be available for weekends. That would still meet the council's primary objective of fairness. Instead, it's discriminating against working people and its going push local residents away from using the park (exercise / health benefits). If parking space is genuinely an issue why can we not create more parking space? There's plenty of land.	Objection
<b>470</b>	Although I understand that it is hard to maintain free parking I think the proposed charge is very steep. The majority of respondents to the consultation use the park for 1-2 hours so the conclusion of introducing an all-day rate does not stack up. A fairer charge would be based on a hourly rate to reflect that users are there for a shorter time. It is also unfortunate that the season ticket cannot be brought in with the Essex Council passes that cover several sites. For those who are not resident in Chelmsford it feels like this is a site we may no longer visit – which will ultimately lead to a reduction in revenues in the retail outlets within the park. I find the all day rate a cynical conclusion that may also end up being counterproductive. What a shame.	Objection
<b>471</b>	It is desperately unfair to the majority of users who go to Highlands for 1-2 hours at a time to introduce the fixed daily fee. It's possible that the council think that visitors are not sensitive to price and would pay up, but I disagree. Ultimately I expect lower visitor volumes. Additionally, this doesn't seem to fit with the general drive to encourage people to go out walking more.	Objection
<b>472</b>	I think the charge is far too expensive and an option of an hourly rate should be given as some only walk their dogs then leave. I think this charge will harm the amount of visitors that go to Hylands if it stays at the proposed £5	1 <sup>st</sup> Objection 2 <sup>nd</sup> Objection No.635
<b>473</b>	I walk my dog at Hylands almost every day, support the businesses in the stables and the cafe by the play area. I will not visit if the parking charges are introduced. I believe the charges are unreasonable and excessive and that visitor numbers will fall dramatically. Local open spaces should be free for all members of the community to enjoy and disadvantaged residents should not be excluded for financial reasons. If a charge is to be applied I believe it should be a much lower nominal fee, possibly free up to one or two hours, then a small amount per hour thereafter. That way dog walkers or parents with young children could visit for short time without paying a fee.	Objection
<b>474</b>	I don't think we should be made to pay to park at Hylands, it's one of the few places we can go & not worry about it costing anything. £3 is incredibly expensive especially if you're only taking the dog for a	Objection

	walk for an hour. I would unfortunately stop using the park it just wouldn't be worth it. I definitely wouldn't pay £5 either if I was from out of town.	
<b>475</b>	Because Hylands Estate was purchased for the benefit of the people of Chelmsford. It is a wonderful asset and should be made as accessible and inclusive as possible. The plans proposed to charge for parking discriminate against those on low incomes and those without access to computers and/or smart phones. Everyday life is generally becoming very complex and adding an extra layer of complexity to a simple outing to Hylands might deter people from using the park. It would be interesting to see how people living with dementia/memory problems and other illnesses cope with the technology (even those who have previously used technology proficiently). I am thinking of my mother and others like her who now find using a simple bank card and pin code confusing. Nowhere did I see mentioned anything about improving public transport/cycle paths to the estate. This seems short sighted in view of the other plans (Old Moulsham, Springfield) currently under consideration.	Objection
<b>476</b>	Introductions fees to park at Hylands is going to have a negative impact on those that do nothing use the park for a whole day but use it for an hour or so to walk their dogs or give a treat to their child for an hours play after school or the child learning tirade their bike. All local families who love Hylands and use it over the more central parks which have become a haven for drunks drug addicts and people who want to generally cause a disruption and intimidate others. The car park should be free to the residents of Chelmsford who use the car park for less than 3 hours! You must find a way to support the people of Chelmsford to continue to use their local Hylands park for the shorter times. I support a charge for a full day but less than that must be free	Objection
<b>477</b>	Parking charges will encourage sustainable travel to Hylands. It will encourage car sharing resulting in more parking availability for all. The fee is reasonable.	Support
<b>478</b>	Parking at Hylands has always been free to visitors and during Covid times The House and its grounds have been a source of inspiration and wonder. Looking at the wonder of nature and being inspired. You are now putting a price on this activity. Charges for parking generally in Chelmsford are extortionate and Hylands remained a haven, and now it is part of a money-making exercise. This country needs its open spaces and freedom to roam even more post Covid, think again please.	Objection
<b>479</b>	How can you punish people who are short on money from being able to walk in a park which should be for all, not just those who can pay the parking. This is a short-sighted measure and simply will be the beginning of high and higher price rises.	Objection



<b>480</b>	Being a resident, we should be able to buy a yearly ticket that includes weekends as well as weekdays, with no time limit	Objection
<b>481</b>	I am a female dog walker living nearby in Moulsham. I walk my dog plus one other dog every day. I feel safe at Hylands. I enjoy the open countryside and the chatting to fellow local dog owners. It is good for my mental health too. If a charge is brought in I couldn't afford to visit and would have to walk at less safe parks. Please charge people from other towns as I pay when I visit Thordon country park! But to charge local residents who already pay council tax is a massive disappointment.	Objection
<b>482</b>	This is a ridiculous charge to bring in for one of Chelmsford's best open spaces. By charging residents of Chelmsford to park in such a large estate that already brings in revenue from all of the events that it holds throughout the year is a slap in the face to the council tax we all already pay. This has been one of the best natural spaces for children, families, dog walkers and those just needing an outside space away from all the concrete and by introducing parking charges this restricts who can afford to use this open space. Chelmsford City Council do the right thing, abandon this money grabbing scheme and keep the park free access to all.	Objection
<b>483</b>	Hylands has always been the place we meet friends and family to walk the dogs and have a coffee. One of the main attractions is the free parking. During the pandemic we have all had to tighten our belts a little but being able to drive to Hylands and walk around the grounds for free has been a real life saver for many of us. Putting a fee on parking would cause a lot of us to either find free street parking nearby, causing havoc for the people that live on the roads where increased traffic and parking would be an issue, or alternatively look for a new green space to use that supplies free parking.	Objection
<b>484</b>	It's disappointing when we need to be supporting mental health and encouraging walking and exercising as well as children's mental health and obesity issues, that you have decided to charge for parking. This will impact lower income families and only encourage people not to walk or exercise and impact on parking on the streets of Writtle. Please rethink your proposals.	Objection
<b>485</b>	No provision is proposed for a short stay, i.e., under an hour, or medium stay, i.e., 1 to 3 hours, making the charges for these examples excessive. The proposal should explicit state that it will not be used to generate an income, either for the council, or for a private company if outsourced.	Objection
<b>486</b>	Ridiculous price	Objection

<b>487</b>	Other ways to make money from the site, has been under-utilised for years. Safe space to take children which now won't be able to afford too often.	Objection
<b>488</b>	Firstly, there is hardly anything there to warrant the charge. It's a nice walk and a small coffee shop otherwise not much else. Secondly as a member of the NCGWI I already pay to the institute and so paying again to go to the meeting is unfair.	Objection
<b>489</b>	It's a park for the community to use any time for free, and not gave to pay to find somewhere to park where payment isn't required. Writtle will be horrid and so will the verges along the hillside of Hylands.	Objection
<b>490</b>	Charge for events parking and for everyone entering park on day of an event but not for general everyday use Charging will stop people who just want to go for half hour and meet friends This level of charging will stop that to everyone's detriment	Objection
<b>491</b>	This is a popular place for families and dog walkers to go to and the free parking is one of the top reasons. Locals don't want to have to pay to park just to take their kids to the park or walk their dog.	Objection
<b>492</b>	The only use of Hylands park car park is to use the park – for many people this is for local dog walkers lasting 1-2 hours maximum. The charge of £5 will either put people off completely – losing business to the amenities at Hylands park or will choose to park in Writtle – a beautiful small village that cannot afford to be swamped by cars. The car park at Hylands is already perfectly maintained and does not need additional funding for this. We are happy to keep paying our council tax and have a contribution of this go towards our park.	Objection
<b>493</b>	<p>Agree with the reason of non-residents of Chelmsford contributing. However, I feel strongly that there should be an annual pass for residents that INCLUDES weekends, not just weekdays.</p> <p><i>Thank you for your representation. If you there is part of the proposal that you do not support then your representation should be logged as an objection. Could you please confirm if you would like to object to the proposal or support it in its entirety?</i></p> <p>Overall, I support it.</p> <p>Thanks</p>	Support

<b>494</b>	Would like to see the annual pass covering all days not just weekdays. Would support an increase in the annual charge but current scheme seems to discriminate against people who work during the week. Never seen a proposal like this before, that doesn't cover weekends.	Objection
<b>495</b>	This penalises people who want to enjoy the park for an hour or two by not having incremented parking rates. I live in Essex but outside Chelmsford and come often to see the house, meet friends and walk my dog. Paying £5 per visit would make this a luxury I could not afford. Think again – I would not object to a reasonable incremented charge.	Objection
<b>496</b>	The charging scheme is fair; low-income families and disabled people are exempt and the weekday season tickets are very reasonable. Even the charges to park are in line with other local country parks. The parking is overused at the moment and the park too busy at times. This may persuade people to walk or cycle to Hylands and dog-walkers can choose to walk early, thus spreading out park use and parking. I want Hylands to be sustainable financially and able to afford to make improvements to the grounds/add play areas etc. Council tax money is under such pressure that I think leisure amenities which can legitimately bring in revenue should do so. In addition, people from outside the city should contribute to the running costs. I live in Writtle and am guilty of parking at Hylands – this will make me walk or cycle!	Support
<b>497</b>	Extortionate prices even for a local resident would definitely choose somewhere else to go	Objection
<b>498</b>	As a family we regularly visit Hylands Park, it has been especially important during lock down, providing relief and an escape from the home. As a whole this countries services are being stretched to a breaking point, whilst costs are continuing to rise. A parking fee will only add to the financial burden for families. The park as a 'free to park' park provides low-income families with a free place to visit. Low-income families with children may now find that the cost of parking prohibits them from visiting, negatively impacting the experience for those families, their mental health and giving those children the opportunities of wealthier families. Also, my parents, like many older people, are limited with their understanding and ability with mobile phones, they may find themselves 'digitally disadvantaged' due to their understanding, lack of an internet connected device with the specific app required. I understand that revenue streams have been cut during the pandemic (i.e., no festivals, fewer events) but there are opportunities – but shifting the cost on to the average person is unfair and leaves a sour taste.	Objection

<b>499</b>	I think there should be a more flexible pay scale or a permit that non-residents could buy who live very close. Maybe hourly charge that's then capped?	Objection
<b>500</b>	Green spaces are vital to maintaining good mental health in all people and promoting proper development in the young. Any area that encourages people to be more active and develop healthy habits reduces overall costs to the NHS and other services which are badly hit by ill health. Excellent facilities like those at Hylands should be available to all, regardless of whether money is available to allocate to it. I appreciate the reductions for those on Council Tax Relief, however too many vulnerable people slip through schemes like this.	Objection
<b>501</b>	Unfair. Unnecessary. Discriminatory. Against low-income families. Another open space denied to low-income families. Masses of new housing has been built in Chelmsford that has no open space to use. Very important for people's well-being Limited gain over costs to implement and administer Against people who can't download the app.	Objection
<b>502</b>	Public spaces should not have charges associated	Objection
<b>503</b>	If parking fees have to be implemented it should be by the hour as most people visit for an hour or two or three not all day. I'm afraid this will detract people from visiting this beautiful place	Objection
<b>504</b>	I take my kids to the park on weekends and school holidays. We will have to travel further to a park that has free parking and contribute more to pollution.	Objection
<b>505</b>	Whilst I agree that we have had the use of the park free until now, these charges will affect the mental health and wellbeing of many low income families who can't afford to pay an annual fee up front and will find the 5/day charge too high. Limiting the season ticket to weekdays only is unfair.. Another 'stealth tax'. Charges should not start so early.. A 10am to 6pm window would be fairer to those that use the park at its quietest times. Very unfair to those like dog walkers who only visit for an hour!!	Objection
<b>506</b>	We have been Chelmsford residents since 1991 and we object in the strongest possible terms to any proposal to impose parking charges in any of the Hylands Park car parks for these reasons:  [1] It has always been, and should continue to be, free to park there for the benefit of any visitor when so many other leisure facilities are chargeable and particularly during the Covid-19 pandemic when it is even more vital that everyone, especially those who don't have access to private gardens, should have	Objection

	<p>somewhere outdoors to enjoy the benefits of nature and the open air in such pleasant, peaceful and uplifting surroundings.</p> <p>[2] Chelmsford council taxpayers already pay for local facilities and amenities so, by definition, they already contribute to the costs of running Hylands Park, so only visitors who don't have a Chelmsford CC council tax reference number should be charged</p> <p>[3] The temptation for visitors to park in streets outside Hylands to avoid the parking fees, for example, Margaretting Road, Paradise Road and Three Mile Hill, increasing congestion and necessitating funding further parking restrictions.</p> <p>[4] Risk of annoying and alienating visitors leading to boycotting of the park thereby reducing parking charge and wedding/function/meeting/corporate</p> <p>income evidenced by the 7000+ signatories of the petition opposing the charges which was presented to the council in February</p> <p>There must be other less controversial ways of raising cash than imposing such charges at this priceless outdoor amenity, especially when parking has been free for visitors since Hylands was acquired in 1964 for the benefit of the local community.</p> <p>Because we feel so strongly about this single issue, if charges are imposed, we will be neither voting nor campaigning for, as we did at the last election, the LibDems at the next City Council election and hope this controversial, unjustifiable and ridiculous decision will be reversed by the next administration and, along with boycotting the Park, we will be encouraging everyone we meet and all our contacts to follow suit.</p> <p>Given the ephemeral and transient nature of local politics, we think the Council has committed a monumental error in proposing these charges, a decision we hope it will come to regret.</p>	
<b>507</b>	It will limit the number of cars parking there. Also, money can be better spent by the council on other things	Support
<b>508</b>	Terrible plan!! For families on low incomes, people that go to walk dogs, people that go to exercise in the lovely grounds, for the businesses at Hylands (as footfall will reduce hugely), for everyone. It's always been free and has been a very popular place to visit, this will change significantly if people have to pay to park!	Objection

<b>509</b>	I wish to object to the proposed charges for parking.at Hylands. As a Writtle resident we already support the park via our Council Tax. We are both retired and walk in the park regularly but my wife cannot walk from our home as well. Also, the charges will lead to people over parking in Writtle and cause stress to the residents and arguments. We residents oppose the charges and the rather mean discounts for Writtle persons.	Objection
<b>510</b>	As local residents paying both council tax and residents parking permits I do not agree with additional charges for residents to utilise a park approx. 2 miles from home. It is apparently a priority of ECC that we are encouraged to be more active and walking. The distance doesn't allow for both a walk to/from the park and then the enjoyment of the park for many, including those with elderly or smaller dogs. The proposal as is provides an annual permit for residents however the hours of validity do not include weekends. This is clearly a popular time as many residents are in fact working in the core times given. This is clearly a funding driven decision, residents ought not to be punished for the inability of the council to backfill lost revenue, noticeably the large decline in summer festivals. The week-fortnight of inconvenience during the use for large activity is more than offset by the free use of the park. I am not currently registered disabled but have long term health conditions and would be considerably disadvantaged by the need to either pay or walk (which for me means not use the facility on many occasions as I simply couldn't manage). It is my proposal that those living in Chelmsford city and paying residents parking permits should have these extended to cover Hylands.	Objection
<b>511</b>	I live in Chelmsford but work and only get to use the park on the weekend and will have to pay.	Objection
<b>512</b>	I have no garden for my son to play in. I can't afford to pay parking charges every time we go to Hylands	Objection
<b>513</b>	I was always told that Hylands Park was left to the people of Chelmsford to enjoy, I have been visiting Hylands for walks with my dogs since I was a child but would no longer choose to visit if I had to pay £5 for a walk.	Objection
<b>514</b>	As a family living in Billericay we have enjoyed walking in Hyland Park for many years. £5 flat charge is an extortionate amount and unaffordable to most people who visit on a regular basis.	Objection
<b>515</b>	I use the facility because it's free and my 6 yr old loves the fort... I spend money at the markets and shops when I go there, regularly attend paid for events etc. Adding parking is a slap in the face and will price many people out and would put me off going as in general as I don't want to pay when I'm going for an hr to enjoy a coffee while my sons runs round the fort... I taught my son to ride his bike and even	Objection

	had bitty party picnics. All because parking is free. Council should not commercialise at every opportunity and realise some things are just about community! Thanks for listening	
<b>516</b>	There is so little free places to go, and the money will Just go to the council for goodness knows what!	Objection
<b>517</b>	We currently use Hylands park at the weekend with our young children we rarely stay longer than 1-2 hours so the proposed parking charges would place an undue burden on visitors like us. There should be a period of free/reduced price parking for residents who want to visit for a short period of time. Of course this would detract from the only reason these charges are being introduced which is money. I understand this objection is entirely fruitless as this proposal was “signed and sealed” from the moment it was first proposed. Despite being told the above comment was a “reasonable point” by the council leader it is clear it was ignored! I will be voting with my feet by not visiting once the charges are brought in (or by parking in Writtle and walking to the park). I’m aware this will be a common attitude and will most likely cause significant congestion in Writtle.	Objection
<b>518</b>	I use the park to meet friends for an hour, I have always gone to the park to run. There needs to be consideration for people who do not want to go for a long period of time. Varied pricing. More importantly, it is also a free open space for people who cannot afford to pay. This is again closing an open space to the local community who cannot all afford these prices. Where do you suggest they go for free? Walk the streets of Chelmsford! I am disgusted, has a pandemic taught us nothing about mental health and the benefit of nature. Please reconsider, not for me, I can afford your prices, I will not pay them as I have other options, but for others who are not as fortunate.	Objection
<b>519</b>	I object to the parking cost. I thought paying council tax covers the upkeep of our beautiful green spaces. I travel a couple of times a week to Hylands just to walk my dog of which I am a responsible dog owner, and then another couple of times with my daughter so she can go on the play equipment after we have had our enjoyable exercise in such a beautiful space. The children are mainly the ones who will suffer now as parents are not going to pay that much living out of the area. I feel deeply disappointed and discriminated against because of not living in the area.	Objection
<b>520</b>	Hylands estate was left for the people of Chelmsford and indeed Essex and further afield to enjoy. By charging these prices you are causing people, especially those who are already disadvantaged to not be able to enjoy the estate. Being outside has proven to be beneficial to peoples mental and physical health and there is a large number of residents and visitors who don’t have gardens. It’s outrageous. I	Objection

	suspect you are charging this to cause the park to be less popular so that you can start to sell bits off for development.	
<b>521</b>	Due to my mental health it is the only place I feel safe enough to walk my dog and take some time out. I cannot afford £5 a day to do this. I also have young children who love the space to run about in and not have to worry about cars or traffic. It is so good for people's wellbeing to have a safe and enjoyable place to go no matter what age and to take this away from everyone is defeating the point of trying to support your Chelmsford community!	Objection
<b>522</b>	We don't feel it is fair to impose charges to park.	Objection
<b>523</b>	I've been a ratepayer and council taxpayer in Chelmsford since 1977. We paid for the renovations of the house and estate for many years, the argument that you've put forward that many people pay for its upkeep but don't use it is damning, I don't use schools or care homes, for example, so am I entitled to pay less taxes? I doubt it. This excuse is a mainstay of the much discredited T-Party doctrine in the US. Even the Tory-run City Council backed away from car park charges for Hylands, Oaklands and Chelmer parks. A compromise would be no parking charge for Chelmsford residents who register a vehicle and maybe a mobile patrol checking the veracity of the Blue Badge use. I am one of many older citizens who don't have a "smart" phone, therefore, apps for me are useless. The system that you are proposing is skewed in favour of the phone user with data access. Am I expected to do the same? I could easily say a lot more but I'll reiterate my complete opposition to this rotten tory style idea and inform you that I'm not alone with this view, for what it's worth. I doubt very much that Chelmsford plc will think again, the scent of money is already in their snouts.	Objection
<b>524</b>	The proposed charges are unwarranted, excessive and dangerous They should not be used politically to address an apparent shortfall in City finances. Hylands Park is for the benefit of the people of Chelmsford and should remain free. The proposed discount is unwieldy and difficult to understand and to set up. It is unlikely that it will be taken up in the numbers which the City Council may envisage as it will have to be widely advertised and promoted, which again looks unlikely. Visitor numbers will inevitably drop. This will damage the viability of the retail units within the Park especially at the Stables which are destination driven and experience no casual passing trade. This in turn will affect the income from these units and from the House itself and also any events which may be held in the Park. It is doubtful that this shortfall has been properly and accurately modelled by the Council against the expected income of the Parking. From Writtle itself there is free parking throughout the Village. There is a free car park at The Paradise Road Recreation Ground which serves the Sports and Social Club, all	Objection



	<p>the Associated Sports Clubs and the Scouts and Guides. It also services the Children's Play areas and is also the home of the highly successful Writtle Minors Football Club. There is an underpass to Greenbury Way which affords pedestrian access to Hylands Park from Paradise Road. The effect of the proposed charges will encourage visitors to Hylands Park to seek out free parking elsewhere. This will inevitably impact on the Paradise Road Recreation Ground and Paradise Road itself, and trailer back into other areas of the village. This will deprive bona fide users of the Recreation Ground of their current free parking. The traffic generated will also affect all the residences in Paradise Road and surrounding and feeder roads leading, again, inevitably to traffic congestion and fly parking giving the potential for disputes between residents and casual parkers seeking to visit Hylands Park. This is without considering what the potential effect could be for visitors to Hylands Park seeking to avoid charges, by parking on verges on both sides of the A 414 throughout its adjoining length along Three Mile Hill and Greenbury Way. This is potentially dangerous, not only through the manoeuvres of traffic, but also uncontrolled pedestrian movements. This proposal is so flawed on so many practical fronts that it should be rejected out of hand.</p>	
<b>525</b>	We already pay council tax and the parking charge is quite high	Objection
<b>526</b>	We pay council tax and when there buy refreshments. We would not visit if charged. Surely public parks should be free?	Objection
<b>527</b>	I will no longer visit as I cannot afford the charge – particularly as I usually do not stay the whole day. Would have preferred it to have been added equally on everyone's community charge. It would seem a nightmare to monitor the different price for Chelmsford residents and comes across as very unwelcoming!	Objection
<b>528</b>	Why should local residents who already pay for the park in council tax, have to pay more and the proposed permit prices are ridiculous making it for the wealthy not for the whole community	Objection
<b>529</b>	The charges are far too high. £5 daily is prohibitive and will force drivers to find alternative parking in less appropriate areas. Keep the charges reasonable - £2.00 for example is better, or preferably £1.00. This will mean the car park will still be used. For local residents of Chelmsford, the charges should be free. I cannot believe you want to charge local residents!	Objection
<b>530</b>	Hylands Park was acquired for the benefit of the people of Chelmsford and provides a glorious area of freedom and a spacious green lung for free exercise and enjoyment. It should not be utilised as a cash cow to shore up the finances of the City Council. It will have a disastrous and dangerous effect on	Objection

	<p>Writtle and the surrounding areas as visitors attempt to find free areas to park to avoid the quite extortionate rates being proposed for the Park. This will be especially true of Paradise Road and the adjoining Recreation Ground which has a large free car park for the benefit of the users of that area, which will be filled instead by visitors to the Park. The imposition of car park charges will also affect the income derived from the Park by way of rent from the Stables, from events and from the House itself. Is it seriously expected that guests at a wedding should pay to park??? Also what about the capital and running costs of the car park scheme be? Have all these outgoings been properly factored in? These proposals should be rejected immediately.</p>	
<b>531</b>	<p>As a resident of Writtle I feel the charges are high, especially for those using with children using the playground. The land was left to the residents. Parking will become more of an issue in Writtle.</p>	Objection
<b>532</b>	<p>This parking scheme will create chaos for the residents of Writtle who live in the Paradise Road, Rectory Road, Hunts Drive and Lodge Road areas of the village; it will also create chaos for the residents of Widford too. Visitors not willing to pay the charge, but still wanting to use Hylands park, will park in these roads instead of paying the charge. In nearly all areas when this situation has occurred councils have introduced a residents' parking scheme generating even more revenue for the council and penalising the residents and their bonafide visitors, I cannot see Chelmsford City Council acting any differently bearing in mind that they already operate any such systems in and around the city. Hylands Park is criminally underused, the Sonisphere festival were looking for a new home a few years ago, Hylands would have been perfect, a festival of this size would have gone a very long way towards making up any shortfall due to the costs of maintaining the park; this is just one suggestion for raising revenue. This parking scheme is extremely short sighted and will unfairly penalise those least able to afford it and should be stopped immediately before it causes the misery outlined above.</p>	Objection
<b>533</b>	<p>People need to be able to access green space, no matter their financial situation. This estate is far enough away from any paid parking that you cannot assume the space is being abused.</p>	Objection
<b>534</b>	<p>We already pay our council tax and should not have to pay more to park. Also, the annual charge is far too high and doesn't even cover weekends.</p>	Objection
<b>535</b>	<p>It will 100 % deter me from using the park. Daily dog walks would be way too expensive!</p>	Objection
<b>536</b>	<p>I am a regular user of Hylands Park, but, like many residents of Chelmsford, I rarely am there for more than an hour or so each time. I use it for an evening or weekend walk as somewhere that is away from the hustle and bustle of the city. I can't remember the last time I have spent a day or a longer period of</p>	Objection

	time there. I think this scheme penalises such daily use in favour of the smaller number of visitors who do use it for a day visit. It will stop me using the park, which is a shame.	
<b>537</b>	The park belongs to the people of Chelmsford and Writtle. If this charge is brought in it will prevent some people from accessing green space and fresh air at a time when we are being encouraged to get outside and take fresh air and exercise. Also people will be parking cars all around Writtle to avoid paying. Why not make it free for residents and charge others. Surely we pay as part of our council tax anyway. I feel the proposal is most unfair.	Objection
<b>538</b>	I can understand charging non-residents but for those already contributing to the local community via tax and businesses it seems unfair to charge a fee	Objection
<b>539</b>	i have enjoyed Hylands Park over many years & am happy to pay to park. However a flat fee of £5 a day to spend maybe an hour there is really not a fair charge. Many many people will stop visiting such a lovely open space. Why not a variable charge per 1 hour/ 2 hours/ all day to give people a choice? Surely that would bring in just as much money.	Objection
<b>540</b>	<p>I am writing to express my concerns about the proposed parking charges at Hylands Park.</p> <p>I run the 1<sup>st</sup> Writtle Guides and we meet at the Scout Centre in Paradise Park on Paradise Road, right near the entrance to Hylands Park. Apart from the current lockdown situation, the Car Park at the Scout Centre is shared with the Sports and Social club next door and also users of the kid's playground. It is usually very busy and often full.</p> <p>This situation will only become worse if Hylands Park imposes charges, as the Public will use the free facilities at Paradise Road. It will make it harder for parents dropping off and picking up, without being able to park, causing congestion, a higher risk of vehicle accidents and most importantly a safety issue for our young people negotiating the vehicles in the car park. Where will our Leaders park? I often have a car full of equipment, craft materials etc., which would be hard to manage if I were unable to use the car park.</p> <p>If parking charges at Hylands Park are brought in, I cannot see a way of differentiating between legitimate car park users and those going to Hylands Park.</p> <p>I hope that you will reconsider your proposal.</p>	Objection

<b>541</b>	Hylands Park was given to the people of Chelmsford and your proposals will deny access to many low paid people who may well need the public open space for their physical and mental wellbeing.	Objection
<b>542</b>	I don't think that residents should have to pay.	Objection
<b>543</b>	<p>I write to you to voice my objections to the proposed parking charges, whilst I accept that Hylands Park takes a lot of money in upkeep, it is a vital resource for the residents of Chelmsford and I believe the proposed changes are extortionate.</p> <p>It may be reasonable value for money if you want to stay all day but how about the families who want to bring their children to enjoy the playground or park area for a couple of hours only? As a resident of Writtle I fear that many many people will park for free in our village and walk in to Hylands causing traffic chaos for residents and motorists. Surely a lesser charge of £1 for 1 – 2 hours would allow families on low incomes to enjoy the facilities, keep the cars rotating in the car park and give the council income? If you are looking for a cheap and healthy way to entertain your kids and get outdoors, especially for those people not lucky enough to have a garden who need somewhere to exercise, £3 or £5 is a high price to pay.</p>	Objection
<b>544</b>	Everyone should be able to access green spaces and places like Hylands Estate regardless of financial situation. I for one as a mother of 2 young children use the area a lot currently, but wouldn't be able to afford to visit very often at all if parking charges were brought in.	Objection
<b>545</b>	We use the marquee monthly for our WI meetings and pay a lot for the pleasure of doing so. having to also pay parking charges would be too much for a lot of members and this would exclude people. Also I walk my dog there with friends regularly, having to pay to walk my dogs would again mean I wouldn't meet friends there as this would be an expensive exercise. There should be parks available in Chelmsford where we can go for free any in Town we already have to pay to park to get near them. Hylands should stay a free place to visit	Objection
<b>546</b>	Hylands I believe was given to Chelmsford by the Hanbury family and it is disgraceful to even consider to change it. As I see it you will have to pay out at least about £40000 to control the proposed scheme. If this goes ahead the Liberal Party can forget my vote forever.	Objection
<b>547</b>	Placing any charge on car parking at Hylands will be elitist, resulting in only the rich being able to visit and discrimination against the poor. Those on low income rely on such a free facility for their physical and mental health. Would CBC really deny them this?	Objection

548	A set price for all day or a few hours is ridiculous and unreasonable, various prices set on time limit is more acceptable and sensible without being money grabbing, otherwise people won't bother visiting.	Objection
549	<p>I am writing in connection with the proposed parking charges for Hylands Park.</p> <p>I live only about 4 miles away from the park, and use it regularly, on average 2 or 3 times a week, for a short walk. My husband has various medical conditions and needs to have short walks, and Hylands is ideal, particularly when there are currently so many restrictions, and there is a need to socially distance. It has been a lifeline for us during the last year.</p> <p>However, although we live so close to the park, we are approx.. 2 miles outside Chelmsford City boundaries, in Brentwood district. Therefore, it would appear, from the proposed charges, that I would need to pay £5 every time I visited. If I continued using it as I currently do, this would mean it would cost me at least £500 a year. Clearly this would be an exorbitant and disproportionate amount of money for 2 or 3 half hour walks a week. I never stay longer than an hour.</p> <p>I absolutely support the need for car parking charges, to help pay for the maintenance of such a wonderful facility, and I understand, too, the reasoning behind Chelmsford residents paying less than those from outside the council boundary. The reduction of 40% for Chelmsford residents, i.e., £3 rather than £5 for people from Ingatestone seems reasonable, although for a half hour walk I could not justify it. As the proposed cost for a Season Ticket for Chelmsford residents is £60, could you not consider a proportionate £100 Season Ticket for non-residents? I would be happy to pay that. Without that option, however, I will not be able to justify visiting the park at all, except for special events, so the council will be the loser as well as myself.</p> <p>I am sure that I am not alone in people living close to the park but outside Chelmsford district in feeling that we will, in effect, be financially barred from using Hylands Park, despite the fact that we are nearer than many residents of Chelmsford.</p> <p>I will be really sad if I can no longer visit and use what is a wonderful park and would ask you to consider if there is some way that you can consider the position of people like myself. If the charges were reasonable, then I would continue using the park and would be paying towards its upkeep. With the proposed charges, however, they are unreasonable for the short time I am there each time, so I will not be visiting. I will lose the use of a great facility, and the council will not be receiving any money from me for its upkeep.</p>	Objection

550	It is one of the few places in Chelmsford with big open green space where you can exercise, walk, meet friends, it's a cheap day out for families with kids to explore the woods, use the play park and have a run around. By charging for the car park, you're discouraging many people from the benefits of using this space, the positive physical and mental health benefits of exercising outdoors. Hylands is not very accessible other than by car, I am also concerned about people parking irresponsibly nearby to try to avoid the parking charge, making roads unsafe and a danger to pedestrians.	Objection
551	1) As someone who has worked for the council I am concerned they are taking a short cut route to replenishing lost funds that will impact on the residents physical and mental health for years to come, where is the creativity to do this? As a leader of a charity we couldn't afford to be so lazy in our thoughts and had to pivot everything to survive, we certainly didn't charge the public we serve to make up the shortfall! 2) Low-income families who need access to free leisure and entertainment will be hugely impacted by this; my husband is a primary school teacher in a low-income area and this would be a poor way of managing the needs of children and families who should be exposed to our greatest park/asset in their local area as part of their community! Especially after we as residents didn't have access to walk dogs etc whilst all the festivals took place that helped to restore Hylands House and deliver the children's fort play area, and scouts garden that they wouldn't now have access to! This should be free to residents to stop the inequality that it will create – the wealthy should not be the only ones with access to this local resource! There is so much to experience at this park and you will be withdrawing it from their social and local education as well as providing open space for those least likely to have it at home. 3) Was an equalities impact assessment completed during the consultation stage? If this has subsequently been completed it must have identified that this proposal directly discriminates against at least one group with a protected characteristic – the elderly. During the Essex county council liveable neighbourhoods' proposal, we as local residents saw that a large number of residents that are elderly and lack internet access but rely on their car to get about due to their age were missed out. As a former employer of Help the Aged I know that these residents do not meet the strict criteria set for a blue badge. I believe that these residents could find themselves digitally disadvantaged due to their lack of an internet connected device with the specific app required to be identified as a resident and would therefore be required to pay the full, non-resident price. Again, excluding part of our community! 4) Many creative events have occurred in Chelmsford across a wide variety of locations, why not be collaborative coming out of the pandemic to call on the community and businesses here to find a festival of activities that can replace lost funds rather than penalise us for what has already been an awful period – we need that park. 5) I've used it to manage my mental health through breakdowns where I didn't want to use my local one that I can and often walk to – why? I need space without the fear of	Objection

	walking into someone I know! Also, different things to see and experience help stimulate a response. I won't continue to use it for any of the activities I once did as knowing I have to pay for my local park is against my beliefs for a community that supports one another when not everyone can access it too! This is not what a progressive inclusive management team should do.	
<b>552</b>	We walk our dogs over Hylands maybe for an hour. £5 to park for 1 hour is too expensive. We won't visit if this brought in. I have spoken to plenty of dog friends who feel the same. Also, what about the families that use the park /playground area some can't afford £5. You will not be doing yourselves any favours the park will be used a lot less. Maybe £1 for two hours would be more acceptable. You are just being greedy!	Objection
<b>553</b>	Our local parks are for everyone. Charging to park will make a day out less affordable for low-income families.	Objection
<b>554</b>	2-fold. Firstly, as a member of the Chelmsford beekeeper's association, we regularly visit the apiary in the grounds of Hylands. Depending on the weather and how many of us are there, we will either part near the path into the apiary or in the London Road car park. These changes look with they would make parking near the apiary an infringement subject to penalty – our members need to park there because of the weight of equipment in the summer when honey is being harvested. It would also penalise our members when they come to check on the bees if they were using the normal car park, if for example the field was wet or in the last of last winter, has a frozen lake on it. I believe that the CBKA members should be exempt from these charges to ensure they can visit the apiary, care for the bees and attending regular training courses to improve their animal husbandry. Secondly, I have a concern that these charges will put off the local residents who already cover much of the costs through our council tax. I believe that it should be free for local council taxpayers – for at least a first vehicle.	Objection
<b>555</b>	My wife and I wish to object to some of the elements within the new parking charge proposal. Although we live in Shenfield, we have both regularly walked our dogs and enjoyed many fun days with our children in Hylands Park over the last thirty years. We accept that parking fees are necessary but suggest that season tickets are made available to non-Chelmsford-City Council residents, to allow them to continue enjoying the park on a daily basis, since the new daily flat rate of £5 is both excessive and prohibitive. Many non-Chelmsford-City residents enjoy Hylands Park on a daily basis, surely it would be better to offer them a season ticket and receive the funds relating to them, than lose those people and the associated revenue, who may now choose not to visit Hyland due to the daily charge.	Objection

	Please consider this variation to your proposal.	
<b>556</b>	The house was given to Essex council for the people, it is used mainly by people wanting to enjoy a walk, either as a family or with their pets. Hylands is one of the only places nearby that is free and has a lot of land for me to be able to walk my dog and not be around so many other people. Although £5 may not seem a lot, it is if you're a regular visitor and may not have access to the Internet, to sign up to get it cheaper and provide evidence that they are a resident.	Objection
<b>557</b>	as the estate area was given to the people of Chelmsford for public use free of charge, what is happening to the portion of council tax that we pay to cover this estate or can we expect a reduction in our council tax. With regard to health and safety matters when the parking overflows onto the streets around Writtle 1 what about emergency vehicles attending incidents 2 what about elderly people and those who use mobility aids to get through when cars parked on pavements 3 what about the bus service if roads are blocked 4 there are 2 schools nearby in lodge road ,what about parents dropping and collecting children especially those children with special needs has any of this been taken into consideration also there is in paradise road the village hall and Writtle football club, what happens when there are events on and local people and those attending events cannot get parked as the parking has been used for those going to the park have we thought about possible verge parking along the a414,more possible congestion ,also dangerous if children are involved dog walkers are being penalised between 9am and 6 pm as this council meeting took place during a covid lockdown period ,no one could attend, very underhand by the city council, downright disgraceful, on the part of lib dem councillors, who should be ashamed of themselves	Objection
<b>558</b>	Object on the basis that the proposed charge (£3/£5) is unnecessarily high in order to meet the scheme's objectives. It also discriminates against those wishing to park at the park for a short period (e.g.: less than two hours) versus those who wish park for longer (e.g.: for the duration of the park opening time). A much fairly and proportionate approach would be to charge on the basis of the length of stay.	Objection
<b>559</b>	I am writing to object to the reposed charging plans for car parking at Hylands Park.  The proposed charges are disproportionate, discriminatory, and unfair.  They are discriminatory in that, despite the wording, a premium of some 66 2/3 % is being charged to non-residents of Chelmsford for daily parking. I live in Shenfield, and local facilities, Thorndon, South Weald etc do not discriminate in this manner.	Objection



	<p>They are disproportionate and unfair in that there is no facility to pay a lower rate for a limited period of time. Most people who use the park would seem to be dog walkers and others who use the park for between 1 and 2 hours, and this should be recognised, as is generally the case in other parks, by an appropriately lower charging rate.</p> <p>If I was a Chelmsford resident I would also object to a season ticket structure that excludes weekends, and I am sure that others have objected to this.</p> <p>Hylands is a wonderful facility, but I fear that these charging proposals will result in considerably lower levels of use and will adversely impact the cafe business.</p>	
<b>560</b>	It's just grabbing more money from us. Let us enjoy the few perks of living in Chelmsford. Many of us pay to park on our own roads!!!	Objection
<b>561</b>	The set Full Day rate of £3 for residents and £5 for non-residents is excessive and could be prohibitive for many. People on limited income and/or those who do not have their own garden/outside space who have previously relied on the park could find themselves unable to use the facility and effectively discriminated against. Equally, a person wishing to use the park for exercise would typically use the park for one to two hours and to have to pay £3/£5 for such a purpose is excessive. In addition, limiting the proposed residents' season ticket to weekdays only excludes many groups of people, including those who work full time and is, frankly, mean spirited. This past year has highlighted the importance of mental and physical wellbeing and to inflict such high charges to use an outside space in a big city is inequitable.	Objection
<b>562</b>	Limiting the proposed residents' season ticket to weekdays effectively discriminates against those of us who have to work full time and can only really use the park at the weekends. I work full time in the week I use the park every weekend to walk my dog so the proposed charges would effectively mean an approximate 20% increase in our council tax which is unacceptable. This appears to be a stealth tax and adds insult to injury for many people who have struggled financially through the pandemic and have relied on this park to boost their physical and mental health.	Objection
<b>563</b>	It is outrageous you will be discriminating against non-residents by charging them £5 vs the £3 for residents – yet I live closer to Hylands than many in the Chelmsford area. If this goes ahead then I suggest Brentwood residents lobby their council to discriminate against Chelmsford residents when they visit Weald and Thorndon country parks...pathetic I know when everyone should be encouraged to get out and enjoy the countryside safely – with equal access to all. 2. I have no objection to a car parking	Objection

	charge. Councils are strapped for cash and Hylands is a wonderful asset we love to use. But £5 for a 1-hour dog walk?! I am not going to be ripped off, so no thanks. £3 for all however is “fair”. 3. If the council objective is to keep Hylands for themselves, then congratulations on a job well done.	
<b>564</b>	t discriminates against those who have low incomes – e.g., NHS staff who have been so crucial in recent times. The park plays an important part in many people’s lives, particularly helping with mental well-being,. Also, the car parks at Hylands are very rarely oversubscribed.	Objection
<b>565</b>	I am totally disgusted with this proposal to charge for parking at Hylands Park. Hylands estate was given to the people of Chelmsford for their wellbeing and enjoyment. When the Covid pandemic was at its height people flocked to Hylands Park for some respite, the car park was therefore very crowded, this must have been noted by Council officials who thought the deficit in Council car parks could be made good by this new charge. Soon the Covid situation will be brought under control but the ordinary people of Chelmsford will be saddled with this insidious charge for ever. I hope this Liberal run Council feels very ashamed of themselves for even thinking up this charge.	Objection
<b>566</b>	I am the organiser of a small group of older people that meet at Hylands Park on a daily basis to facilitate mental health support. Our group comprises individuals living alone that provide support and help to each other to maintain our equilibrium both mentally and physically. Would we be able to request exemption from charges?	Support
<b>567</b>	As a resident of Ingatestone I am a regular visitor to Hylands. I appreciate that it needs funding but think the £5 charge flat charge is excessive. It will certainly prevent me from visiting. Perhaps a graduated charge would be fairer, as I feel the majority of visitors are unlikely to spend more than a couple of hours there.	Objection
<b>568</b>	object the high charge you are proposing. That is a lot of money to pensioners. Myself and my disabled wife enjoy the park regularly during the week and at the weekend with our family. I feel it is discriminatory against people on restricted incomes.	Objection
<b>569</b>	It’s our local dog walking venue and we will not be able to use it anymore if there is a charge to pay every day.	Objection

<b>570</b>	As a family we meet at Hylands Park as a central point for our family to walk the dogs and get together as a family. My family are located in Havering, Wickford and I am in Ingatestone. We are usually 90 mins walking so feel its harsh to pay £5.00 each car – so £20.00 to walk our dogs and meet for a catch up. My dad and aunt are pension age and will not be able to afford this weekly which means they will not see family, get some fresh air, exercise. Is it not fairer to allow everyone to use the park as it was meant to be used? There should be concessions for old age pensioner too – although I don't agree with the charge full stop	Objection
<b>571</b>	There will be many people who will park in Paradise Road and the surrounding areas in Writtle rather than pay the fees. This will cause a nuisance and congestion. There appears to be no plan in place to deal with this prior to the introduction of the charges. The park is partly paid for by the rate payers and as such is an amenity that should be free to all. It would appear that the real reason for these charges is to make up for funds which have been lost during the Covid Lockdowns. The charges themselves are relatively large and will deter many people from using the Park which is not in the spirit of it being a public place. Is there any detail of what the cost will be to set this up and run it to determine its cost effectiveness?	Objection
<b>572</b>	The charges are excessive especially if you visit the park for a short period of time. People need to be encouraged to get out and exercise especially at the present time with the pandemic. It is wrong to penalise visitors who live outside of Chelmsford, open areas should be enjoyed by everybody; we all live in Essex. Brentwood Parks do not charge Visitors living outside the area more. A permit should be for 7 days a week. People living anywhere in Essex should be able to have a permit for any park. Why don't you have an all year permit covering all The Essex parks, this seems fairer?	Objection
<b>573</b>	<p>I write with reference to the above proposal and wish to add my name to the list of people appalled at the Council's proposal to charge between £3 and £5 for people to park their cars when visiting Hylands Park.</p> <p>Given that Chelmsford Council have approved construction of thousands more council tax-paying homes in Beaulieu, Broomfield and Channels, plus new flats crammed into every conceivable free space in the district, I would have thought Chelmsford could well afford to keep parking free at Hylands.</p> <p>Hylands Park plays a vital role in our community, offering beautiful open spaces in which people can exercise, enjoy the surroundings and have a safe place to spend their time. Charging between £3 and</p>	Objection

	<p>£5 per vehicle will drive people away from visiting the park, some for financial reasons and some, like me, on principle.</p> <p>Do the decent thing – scrap this proposal and instead use some of the money generated by thousands of new homes in the area to fund whatever it was the parking charges were intended for. Given how you've allowed house building to spiral out of control, you can clearly afford it.</p>	
<b>574</b>	<p>My husband and I have lived in Mayland for over 30 years. Since retiring 6 years ago (and especially over these past miserable 18 months) we have depended on lovely walks for exercise and to simply brighten our days. Hylands Park has played a part in this.</p> <p>Mayland has very few paved walks so we resort to driving further afield. Sadly, the heavy parking costs in Promenade Park (Maldon), Paper Mill Lock, Danbury Lakes etc., are crippling and it's such a shame that Hylands are now following their lead.</p> <p>We understand the last 18 months have hit councils hard and the cancellation of funded events must have made a huge impact, but a £5 day charge seems unfair to those (like us) who take a 2 hour maximum walk. We've stopped going to Promenade Park etc., due to the parking charges which, in our opinion, are extortionate.</p> <p>This does nothing to encourage people to get out and exercise when they don't live in open areas and have to travel. I can't see how this charge will make a hug impact when it's free of charge to so many others.</p>	Objection
<b>575</b>	<p>There should be a short-stay option. I often drive to the park for a walk, usually staying no more than an hour. Why am I forced to pay the same as somebody parking there all day. Hardly seems fair.</p>	Objection
<b>576</b>	<p>I have no objection to paying to park at Hylands Park, however, what I do object to is the fact that should I wish to purchase a season ticket it is only valid Monday to Friday. The season ticket should be valid for 365 days, a year otherwise it is not an annual season ticket.</p>	Objection
<b>577</b>	<p>I object to the proposed car parking at Hylands Park.</p> <p>By charging for parking people will not use the park and will go elsewhere meaning all events and businesses that are in the park will lose custom.</p>	Objection

	By charging for parking also means that Paradise Road and surrounding areas of Writtle will become free parking for Hylands Park users and block / fill up the car park for users of Paradise Road Park.	
<b>578</b>	I have no objection to paying a car parking charge. However I am somewhat disappointed that there is not an option to pay for either a weekend pass only or a anytime pass for the whole year. Pre Covid I was a London commuter and so weekends would be the only time going forward that I could visit the park and cannot purchase a permit. I have visited other country parks recently and paid the daily rate as a non resident of the area but they did have an option to purchase annual or 6 monthly permits. It is also disappointing that as I already purchase a permit to utilise the station car park that there is no dispensation for a second council car park permit	Objection
<b>579</b>	The park was left to the people of Chelmsford. Today my husband took the grandchildren there. I remarked it's one of the only free places left to take the children. If this vile plan goes ahead, what do you intend to invest the revenue in? I will be watching this very carefully.	Objection
<b>580</b>	<p>With regard to the planned car parking charges at Hylands:</p> <p>My main concern with these plans – which will effectively put an end to people just dropping in and enjoying entirely carefree relaxing visits for mental and physical wellbeing, which is bad enough – is why have you made the Season Ticket valid for weekdays only?</p> <p>You promised Chelmsford residents all along that a season ticket would be an option for us. I was therefore astonished to see on the notices at the car park that season tickets will only be valid from Monday to Friday!</p> <p>Anyone who works all week is therefore penalised and will have to pay £3 for each day they visit at weekends.</p> <p>Those of us who are fortunate to be able to park up and drop in for a walk on the way home from work on weekdays (for me this is at 5.30 pm, meaning that I will either have to pay £3 for each half an hour I visit until 6 pm, or buy a season ticket for weekdays to cover those half hours). I then visit at weekends with my husband, so I will in effect have to pay twice, at £3 each weekend day. (It is too far to walk to the park and back as my husband is a chronic asthmatic)</p> <p>I am sure you will say that parking is free before 9 am and after 6 pm but that is not workable for so many people for many reasons. In the Winter of course there will be no free parking times at all after 9</p>	Objection

	<p>am, as the park closes much earlier! I am assuming you wish to limit the numbers of visitors at weekends or make the maximum amount of money possible, especially when there are events.</p> <p>Please can you consider making the season ticket for Chelmsford residents a seven day one?</p> <p>Many of us have supported the Park over the years by regularly spending our money in the cafe and gift shop (before it closed), and at lots of different events including the Illuminations during last Winter.</p> <p>The park has been an absolute lifeline throughout the pandemic and so many of us wish to keep up the benefits of visiting for wellbeing. In my own experience it has helped get me through two close family bereavements in the past year, and a stressful key worker job where I have commuted a 40 mile round trip each day to my place of work throughout the entire pandemic. I do not know how I would have coped without being able to escape to the peace and tranquillity of the park.</p> <p>I hope you will take the above request into consideration.</p>	
<b>581</b>	<p>I am on a very limited pension and £5 is a lot of money to pay on car park charges. If I only want to stay for a couple of hours for exercise and social encounters, but have to pay £5 each time, I will not be able to enjoy this activity anymore. Yesterday, I observed many families enjoying the fresh air, but I feel if they have to spend £5 of their budget each time they visit, they will not visit any more either. £5 is a lot of money these days, and I feel this will simply put people off going to Hylands Park. If you do start charging, and I hope you do not, then it needs to be different prices dependant on length of stay, and, most importantly, affordable for all, residents and non-residents alike.</p>	Objection
<b>582</b>	<p>I object to the proposed charges outlined – but not to the overall proposal. They are too high and will become a deterrent to anybody making the trip to what should be a lovely open green space. Overall, I believe there is a need to charge an amount, and I like the idea of the resident discount – but the current prices and inflexibility (I.e., a one off all day charge rather than hourly options) is restrictive and punitive. I would urge the council to rethink its pricing and whether it is fair, appropriate and attractive enough to ensure anybody is able to enjoy the green space.</p>	Objection
<b>583</b>	<p>There is no provision for a season ticket for people who live out of the Chelmsford area. There are many regular visitors who would be happy to pay for a season ticket but are not prepared to pay the £5 daily charge. They have all stated they will go elsewhere. This will have a negative effect on groups of friends, especially the elderly, who you are now effectively banning from the park. The elderly cannot afford £5 daily charges. There will be a knock on effect for the cafes as there will be a greatly reduced footfall. The council is missing out on making money from the outside area people by not having a</p>	Objection

	<p>season ticket. Most other parks have an increased price season ticket for outsiders, why can't Chelmsford council?? Many would be happy to pay up to £200 a year. The park today, in the school holidays, is very quiet. During lockdown the park was overrun with people as there was nowhere else to go. With the charges, it will be even more empty. Please think seriously about an outsider season ticket.</p>	
<b>584</b>	<p>It is outrageous that you are planning to charge people to use the parks grounds. Many people visit here to walk their dogs, meet up with loved ones, picnics, sport and so forth. The idea to charge is disgusting and will mean that a lot of people will not want to attend due to flat out fee that they must pay. £3 for an hour's walk? Have you not thought about how ridiculous that sounds? Especially when the park was left to the public and not for the council to profit on! The restaurants and small businesses that are located on the site will have a direct impact because of these charges and will likely struggle. How immoral can Chelmsford City Council be. Incredibly out of touch with the local residents!!!</p>	Objection
<b>585</b>	<p>Whilst appreciating the need to raise funds from any source imaginable, there should be a sliding scale of parking charges according to actual time parked. Residents should have a greater (sliding scale) discount. Season tickets should include weekends. There appears to be no monthly season tariff in the TRO (although there are references elsewhere); again, this should offer a greater discount to residents and include weekends.</p>	Objection
<b>586</b>	<p>I wish to state my objection to the introduction of parking charges at Hylands Park, Chelmsford.</p> <p>As a Chelmsford resident we are frequent users of Hylands Park and the car parks to enjoy the green space it has to offer the city.</p> <p>We pay a significant amount in council tax living in Chelmsford.</p> <p>I would therefore propose that Chelmsford residents are exempt from parking charges.</p>	Objection
<b>587</b>	<p>The introduction of parking charges at this high rate will cause people to use Paradise Road and other surrounding roads to park to avoid charges causing major problems for local residents. We do not want to then have to introduce more restrictions and/or parking permits for Writtle, costing us and causing us unwanted problems.</p>	Objection
<b>588</b>	<p>The £5 a day charge is too high. It will put off people going there. My father (88) is a widow and goes there occasionally for a walk to enable him to cope with his new situation. He can't walk for long so it will not be worth him paying the charge. It will certainly stop me going for occasional walks there with my friends. I don't understand how introducing a car parking charge will "help regulate and manage car</p>	Objection

	parking demand". What improvements to site infrastructure and facilities are planned and when are they going to be implemented?	
<b>589</b>	<p>I would like to express my concerns and make objection to the proposed car parking charges at Hylands Park.</p> <p>I am a regular user of the park and am aware of its attraction to those within Chelmsford City Council's jurisdiction and those from wider areas.</p> <p>Although it's fairly obvious that the Council is enforcing parking charges as a source of revenue, I do not feel that the reference to finance shortfalls as a result of Covid-19 in the Council's Consultation Report is appropriate or fair in any capacity to the users of the park. I am sure that thousands of people that use the park have been affected by Covid-19, whether it be financially, emotionally or physically, and for the Council to use the pandemic as an excuse to then charge users to use this important park, is incredibly unfair. I am confident that there are other avenues that the Council could be seeking, rather than charging people to go for a walk in a location that helps them to exercise, socialise and improve their wellbeing. It shows a complete lack of empathy and sensitivity to the users of the park and those that have really suffered over the past 18 months due to the pandemic.</p> <p>As you are aware, Hylands Park isn't the easiest park to access by foot given it is surrounded entirely by busy roads, which are not designed for pedestrian or cycle traffic. If you are looking to deter people from travelling by car (which it looks as though you are given point 2 of the Foreword of the Consultation Report), then I would strongly request that you also spend time and money working up further proposals on how the park can be accessed safely for non-motorised users. The Consultation Report has acknowledged concern about lack of safe and clear cycle routes from key areas in Chelmsford, however no information has been provided on this aspect. My concern is not about cycle parking provision, it is how people get to the park safely, and this is not addressed whatsoever. The same principle applies to paths and how people will travel to the park by foot – given that the nearby road networks are unsafe and have busy 60mph traffic, with no formal crossings provided. These considerations and provisions should be in place before any changes are imposed, given that there is likely to be more people travelling by foot or cycling once the charges are in place. This is not considered to the appropriate level of detail in the Consultation Report.</p> <p>In terms of the Council's statement regarding the many people that use the park that live outside of Chelmsford, I can understand the point given they do not pay Chelmsford Council Tax, and therefore do not contribute to the upkeep of the park. I do think that this is a fair way to raise funding for maintenance</p>	Objection



	<p>and the upkeep of the gardens. However, those who live in Chelmsford already contribute to the Council's finances through relatively high Council Tax payments, and it is confirmed in the Consultation Report that Chelmsford residents already contribute to the upkeep of Hylands Estate through their council tax, so why are they being charged on top of that to use the park? This is wrong and should be closely reviewed by the decision-making committee. I'd therefore suggest that Chelmsford residents are given at least a 75% discount on the standard daily charge, rather than the proposed 40% discount. This seems far fairer in terms of the Council's proposals, which I feel does not appropriately (nor proportionately) consider the significant contribution that Chelmsford residents make in Council Tax payments each month. This is also in direct reference to point 1 of the Council's Foreword in the Consultation Report, saying that people from outside Chelmsford pay 'nothing towards it'. So, if Chelmsford residents do already pay towards it, and already pay significant amounts in Council Tax, the Council needs to explain why they need to charge more on top of what residents already pay each month, as the proposals do not make sense as they stand. How has the 40% reduction been calculated? As mentioned previously, I think this needs close review and is not proportionate nor fair to the Chelmsford residents, and should be closer to 75%, if not 100%.</p> <p>Unfortunately, the Council's reasons for enforcing these charges are flawed and have little consideration or appreciation for Chelmsford residents, and the contribution they already make to the Council's finances. I would strongly urge decision makers to consider the arguments and reasons put forward by the Council, as per the Consultation Report, and determine whether or not these are considerate or fair to Chelmsford residents, and whether or not the justification is robust. I also feel that the discount for Chelmsford residents should be increased to acknowledge the significant contribution that they already make to the Council's finances, as well as showing some empathy for those that have personally struggled through the pandemic and enjoy the park in its current form.</p>	
<b>590</b>	<p>I understand that there may be a need to introduce car parking charges, however a flat charge of £5 means I will no longer be visiting the park or business premises located there. There are weeks that I have been to the park 4 times for exercise and family visits so the charge of £20 for those visits which mostly lasted no more than 2 hours a time, to me is simply excessive. Due to lockdowns in the last 18 months I am aware there has been a large increase in visitors to the park but those numbers will reduce as Essex gets back to normal. The council should think of visitors who have used the park and supported the small businesses there prior to the lockdown and if parking charges are introduced consideration should be given to a 2 hour charge for those that live just outside Chelmsford and do not</p>	Objection

	need a full day of parking. Do the council members think that £5 for somebody to visit the cafe or small shops will help them recover from close to 12 months of 0 income.	
<b>591</b>	I am not opposed to the introduction of parking charges for the above. However, there are various walking groups (including dog walking groups) that use the park on a regular basis, Rayleigh dog walking group being one. I myself am a Rayleigh resident, who also owns a dog and visit the park at least 5 times a week. Could the yearly permit not be extended to 'outside residents' who like myself value the space the park offers and who use it on a regular basis. I fear you will lose a lot of visitors if this is not offered but gain support if you do.	Support
<b>592</b>	<p>The trustees of Writtle Scout Group and users of the scout centre at the Playing Fields, Writtle, object to the proposed charging rates for Hylands Park and counter propose that car parking fees should be free for Chelmsford City Council residents and include one hour of free parking for all other users.</p> <p>This will ease the use of the Playing Fields car park in Paradise Road, Writtle – on the pedestrian and cycle route to the park – by car drivers who seek to avoid a daily car parking fee when visiting Hylands Park.</p> <p>We also propose that there should be graduated time charges, which apply in most other council operated car parks, and which would allow a free hour at any time and then up to the £5 fee, or more, for additional hours. This will avoid off-site parking elsewhere in Writtle.</p> <p>The process for residents' parking permits should remain.</p> <p>Writtle Scout Group trustees are very concerned about serious safety issues in the car park at the Playing Fields which will arise from further random car parking. The scout centre is used by up to 250 young people a week, some during the late afternoon as well as at other times within the parking charges time frame.</p> <p>This proposal will still generate income for the city council and will help to avoid parking congestion in Writtle.</p>	Objection
<b>593</b>	The businesses in Hylands Park have suffered phenomenally due to the Pandemic and the Council's response is not to help them but to deliberately inflict more financial pain by actively discouraging the use of the facilities and substantially reducing their potential customer base. The reduction in visitors will also impact the amount of revenue the Council is expecting. Given the above it is highly likely that either the businesses will cease trading or they will need a reduction in their rent again affecting the amount of	Objection

	<p>money the Council will gain. With the emphasis on encouraging exercise along with health and wellbeing the Council is deliberately going against this. The Council has failed to take into account the increase in parking in the surrounding areas and the inconvenience to all the people who live locally. The local residents will either have to suffer this or no doubt the Council will bring in another ill-conceived unwelcome scheme to tackle this which will no doubt involve financial costs and/or inconvenience for the local residents. The dual carriageway alongside Hylands will now be fully utilised to avoid these parking fees which in turn will cause stationary cars looking to pull out into fast moving traffic, or fast moving cars braking sharply to take advantage of a space. This is a serious accident risk and again one which has not been taken into consideration and tragically may cause fatalities. The proposal is wrong on every level, has been implemented without thought, and totally against the wishes of the people and should be rejected. It is also highly likely that the scheme will fail to generate the money required by the Council and they will be no better off – in reality they may well be financially worse off than by not introducing the fees.</p>	
<b>594</b>	<p>It would be helpful if like other parks everyone is able to purchase a red used price permit I am a key worker- in over ten years mostly based in Chelmsford, I feel is not fair that those on select benefits are given exception</p>	Objection
<b>595</b>	<p>The proposal to charge for car parking in principle is not necessarily a bad one. However, the proposed flat rate of £5 a day is greedy, prohibitive and will cause a number of consequences. 1. Hylands Park is used by many people, residents and non-residents alike. For the majority of people who use it regularly, such as dog walkers, visits are less than 90 minutes. The proposed flat fee is then a deterrent. 2. There is an obesity epidemic. The flat local rate of £3 is still too dear for people and puts off people wanting to visit for smaller and regular times for exercise and to enjoy the great outdoors, obese or otherwise. For families wanting to visit the play area/park after school for half an hour, a visit becomes a treat rather than part of regular outdoor activity which the Council is supposed to be encouraging. Where then are these children supposed to have such 3. Small businesses currently in the park are likely to suffer too. If the car park charge is paid, people may then be less likely/unable to afford to buy a coffee and support these local businesses. 4. Local youth groups may be priced out. Certainly, it is used by Guiding and Scouting groups throughout the year for some activities. If the car parking charge is enforced, then such activities may not be able to go ahead as costs of parking to leaders will then need to be considered. Parents may then have to pay to merely drop off children especially on an ANPR system. 5. Chelmsford residents are considerably penalised with an expensive annual season ticket and then expected to pay at weekends too. For the local residents this reduces their park and local green space to be enjoyed and no alternative. 6. Parking in Paradise Road, Writtle and Widford Road, Chelmsford will be greatly</p>	Objection

	<p>affected as people try and find ways of not paying but enjoying the park. This impacts on those residents and increases the traffic with further environmental consequences. This was seen during the lockdown of 2020 when the car park was closed with people parking along the verges of the A414. During the V festivals, and despite the Council's best intentions, local roads did see increases in parking and traffic. 7. The monies raised by car parking charges are supposed to go towards the upkeep of the park. However, the first considerable amount will go to either traffic wardens as salaries and/or the private company who will run the scheme against whom the Council will have no redress. Even inviting companies to tender costs money that could be used for the upkeep of the park. 8. There will be less people using the park rather than encouraging people to visit and the beautiful grounds which should welcome all will be underused. An unintended consequence will then be an argument of needing to raise the charge to cover the amount needed. Whilst recognising the fact the Council have lost considerable revenue from the COVID pandemic, this is true of other councils and this is a short-term loss as organisers look to visit again. The introduction of car parking charges is also the thin edge of the wedge as once in place, even with nominal charges can increase annually especially with private companies. Alternatives can be considered. 1. Car parking charges by donation. Hanningfield Reservoir introduced this scheme in 2021 by placing QR codes around the car park and site. 2. Hylands House and Park is, quite rightly, one of the jewels of Chelmsford. Is there provision to allow its specific upkeep via Council tax e.g., £5.00 per annum per household? Finally, if charges really do have to be introduced then it must be for a nominal £1 and reasonable annual season ticket, say £20, for local residents for 7 days a week.</p>	
<b>596</b>	Hylands House was given over to the people of Chelmsford, to use for recreational purposes and these charges are appalling, to have to pay to walk round a park and get exercise is truly ridiculous, not to mention that the Stables and café will lose customers, and could potentially end up closing down, which would be a terrible shame for visitors, plus people will lose their jobs! I don't know how the council can even think of introducing charges!!	Objection
<b>597</b>	People should not have to pay to visit the site, it should be free and this will encourage locals to make use. If it's chargeable you're only going to be reliant on tourism and COVID should have shown you that all your eggs can't be put in the tourism basket!	Objection
<b>598</b>	Badly thought out and will barely generate any net revenue after costs Discriminated against the poor Places a barrier to those who want to use the park for enjoyment and exercise Discourages families from using the park due to unnecessary cost Goes against the principles of the Hylands Estate	Objection

<b>599</b>	Chelmsford amenity that should be free for all Will discourage families from using Hylands Discrimination against low income groups Contrary to the intentions of the Hylands Estate Badly thought out as administration and initial costs will wipe out any revenue gains	Objection
<b>600</b>	I understand that young families can't afford luxury days out and families are being put under extreme pressure with mental health unemployment being at the forefront of this. I remember money being tight even with two incomes and a trip to the park would be a relief for us, £3 Feeds a family! So, what would you do feed your family or take a trip to the park!!! It's an outrage that after being asked to STAY AT HOME were the governments words then to be expected to pay to walk in the park- Hylands isn't a short walk for most families! This should be overturned! Did you really need a million pound refurbishment on the council offices? Do Not go ahead with this what does the hardworking family have left that's free ask yourself that?	Objection
<b>601</b>	<p>I am writing regarding the above. I have been visiting Hylands Park for some years and it is a beautiful area.</p> <p>I am sure it has been overused during the pandemic and not all the visitors you receive are respectful of the countryside.</p> <p>Having said that I think the charge of £5 for visitors who do not live locally is exorbitant. I live near Brentwood and our country parks have charges by the hour. Surely this would be a more fair way for visitors to contribute to the upkeep of the park.</p> <p>I am a pensioner and to pay £5 for a one or two hour visit would be prohibitive.</p> <p>I am quite sad to think that I may not be able to enjoy such a lovely park in the future because it is too expensive.</p> <p>Thank you for reading my views and hope you might consider other options.</p>	Objection
<b>602</b>	I am writing to object to the parking charge scheme for Hylands Park in its proposed format. Whilst I fully appreciate the reasons for introducing a parking charge in order to help pay towards the upkeep of the estate, and the discount for Chelmsford residents, I strongly object to the blanket charge of £5.00 a day for non-residents. I feel this is unjustified, and short sighted, and will mean that many people, who may only stay one to two hours, will feel that the cost is prohibitive, and will therefore not be able to visit this wonderful asset to the local area as regularly as they would like.	Objection

<p>I completed the consultation and have I have read the Consultation Report and Proposals thoroughly. The largest percentage stated they visited the park for one to two hours: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Respondents were asked in Question 15 how much time they typically spent at Hylands Estate during a visit. 63.5% of those who took part in the consultation said that they usually spent between one to two hours at the estate. The next most common group (26.87%) of visitors spent two to four hours at the estate. 7.97% said that they visited for 30 minutes to an hour</li> </ul> <p>I therefore fail to see why you would not have an hourly rate, or an “up to 2/3 hours” rate which would encourage regular visitors to continue enjoying the park for their physical and mental well-being, whereas a £5.00 blanket charge will discourage those who simply want to take some exercise and enjoy the open space and fresh air, the gardens and some peace for an hour or two.</p> <p>I am part of that 63.5%. I am a single pensioner, suffer with arthritis and I have visited the park, often twice a week or more, weather permitting, since I retired 10 years ago. It is somewhere I feel safe walking on my own, and the made-up paths provide a stable walking surface. I rarely stay more than two hours – yesterday I arrived at 1.55pm and left at 3.05pm, having had a gentle walk and some refreshment at the Stable Yard café, and enjoyed being in an open space, the greenery, the gardens and nature. When I visit the park, it is uplifting to see families enjoying themselves and walkers with their dogs. I always return home feeling a lot better than when I arrived, it’s like therapy for me.</p> <p>I am not a Chelmsford resident, I live in Ongar, but I find walking in the fields that surround Ongar does not always feel safe as there are often very few people around and the ground underfoot is uneven and can make me feel unstable. Hylands Park has been so good for my physical and mental well-being, especially over the last 18 months when our lives have been so restricted. Going forward, I will find a possible weekly cost of £10.00 or more, in order to continue my visits, prohibitive, unfair and unjustified. However, I would be happy to pay a lesser fee for the short time I spend at the park. The only time I stay for more than a couple of hours is when my grandchildren stay with me in the school holidays as they love the adventure playground, the open space, and being treated to lunch. I would be quite happy to pay £5.00 on those occasions.</p> <p>I am sure that I am not the only pensioner from outside of Chelmsford who likes to visit the park for an hour or two, but will find the proposed daily charge prohibitive, whereas a lower charge for an hour or two would be acceptable. It feels that visitors like myself are going to be penalised, and I cannot see any justification for this. We are constantly advised to exercise more, get plenty of fresh air, enjoy the</p>	
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	<p>countryside, and currently, meet friends outdoors. Surely it should be encouraged, not made too expensive?</p> <p>I also notice that there is a possibility for Chelmsford residents to purchase a season ticket for parking. Could this not be extended to the surrounding areas? I would be happy to purchase a season ticket if it meant I could continue to enjoy my visits to the park. Please can this be considered?</p> <p>Additionally, I fear that the businesses within the park would suffer from a drop in customers, especially the two cafes. Those who do visit will have already paid £5.00 to park so will be less inclined to pay for refreshments. All businesses have already had to endure the effects of the pandemic. If their takings drop due to a substantial reduction in customers, they may find they cannot afford to continue trading.</p> <p>In conclusion, I urge you to think again. Consider the wider implications of a blanket charge, which may be easy to administer but is grossly unfair. Consider the older users of the park, like myself, who simply want to enjoy an hour or two of fresh air, exercise, possibly walk their dog, and enjoy some refreshment. The physical and mental benefits cannot be measured.</p> <p>Thank you for reading this. I hope you will consider all my points fully before making your decision.</p>	
<b>603</b>	<p>I'm am writing in opposition of the plan to enforce parking charges at Hylands park. I believe the enforcement of parking charges is not only wrong but immoral, this is due to a multitude of factors.</p> <p>I believe that Hylands park is a great escape from day to day life, a chance to get a breath fresh air and take a break from the fast pace of modern day life. This is much needed in a world where mental health is ever more present and parking charges would only be another barrier to people escaping from isolation. With current rates of obesity in the country and the governments new scheme recently announced to combat obesity, more should be being done to encourage people to exercise rather than forcing people to pay for what is their quintessential right, to enjoy the country park.</p> <p>Moreover, by enforcing parking charges it will force those, like myself who live in Chelmsford centre, to flood places like Central Park. This will therefore cause greater demand on already stretched local resources, like the police, and also usher everyone into one park like a tin of sardines. Needless to say this will only serve in pushing up Covid figures, something I'm sure you'll agree that we all need to focus on keeping low.</p> <p>Therefore, I implore you to change your decision to enforce the parking charges.</p>	Objection

	<p>For the good of people's mental health.</p> <p>For the good of people's physical health.</p> <p>For the good of society.</p>	
<b>604</b>	<p>why do Chelmsford residents have to pay the car park fee, as we pay council tax why? If Chelmsford residents supply their council tax reference number, surely we could have a free pass</p>	Objection
<b>605</b>	<p>Whilst I accept that parking charges are a fair way to recoup some money lost due to Covid, surely an hourly rate would be fairer as opposed to a fixed £5 charge. I am a fairly regular dog walker who uses the park for an hour or so, and £5 per day would be prohibitive for me.</p>	Objection
<b>606</b>	<p>This cannot have been thought out by any sane individuals – people are simply not going to pay to park in the car park at that price, and so will clutter up nearby roads. Consequently, the revenue will be lower than if the ticket cost was much more reasonable (say £1 per day for residents and 50p for up to 2 hours and £20 per year, and double that for visitors) which would not be such a deterrent. Obviously if this goes ahead without giving any heed to this or other objections, it will take very little effort to carry out an FOI request in a couple of years to find out exactly how badly it's gone. Hylands Park is a jewel of green space in Chelmsford's crown, and should not be used as an attempt to lever cash out of its residents, who are already paying for its upkeep. If there is a shortfall in funds to do this, it should be found another way.</p>	Objection
<b>607</b>	<p>This is an objection to the proposed charges being brought in at Hylands House parking zones.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The charges will exclude the lowest income families and individuals on fixed, low budgets like pensioners, the disabled, and families on benefits.</li> <li>2.</li> <li>3. The charges exclude people from access to safe green spaces, which are beneficial to mental and physical wellbeing.</li> <li>4.</li> <li>5. The charges demonstrate the council is discouraging those most vulnerable from getting access to safe, green space. You can afford to come to our parks, but only if you have the money. It's discrimination toward the poorest and most marginalised in the city.</li> </ol>	Objection



	<p>6.</p> <p>7. Rather than using a short-sighted charging approach, the council should embrace the evolution of remote working and digital nomads. Provide a space for workers at the park and charge them a low daily rate to use it. I spend about £10 a day on-site at the cafe when I work there. And would happily pay more for a proper space to work. But, if I have to pay for parking, I'm going elsewhere, as will the money I spend.</p>	
<b>608</b>	<p>Hylands Park was given to the residents of Chelmsford many years ago. Why should we pay to visit our own park. Not many people spend all day there. £3 or £5 is extortionate. I'll agree to 40p a hour, no more than that. The shops will lose out as no one will go there. I'd rather take my dog elsewhere rather than pay that amount. It's disgusting 😞</p>	Objection
<b>609</b>	<p>As a non resident of Chelmsford, my wife and I often visit Hylands Park and patronise the Cafe, Farmers Market etc but we will not pay £5 for a 2 hour visit and unless an hourly charge is introduced – say for 2 or 3 hours – we will no longer visit Hylands</p>	Objection
<b>610</b>	<p>I have selected 'object' above, as though I understand the need for the Council to charge something for parking at Hylands, there is no intermediate 'needs amendment' option. Though I sympathise with the Council's need to charge something, I think the proposed charges are too high, especially for non-residents, such as my-self and my husband, especially as our visits tend to be quite short. High charges will deter me, and probably other people from visiting and also going on to visit Chelmsford and its shops. Our visits to Hylands are usually short and often are before or after a visit to the Chelmsford shops. I understand the intention is to reduce visitor numbers but this may well do too good a job! We will most likely discontinue or severely reduce our visits to the park and may well shop elsewhere! A lower charge for non-residents will reduce dissatisfaction and deter non-residents less form continuing to visit, so maintaining income for the Council, and encouragement to visit the delightful city of Chelmsford. Suggest we pay £3.00 same as suggested for residents. This will also make the scheme easier to manage and use as no need for anyone to sign up to 'Mipermit' to get the discount. I also suggest you consider generally lower charges or their temporary removal in the winter months when the park is less popular and it is not open after 6.00, though possibly not in the winter 2021/22, since charges are not due to start until mid-September, and as is made clear, the Council needs the income. It would also give the Council the opportunity to monitor the effects of charging for parking in winter. However, I understand that the very popular Christmas lights show is due to be repeated in winter 2021/22. Is the Council going to charge for parking on top of the very expensive admission fee? In</p>	Objection

	<p>addition, some mechanism, for short term free parking for visits to artists' studios etc. would also be a good idea. Paying £5.00 just to be in a position to briefly visit, possibly to look at or pick up something is a real deterrent to visiting and buying from the Stables Studios or attending one of the craft courses. Half an hour's free parking in a specific area, possibly by pre-arrangement for pick-ups, longer for the courses?</p>	
<b>611</b>	<p>Cllr. Andrew Thorpe-Apps and Cllr. Tim Roper, Writtle Ward, wish to object to The Chelmsford City Council (Parks, Sports &amp; Recreational Grounds) (Hylands Park) (Off-Street Parking Places) Order 20**.</p> <p>Hylands, in the Parish of Writtle, was purchased for the people of Chelmsford by Chelmsford Borough Council in 1965-6 and opened to the public almost immediately. For the past 55 years it has been enjoyed, free of charge, for most weeks in the year by the residents of Chelmsford.</p> <p>This ill-thought-out scheme will have extensive ramifications the two major ones being the effect on the residents of Writtle and, second, the adverse financial implication for Chelmsford City Council.</p> <p>First, there are many regular visitors to Hylands for personal exercise, dog walking, children's play and general relaxation. A number of people, some out of financial necessity, will avoid payments which makes Paradise Road, Writtle, and the Writtle Sports &amp; Social Club particularly vulnerable to those parking who are not prepared to pay parking fees. Despite some consultation with Writtle Parish Council, the City Council have "brushed the problem under the carpet" and are ignoring the residents of Paradise Road, the resident of Writtle and the Members of Writtle Sports &amp; Social Club. The problem will be exacerbated at weekends, when proposed charges are highest, with a well supported full programme of activities taking place including the very popular Writtle Minor Football.</p> <p>No plans have been suggested to alleviate the traffic chaos this scheme will cause in the area.</p> <p>Second, the financial situation is also a serious consideration. There is the initial cost of around £200,000 followed by ongoing maintenance, replacement and supervision. The charges are bound to adversely affect the numbers of visitors to Hylands jeopardising the anticipated income with serious effect on the retail units and cafes suffering reduced income and, consequently, looking for reductions in rent with the subsequent adverse effect on income to the City Council. There is a downward spiral here, reduced visitors, reduced income for retail units and then reduced income for the City Council.</p> <p>Other effect include the possibility of vehicles parking on both verges of the A.414 (Three Mile Hill and Greenbury Way), and discrimination against those who do not bank online (mainly the elderly).</p>	<p>Objection</p>

	With the high initial costs, the ongoing expense and potential reducing income from lower visitor numbers this scheme should be rejected.	
<b>612</b>	1. This will cause serious parking problems in surrounding roads 2. The council should be encouraging the use of the park for peoples physical and mental health.	Objection
<b>613</b>	we use very regularly and we wouldn't be able to come as much, my young son loves it – parking around Writtle would become bad – it's important to encourage green spaces for exercise for those without gardens, the price seems so expensive	Objection
<b>614</b>	I object to the introduction of parking charges at Hylands Estate. The past sixteen months has been very difficult for everyone, I can see that the council needs to find extra income because of the short fall of revenue during this period but this is not the way to do it. Green spaces should be free for all. Introducing parking charges will disadvantage people on low incomes who find interaction with gardens and natural spaces benefits their mental, physical and social needs. Whilst you may think that £3/£5 or £60 parking charges are not excessive, but to families with limited income it is.	Objection
<b>615</b>	The park was intended for the free use of the population. Free use provides a facility for valuable exercise & leisure. This will not be the case if chargeable. The proposal to charge will deter visitors & make for unwelcome parking in the village of Writtle so as to avoid the fee. All in all a poorly thought out idea that will serve to take away from many residents a prime Chelmsford benefit.	Objection
<b>616</b>	I most commonly use Hylands Park to walk dogs with a friend on a Sunday morning. We generally start our walk at 0700 or 0730 and finish between 0900 and 1000. £5 to park at a quiet time of day (the car park is never anywhere near full) is excessive. I'd be more inclined to pay 50p or £1 for a max of one hour's parking (to cover our time after 0900)...and by CASH. Even for a £5 charge, not everybody is able to or would want to pay by phone or card.	Objection
<b>617</b>	Parking charges will inevitably increase parking in nearby residential areas mainly due to the cost. The charges are excessive for most people who will typically be visiting for less than an hour and so either stop them Going there altogether (and is so what is the point of Hylands in the first place) or they will park in Widford or Writtle and walk the extra. Yesterday I parked in a carpark in Henley (a very affluent area) and the charge was 60 pence per hour which was so reasonable that nobody had any qualms about the charge. Trying to charge £3 is excessively greedy and will backfire.	Objection
<b>618</b>	Whilst the season ticket charges are not excessive the fact the season ticket will not be valid at weekends is unfair and against normal custom and practice as seen with ECC parks and National Trust	Objection

	owned parks. It is also unfair on those of us who work to pay our council tax to Chelmsford Monday to Friday and expect to be able to enjoy Hylands at the weekend. Please consider extending the validity of the season to be compliant with normal custom and practice.	
<b>619</b>	Whilst the season ticket charges are not excessive the fact the season ticket will not be valid at weekends is unfair and against normal custom and practice as seen with ECC parks and National Trust owned parks. It is also unfair on those of us who work to pay our council tax to Chelmsford Monday to Friday and expect to be able to enjoy Hylands at the weekend. Please consider extending the validity of the season ticket to be compliant with normal custom and practice.	Objection
<b>620</b>	As a resident of Chelmsford, we already pay a high amount in council tax I think the proposal of paying for parking at Hylands Park is ridiculous. Even the suggestion of a 'reduced' rate for a resident is still so high. Neighbours, friends and family outside of Chelmsford all agree it's ridiculous and frankly would put me off ever going to Hylands park again. It's sad as it would have a direct effect on the cafes within the parks and regular outdoor groups that regularly meet there	Objection
<b>621</b>	I am a Chelmsford resident and regularly walk my dog at Hylands usually for around an hour to an hour and a half. The proposals would make this an expensive option for me. Even worse is that most of our walks are at the weekend which would not be covered by a season ticket either. The park was a gift to the people of Chelmsford but these proposals mean it's only for those who can afford it. £3 every time I walk my dog there seems excessive and I would have to find other places to go instead. People will aim to park in the surrounding roads and walk in rather than pay this. It is very disappointing that the council wish to do this rather than encouraging people to use the park as much as possible for fresh air and exercise.	Objection
<b>622</b>	As a resident of Chelmsford I am willing to buy permits for our cars but I object to only being able to use them on a weekday. I use the park for one hour every morning to walk the dogs, am usually on my way home by 8.00am and will have to pay another £6.00 for Saturday and Sunday morning for what equates to 1 hour's payable parking, absolutely outrageous. My council tax helps maintain this park I shouldn't have to pay the same as a day tripper at the weekend from outside the area. These permits should be valid for 7 days a week.	Objection
<b>623</b>	I walk my puppy here 7 days a week. I live in Chelmsford but have to drive due to my 2 children not being able to walk this far. I love Hylands park and it will be such a shame not to be able to go and enjoy it. I will not be able to afford the parking charges proposed	Objection

<b>624</b>	We use the park regularly, (three to four times a month), and happy to buy a season ticket but I think it's unreasonable that this will only be valid Monday to Friday. I would be happy to pay slightly more for a season ticket if it included weekends also. Without being able to pay for a season ticket that covers weekends we won't be visiting nearly as much which is such a shame as we love the park!	Objection
<b>625</b>	I object to paying a residents annual fee for parking that does not include weekends. As a dog owner I walk my dog every day and not just Monday to Friday. If we have to pay at least make it valid for seven days a week.	Objection
<b>626</b>	We need free park to exercise. Free park for dogwalkers. Free park for children, free park for nature spotting free park for meeting people	Objection
<b>627</b>	Hylands Park is not only a beautiful open space, which are few and far between these days but also represents an important focal point for a number of local groups and the community as a whole. The free parking ensures its available and accessible to everyone and does not exclude those who are unable to pay for its natural beauty. I wholly accept the needs for funds to upkeep the grounds and that the council has taken a hit because of the Covid pandemic, but there must be alternative ways to raise funds to help support the ongoing costs of up keeping the area. This could be done in the form of fundraisers held by the council at the house which would give the opportunity for those who can afford to contribute to do so. Another alternative would be to allow local residents a free parking permit whilst making outside visitors pay to visit the site, although I still believe this to be a persecution of those who cannot afford to pay for outside space.	Objection
<b>628</b>	We love Hylands Park and visit regularly with my children and dog, sometimes just for a short while in the evening. I believe that my council tax should cover the parking charges. I would be willing to pay £5 for a season ticket, but only if it included weekends. I am a teacher so am not able to visit during the week.	Objection
<b>629</b>	As a regular visitor at Hylands, I think it's a real shame that you will be making people pay for parking. Considering the year, we have had, lots of people are on tight budgets and won't be able to afford it. Lot of people come to Hylands as it's a beautiful/ lovely place to exercise and you don't have to pay. I wouldn't be as disappointed if the charge wasn't as much, say £1 an hour, I think you will lose a lot of visitors and money to Hylands.	Objection
<b>630</b>	Unnecessary restriction on people's ability to enjoy such a lovely spa	Objection

631	Cost is unreasonable for someone out for up-to an hour for whatever reason. Personally, to clear my head (the space allows me to forget and rebalance) whilst walking my dog where she is able to be off lead without worry or stress. Lots of green space is built on and poor access where there is due to land being sold off so allows us to connect to nature in an urban environment	Objection
632	1. Hylands Park is used by many people, residents and non-residents alike. For the majority of people who use it regularly, such as dog walkers, visits are less than 90 minutes. The proposed flat fee is then a deterrent. 2. There is an obesity epidemic. The flat local rate of £3 is still too dear for people and puts off people wanting to visit for smaller and regular times for exercise and to enjoy the great outdoors, obese or otherwise. For families wanting to visit the play area/park after school for half an hour, a visit becomes a treat rather than part of regular outdoor activity which the Council is supposed to be encouraging. Where then are these children supposed to have such 3. Small businesses currently in the park are likely to suffer too. If the car park charge is paid, people may then be less likely/unable to afford to buy a coffee and support these local businesses. 4. Local youth groups may be priced out. Certainly, it is used by Guiding and Scouting groups throughout the year for some activities. If the car parking charge is enforced, then such activities may not be able to go ahead as costs of parking to leaders will then need to be considered. Parents may then have to pay to merely drop off children especially on an ANPR system. 5. Chelmsford residents are considerably penalised with an expensive annual season ticket and then expected to pay at weekends too. For the local residents this reduces their park and local green space to be enjoyed and no alternative. 6. Parking in Paradise Road, Writtle and Widford Road, Chelmsford will be greatly affected as people try and find ways of not paying but enjoying the park. This impacts on those residents and increases the traffic with further environmental consequences. This was seen during the lockdown of 2020 when the car park was closed with people parking along the verges of the A414. During the V festivals, and despite the Council's best intentions, local roads did see increases in parking and traffic. 7. The monies raised by car parking charges are supposed to go towards the upkeep of the park. However, the first considerable amount will go to either traffic wardens as salaries and/or the private company who will run the scheme against whom the Council will have no redress. Even inviting companies to tender costs money that could be used for the upkeep of the park. 8. There will be fewer people using the park rather than encouraging people to visit and the beautiful grounds which should welcome all will be underused. An unintended consequence will then be an argument of needing to raise the charge to cover the amount needed.	Objection
633	1. The parking permit is not valid at weekends, if buying a permit it should be valid 7 days per week 2. Should be option of hourly charge as dog walkers are normally only using park for 1-2 hours and flat fee for parking not appropriate when not using all day. 3. Permit will be useless when park is closed for	Objection

	events and parking is not permitted. In the past, the park has been closed due to festivals etc for 3/4 weeks at a time and I doubt the council is planning to offer refund if that's the case	
<b>634</b>	Why can the residents permit not be available at weekends too. Lots of residents like to visit at weekends due to work or schooling commitments.	Objection
<b>635</b>	I think the parking charge is too high and should be a staggered hourly rate with £5 bring the max for a full day	2 <sup>nd</sup> Objection 1 <sup>st</sup> Objection No.472
<b>636</b>	This amounts to a tax on green space. Not only will it make access to Hylands park more difficult or prevent it altogether for those unable to afford the charges (including most importantly those without access to their own gardens) it will put pressure on the already strained local roads around Writtle. Road parking and resulting obstruction and congestion is already a problem. The roads most likely to be affected by those wanting to avoid parking charges are going to be around Lodge Rd and Paradise Road, which is where primary age children congregate 5 days per week. This will serve only to place the children in greater danger, while excluding many of them from the benefits of using Hylands park. This decision is anti-community and ought to be scrapped.	Objection
<b>637</b>	A high flat charge is unfair and will discourage visitors. I was at Aldeburgh last weekend and their parking charges are £1.50 for two hours, £3 for up to four hours and £4 for over four hours. I would support something similar at Hylands	Objection
<b>638</b>	<p>Like thousands of others I write to express my dismay at your intentions to introduce parking charges at Hylands Park.</p> <p>There is of course a Council funding shortfall to make up, but this is not the way, and can only lead to far less use of this treasured resource as well as creating serious problems with parking in the surrounding areas, exacerbated by your proposal only for day rates as opposed to short stay, which is by far the most common nature if visit.</p> <p>I feel very strongly there should be NO charges, but if you are intent on their introduction despite the weight of opinion against it, then surely a means which equates to (say) 50 pence per hour, and thus MAY put off fewer visitors, would be less unpalatable and lead to fewer problems in the surrounding area.</p>	Objection

	<p>Your current proposal will result in serious abuse of free parking beyond your charging boundaries, especially in Writtle, and there especially in Paradise Road, its surrounding roads, and in Writtle Parish Council's free car park in Paradise Road at the edge of Hylands Park. You will be knowingly dumping a serious problem and inevitable costs on to the Parish Council, whilst you profit at their expense and the local residents suffer.</p> <p>The introduction of parking charges is a terrible idea and should be abandoned, but if you are determined to ignore the views of the vast majority of your residents, it's operation should be at the very least fundamentally rethought to mitigate the profound damage it will bring with it.</p>	
<b>639</b>	<p>I am writing to send my objections to the proposed introduction of car parking charges at Hylands Park and House. Following years of the wonderful opportunity to park for free at such a great venue for walkers, dog walkers and families, I am disgusted to see the proposal to introduce parking charges here.</p> <p>You will be cutting off the very people that you should be encouraging to come and use a green space like Hylands Park. That is, people on lower incomes, or families with children where disposable income is constantly being challenged by forever rising prices. Introducing parking charges will simply mean that a large portion of the local community will not be able to afford to come and use the parks and gardens. They will perhaps be forced to go elsewhere, where they do not have to pay for parking. Or, worse still, they will not get out and exercise in the fresh air at all.</p> <p>The recent pandemic aside, I would have thought the council had a decent grasp of how important being able to exercise in fresh air and green spaces is both for physical and mental health. But even more so in light of the recent events of 2020/21.</p> <p>As a family with a dog, a 4 year old daughter and a new baby on the way, we would simply be cut off from visiting Hylands Park, a place we love to visit very regularly, because we would not be able to afford to pay for parking each time we visit.</p> <p>The fact that parking at Hylands has always been free of charge has been such a plus point and a benefit to the Chelmsford area. By introducing parking charges you are simply showing your greed and lack of consideration for those in the local community, for whom the park was gifted to, who will no longer be able to afford to visit the park.</p> <p>Yours, with great disappointment,</p>	Objection



<b>640</b>	Not only are the prices too high but it will cause cars to park outside along the a414 which in turn will cause accidents and even more traffic. Most people use the cafe and shops and visit events to help bring in more money and I think they will be hugely affected if people have to pay to park for a coffee.	Objection
<b>641</b>	People will not pay this charge and will park in Writtle and walk through the underpass. This will in turn prove a nuisance for those living in Paradise road and for those people wanting to use the play facilities as that car park will always be full.	Objection
<b>642</b>	I object to the parking charges at Hylands Park as this should be enjoyed by everyone. This will also create an additional parking problem in Writtle	Objection
<b>643</b>	I literally go there once a week for about half hour to walk dog, the monthly option isn't worth it and £3 is harsh, there should be an 'up to an hour' option for say £1	Objection
<b>644</b>	Important / valuable local outdoor space. Charging for parking will discourage use at a time when encouraging outdoor activities is key to addressing issues with people's physical and mental health.	Objection
<b>645</b>	The Hylands estate was purchased in the 1960's for the benefit of the residents of what is now Chelmsford City and the surrounding areas. Our council taxes have been used to renovate and maintain the area and I object to charging people to park there, effectively charging people to use the estate as walking there is, for many, too great a distance. The national lockdowns we have endured have highlighted the importance of both outside space and maintaining our own health by regular exercise and the poorest in our society rely on public owed outside space for these ends. Effectively this is a tax on the most needy in our society to enjoy these basic freedoms we all value and the result will be greater inequality in health and wellbeing.	Objection
<b>646</b>	Hylands Estate provides a beautiful outdoor space in Chelmsford for its residents, many of whom have no such space of their own and therefore rely on public places such as this. However, for the majority of people, it is not within easy walking distance, and so requires driving. To effectively charge people therefore to use this outdoor space is disgraceful. The solution to the parking difficulties and congestion during peak times is to build more parking facilities, not tax the people trying to enjoy the park.	Objection
<b>647</b>	£5 per day for non Chelmsford residents is excessive when many people are only in the park for a short time. It will not make people stay longer at the park, it will mean they stop coming to the park, which will have a negative impact on the businesses who rely on visitors. I live in Ingatestone which is just outside the Chelmsford boundary, and Hylands is our closest large park suitable for walking our dog, but we will	Objection

	no longer be able to come if the charge is £5 a day. Please consider offering a season ticket option to residents outside of Chelmsford so that the park remains accessible to everyone.	
<b>648</b>	Hylands is an asset of the people of Chelmsford. It is not a property for which the Council can be allowed to exploit it's owners use of – the residents of Chelmsford are the owners not the Council. I demand you do not implement the parking charges. What next: payment for using the pavement, using cycle lanes, for breathing frequently? This proposed tax, for that is what it is, was not in the LDs manifesto. Perhaps a referendum is appropriate?	Objection
<b>649</b>	This land was given to the council for the enjoyment of everyone and should remain free	Objection
<b>650</b>	It's supposed to be somewhere everyone is able to use and the only access for the vast majority is by car	Objection
<b>651</b>	Should be free for Chelmsford residents as the whole place was donated. Also, the extortionate council tax we pay should cover it. Sack some council executives on massive salaries to cover parking charges.	Objection
<b>652</b>	Far too much money. We already pay way too much council tax so should be free if you reside in The City of Chelmsford. No discount for the elderly but blue badge holders get free parking...why? Leave it as it is, you are always after us for more money. There is nowhere in Chelmsford where you can park for free unlike other Countries who don't charge their citizens Damn ridiculous!!!!	Objection
<b>653</b>	After all these years of not paying for parking at Hylands park, why should anyone pay now?!	Objection
<b>654</b>	No charge for residents at all!!	Objection
<b>655</b>	Need a more scaled payment system - £5 one off charge is too high. Start @ £1 for an hour like Maldon prom if you must charge people. Up to £5 for all day if people want it.	Objection
<b>656</b>	<p>Writtle Parish Council would like to comment on the formal consultation for the Chelmsford City Council (Parks, Sports and Recreational Grounds) (Hylands Park) (Off-Street Parking Places) Order 20**</p> <p>The council has previously objected to the introduction of parking charges at Hylands Park and continues to object to the proposal. These objections included the serious impact the charging would have on the parish council's car park in Paradise Road and for the users of the facilities at Writtle Sports and Social Club and those also living in Paradise Road. The demand on the car park is already at</p>	Objection

	<p>capacity over the weekends and charging would give rise to displaced parking on surrounding areas, including Paradise Road.</p> <p>Following the formal consultation for the parking charges, the council agreed at its Planning &amp; Development Committee Meeting on Monday, 26 July that it wished to object to the proposed Order.</p> <p>If charging commences at the park, it should be priced with an incremental increase, with 1 hour free, then charging for 1-3 hours and then all day, rather than a daily price. The parish council would also like to see another method made available for Chelmsford residents to activate an account to obtain the discounted fee, rather than the facility just being online.</p> <p>There must be consideration given to the impact of displaced parking on surrounding areas, especially Paradise Road.</p>	
<b>657</b>	Should be free	Objection
<b>658</b>	An unnecessary green space tax which will make it harder for the poorest to access these amenities.	Objection
<b>659</b>	Why should we have to pay parking charges to visit an open green space? We pay enough in council tax as it is. If CCC didn't waste so much money on other things, they wouldn't need to do this. CCC, sort out your affairs and get your finances straight before trying to tax the general public EVEN more	Objection
<b>660</b>	Unfair to charge people to enjoy outdoor spaces, disproportionately affects the less wealthy who have less outside space at home.	Objection
<b>661</b>	Criminal fixed fees to park with no option for those who only wish to make use of the park for a one-hour dog walk or run through the parkland. Also, as the house was left to the town of Chelmsford it seems hugely unfair to charge for the use of the car parks with a fixed parking tariff of £5 a day and a small reduction to £3 per day for residents. It would appear that the current council wishes to deter people from using the park and visiting the house and are deliberately seeking to fabricate an email excuse to sell off house for a hotel and the land for yet another housing estate!!	Objection
<b>662</b>	The proposed HUGE charges for car parking at the Hylands estate is clearly wrong. It will only be those who can AFFORD to pay such high charges who will be able to use the park, those on a tight budget or simply those who have account for each penny spent will NEVER afford to use our most valued beautiful park. How on earth when we are encouraging people to keep fit, use outdoor spaces too encourage mental health as well as physical health, to teach children the absolute joy of nature, wildlife	Objection

	<p>and the outdoors is the implementation of such exorbitant charges going to aid the aforementioned if people can't afford to use it. Has it been considered that there is NO PUBLIC transport that serves the park (even if there were that in itself is very expensive hence why buses are ALWAYS EMPTY. How on earth are the public supposed to access the estate except by car then to pay such a huge fee. (On most occasions I am sure the cost of a local person's fuel would be far less than a bus fare). The nearby Paradise Road and sports ground will be used to park and walk through the tunnel into the estate's supply road. Writtle (of which I am a resident) will be gridlocked with Paradise road impassable. He'll for those trying to live there. I would be interested in being informed as to why this disastrous decision has been taken and the people of Chelmsford to whom the park was given have not been listened to.</p> <p>Customer's Suggested Action(s): REMOVE and do not go further with car parking charges.</p>	
<b>663</b>	<p>The introduction of this charge will limit the accessibility to under privileged families. People who regularly walk their dogs will be penalised with this charge. Foot traffic will probably decrease having an adverse effect on the refreshment establishments.</p>	Objection
<b>664</b>	<p>This should be free to all</p>	Objection
<b>665</b>	<p>I wish to object to the proposed parking charges at Hylands Park.</p> <p>At a time when we have never been less free in our lives and staying close to home would still be a sensible thing to do, I find it outrageous that you should be planning to charge people to park their car at Hylands Park. It is a shameful green space tax upon already tax paying residents.</p> <p>There is no public transportation that services the park, and there is no way that cycling along the main road is safe. This makes cars the main way of accessing the park for most Chelmsford residents. It also is hardly very welcoming to people visiting Chelmsford, who may well spend money at the locally run cafes on the site.</p> <p>Many people use the park on a daily basis, walking their dogs and exercising. At times of virus peaks, it was a lifeline for people to meet someone from outside of their household. Again, to take advantage of residents at this time feels incredibly ill-judged.</p> <p>In terms of the city's obesity crisis, to charge people to gain access to green spaces is irresponsible. It further creates a divide between those that have the money to fund a healthy lifestyle, and those that cannot afford it.</p>	Objection

	<p>On a pragmatic level, even if you purchased a parking permit, you will not be able to use it at weekends. A great many people work during the week, rendering a permit useless as they would still have to pay to park at weekends.</p> <p>I have grave concerns over the trustworthiness of your choice of parking management company, whose sole way of making profit will be to fine people and aggressively chase money from them.</p> <p>For many locals, they will simply choose to park along Paradise Road in Writtle, an already parked-up, narrow and twisting road. The residents along Paradise Road and those in Writtle generally will suffer a great deal of disruption if these parking charges are implemented.</p> <p>As someone who always votes in council elections, these charges create an erosion of trust in those who should have the best interests of Chelmsford residents at heart.</p> <p>My objections against car parking charges at Hylands are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Absolutely no benefits to the residents of Chelmsford</li> <li>• A disincentive to visit Chelmsford for visitors</li> <li>• A green space tax when residents already pay council tax</li> <li>• Likely to be dangerously over-parked down Paradise Road and neighbouring areas in Writtle</li> <li>• Poor public transport and cycling lanes as alternative ways to access the park – car is the only real way to get there safely</li> <li>• Terrible example to lead a healthy lifestyle – obesity crisis</li> <li>• Cost to implement these charges</li> <li>• Permits not valid at weekends so are pointless for many</li> <li>• Trustworthiness of parking company selected</li> <li>• Morally wrong to charge people to gain access to something they already fund through their council tax</li> </ul>	
<b>666</b>	<p>I think this is outrageous. I was born in Chelmsford and have lived here all my life. I have children and now a grandchild and have spent many happy family times over the years at Hylands park. What if I</p>	Objection

	can't afford £3 for every visit and it's the only free space I have access to? What about mental health and physical well-being? I would much prefer to pay higher taxes to fund the upkeep of the park rather than pay an arbitrary car parking fee every time I visit. Why sneak in all these extra little charges for services etc rather than being open and honest and put up our council tax instead. Chelmsford parking charges are extortionate as it is when you compare them to other towns and cities across the UK.	
<b>667</b>	I only go to the park for around one hour, why should I pay for the day? This is a public park and locals shouldn't have to pay. If it's for a big event like the annual dog event and people are parking for a day then by all means charge but please don't charge local residents to walk their dogs.	Objection
<b>668</b>	I am very concerned that the proposed parking fees will adversely affect those local residents who most need to use the park. I am in favour of parking fees being introduced however I consider the level of charges to be too high. I propose no discount for locals this saving on admin fees. Instead introduce a sliding scale 1 <sup>st</sup> hour free Hours 2 to 3 £2 All day £5. Consideration must be given to the likelihood of displaced parking to areas of free parking such as Paradise Road in Chelmsford. This is a narrow residential road which leads to the pedestrian underpass beneath the A414. This is gridlocked at weekends from users of Paradise Road sports facilities so additional traffic seeking free parking will cause serious issues for residents and users of the sports facilities. Please reconsider these proposals.	Objection
<b>669</b>	<p>I feel extremely upset that the Council feel it is appropriate to even think about charging to visit the Lovely Hylands Park.</p> <p>During covid restrictions it was the only safe place for me to visit, to meet a friend. Lots of space. I was unable to visit family because of the distance.</p> <p>It is a Park that I love and have done ever since I became a resident in Chelmsford.</p> <p>I'm sure once events are up and running, the revenue generated will be more than enough to cover its upkeep.</p> <p>To charge to Park seems an abomination.</p> <p>Please abandon this awful idea.</p>	Objection
<b>670</b>	There is no public transport to Hylands park and it is not close to Chelmsford except Writtle, therefore you need to come by car. As a resident, I don't mind paying some money but £60 a year and £3 at weekends is not practical and expensive. Why not make it more affordable for everyone £25 a year for	Objection

	use anytime a bit like the current parking permit. This is penalising low incomes families and pensioners with only the state pension. It is also confusing as you need to remember week ends versus week. It is not encouraging well being activities like walking, running, using the play area which are important to all of us. I also think it will prevent visitors from outside the area from visiting, as £5 is a lot for just a car park, again can it not be more affordable for all to enjoy?	
<b>671</b>	The charges proposed are unreasonable and it sounds like it's an hour or a full days charge. Considering the size of the site and what it has to offer there should be some middle ground with charging if that is to be the case, although I still think it should be free to use, particularly for Chelmsford residents. Either the park will become incredibly under utilised or parking will overspill into Writtle, causing further traffic problems for local residents. Also, if charging does go ahead to say you can only have a weekday season pass for parking is unacceptable. Me and my family would like to visit the park any day of the week, including the weekends without the additional taxation of enjoying it on weekend.	Objection
<b>672</b>	I would like you to consider an out of area permit also. This will affect others but in particular there is a very well known (amongst dog walkers and Hyland staff) lady who is over 70 and who has walked every morning and afternoon with her dog for over 29 years. Her walks are her social life and her exercise. She lives about a 10 min drive away towards o far and out of borough and so the cost of her continuing to visit the park will be astronomical. This will very definitely negatively affect her mental health and overall well-being. All of the dog walkers in the park know her or of her and most are very sad that she will be so negatively impacted	Objection
<b>673</b>	Free parking encourages people to get out to enjoy the park and the amenities there. We tend to only visit for an hour or so, so the proposed parking charge would definitely deter us from visiting.	Objection
<b>674</b>	Rationale understood but a) Will that reduce visitor footfall to the City centre? B) Rather than get people to buy a season ticket, why not automatically cap amount that Mipermits can claim each month once £5 is reached.	Objection
<b>675</b>	We are very disappointed to hear that Chelmsford are considering bringing in a 'one only' charge to park at Hylands Park.  Throughout the past eighteen months the one thing that has come through strongly is how important our open spaces are for our mental health and wellbeing. The Government appear to be behind the specialists that say it is important for people to get out to see nature and have exercise. Some areas, we understand, are even beginning to prescribe this to people rather than give them a prescription. So,	Objection

	<p>imagine our horror when we found that Chelmsford City Council appear to be doing the opposite and rather than encourage local people to use Hylands Park they are bringing in parking charges and not various charges depending on how long you are there for (i.e. 50p for an hour, etc) a 'one only' charge of £5.00.</p> <p>Apart from the reason we give above, Chelmsford are potentially stopping people who go for 'short walks' to go to Hylands which is strange considering the gardens (near to the House) lend themselves to short walks for older adults and those people who have underlying health conditions and cannot walk far. The garden allows people to stroll round and sit when needs be. They are also near to the café. However, we wonder how many people are going to do this if they have to pay £5 for a 30-minute stroll?</p> <p>We believe Chelmsford are also potentially stopping those people who met their friends there to either look around the small, specialised shops or to have a drink (or both). For example, if two people meet at Hylands they will be paying £10.00 between them before buying anything else. It feels as if Chelmsford are telling people not to come to Hylands to meet friends and have a drink but to go elsewhere.</p> <p>One of the other things which has come through strongly during the past eighteen months is isolation and loneliness. Hylands is a lovely place for people to meet friends, have a chat, have a drink, take a walk, etc. Either by themselves or to socialise. Again, it feels as if Chelmsford are against people socialising and coming into nature.</p> <p>It appears that the Council is aiming for the park to be for those people who can walk there or who live in Chelmsford (as we understand that Chelmsford residents can pay a reduced rate). Yet, there are a lot of people who come from other areas as we have found since we began speaking to people who walk at Hylands. What we find strange is that we are closer to Hylands than a lot of people who live in Chelmsford. For us, it is our 'local' park and yet we are going to be discriminated against because our address comes under 'Brentwood'.</p> <p>We are wondering:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How many dog walkers will want to pay £5 to walk their dog for an hour or less? Perhaps, Chelmsford doesn't want dog walkers anymore.</li> <li>• How many parents can afford to bring their children for a quick play before going home to do homework, etc when they will have to pay £5?</li> </ul>	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How many Mums and Dads will drop their children off at school and meet a friend at Hylands to have a coffee and a chat if they have to pay £5?</li> <li>• How many older adults will come out for a stroll and perhaps a drink if they have to pay £5 plus their drink?</li> </ul> <p>During the past eighteen months our understanding is that a lot of people have lost their jobs. If that is the case, how can they afford to pay £5 for a short walk?</p> <p>We don't think that £5 is expensive if someone is going to Hylands for a day, but we assume, from the amount of people we have spoken to in the park, that this is not the case for the majority of people who attend the park.</p> <p>Also, we wonder how many people, due to the situation at Hylands, can actually walk there. We imagine only a 'handful' of people. Therefore, most people need to drive. Therefore, lots of people will be affected in some way whether it be with the reduced rate or the full rate.</p> <p>We are so disappointed by this proposal. We feel extremely sorry for the owners of the cafes and the specialised shops who we believe will be hit by this new charge.</p> <p>We shall be sending a copy of this letter to our MP, Chelmsford MP and Essex CC.</p>	
<b>676</b>	<p>I write in respect of the parking charges at Hylands Park, to which I do not object. What I do object to is the discounted fee only being possible if activated on-line. As an elderly member of the community, I do not partake in this modern activity, and doubt I am not the only qualifying resident in this position. I object to paying £5 when I visit the gardens with my husband who uses a wheelchair for an hour or so. If everybody paid the same perhaps a system as used in the City Centre car parks could have been used.</p>	Objection
<b>677</b>	<p>I am writing to object to the proposed Hyland Park car parking fees. Access to green space is vital for people's wellbeing and it is often the poorest members of society that do not have access to it at home. The proposed charges will prohibit them having access to the park as an alternative. Indeed, even for those of us with access to green space at home, Hylands has been essential for mental wellbeing during the pandemic as it is one of the few areas with sufficient space to exercise whilst maintaining social distance.</p>	Objection

	<p>I suspect you will go ahead with the charging regardless of objections. In which case I want to make a second point. The local residents annual fee is excessive and it is ridiculous that their permits would not be valid at weekends. I see no reason why it should be any more cost than the cost of a resident's parking permit and it should be valid at weekends. Particularly as residents will enjoy the benefits of parking at Hylands for much shorter periods than parking at home.</p> <p>I would also like to say that I think the advertising of the consultation has been inadequate, I have visited Hylands by car several times since the notices were supposedly placed without seeing any of them.</p>	
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<b>APPENDIX 4 – Proposed modified (additions highlighted) Schedule 1 – Hylands Park Parking Places and Fees and Charges</b>			
<b>No.</b>	<b>Name of Car Park</b>	<b>Opening Times for Hylands Park</b>	<b>Proposed Car Park Charge</b>
1	Writtle Car Park Area	<p><b>All days</b>  <b>7.30am to –</b>  <b>5pm</b> in January, November and December  <b>6pm</b> in February and March  <b>8pm</b> in April and September  <b>9pm</b> in May and August  <b>10pm</b> in June and July  <b>7pm</b> in October</p> <p>For events, functions and other hires, the closing times will be varied to accommodate such events, functions and other hires.</p> <p>At all other times Hylands Park and the Parking places will be closed to the public and vehicles.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> Vehicles must leave Hylands Park before the designated closing time. Any vehicle(s) left in Hylands Park after the main gates have been locked, cannot be removed, and will remain in Hylands Park until such time the main gates are opened the following day. A Penalty Charge Notice may be issued to an unauthorised vehicle whilst parked within Hylands Park when closed to the public.</p>	<p><b>Charges apply - Monday to Sunday 9am to 6pm</b></p> <p><b>Up to one hour £3.35</b>  <b>Up to one hour £2.00</b> (Discount for Chelmsford City Council qualifying resident)</p> <p><b>£5.00 per day</b>  <b>£3.00 per day</b> (Discount for Chelmsford City Council qualifying resident)</p> <p>Discounted fee only applies for qualifying Chelmsford City Council residents who have activated an on-line account via the third-party payment system, otherwise full cost of hourly or daily charge is required</p> <p><b>Annual Non-Resident Season Ticket</b></p> <p><b>Annual 5 day - Monday to Friday only</b> (normal daily charges apply at weekends and Bank Holidays)</p> <p><b>£81.00 per annum</b> for first car  <b>£81.00 per annum</b> for second car or subsequent cars</p> <p><b>Annual 7 day – Valid all days</b></p> <p><b>£99.00 per annum</b> for first car  <b>£99.00 per annum</b> for second car or subsequent cars</p> <p>No limit on the number of vehicles that can be registered at the same address</p> <p><b>Chelmsford Resident Annual Season Ticket</b></p> <p><b>Annual 5 day - Monday to Friday only</b> (normal daily charges apply at weekends and Bank Holidays)</p>
2	The Stables Visitor Centre Car Park Area		
3	London Road Car Park Area		
4	London Road Summer Temporary Car Park Area	<p>Only open at peak summer times as and when required – Charges apply when open</p>	<p><b>£99.00 per annum</b> for first car  <b>£99.00 per annum</b> for second car or subsequent cars</p> <p>No limit on the number of vehicles that can be registered at the same address</p> <p><b>Chelmsford Resident Annual Season Ticket</b></p> <p><b>Annual 5 day - Monday to Friday only</b> (normal daily charges apply at weekends and Bank Holidays)</p>
5	Widford Church Summer Temporary Car Park Area		
6	Writtle Summer Temporary Car Park Area		

			<p><b>£54.00 per annum</b> for first car  <b>£16.20 per annum</b> for second car  <b>£81.00 per annum</b> for any additional cars registered</p> <p><b>Annual 7 day</b> – Valid all days</p> <p><b>£72.00 per annum</b> for first car  <b>£21.60 per annum</b> for second car  <b>£99.00 per annum</b> for any additional cars registered</p> <p>Season ticket only available for qualifying Chelmsford City Council residents. Maximum of two permits per household.</p> <p><b><u>Parking Permits (Events)</u></b>  At times of some activities or events there will be a charge for a parking permit. The charge will be advised by the Council at the time.</p> <p><b><u>Penalty Charge</u></b>  Higher Level Contravention: <b>£70.00</b>  Lower Level Contravention: <b>£50.00</b></p>
7	Hylands House Parking Area	All days as specified above	Authorised vehicles and permit holders only



## Chelmsford City Council Cabinet

12 October 2021

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### Chelmer Waterside Development Framework

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#### Report by:

Cabinet Member for Sustainable Development

Cabinet Member for Fairer Chelmsford

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#### Purpose

This report is seeking Cabinet approval of a Development Framework (Planning Guidance) for the sites collectively known as Chelmer Waterside. Those sites are formally allocated for development by the Chelmsford Local Plan – Strategic Growth Site Policy 1a refers.

The purpose of Planning Guidance is to provide site-specific direction for development sites. The document starts by setting a vision for Chelmer Waterside and provides guidance on design and infrastructure planning to achieve that vision.

The Framework will also assist the Council with related land matters including as part of the developer selection process and with land assembly and compulsory purchase.

A copy of the Chelmer Waterside Development Frameworks is attached to this report as Appendix 1.

## Options

1. To approve the Chelmer Waterside Development Framework
2. To approve the Chelmer Waterside Development Framework with amendments
3. Not to approve the Chelmer Waterside Development Framework

## Preferred option and reasons

To approve the Chelmer Waterside Development Framework for the reasons stated:-

- i. The document demonstrates a policy-compliant design approach to development to meet the housing, community and infrastructure needs as identified by the Chelmsford Local Plan;
- ii. The document provides balanced guidance to ensure successful place-making;
- iii. The document expresses appropriate environmental safeguards; and
- iv. The document provides a strategy for enhancing canal and river usage which will benefit this development quarter and the wider City Centre.

## Recommendation

The Cabinet approve the Chelmer Waterside Development Framework to confirm its status as Planning Guidance.

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## 1. Introduction

- 1.1. The Chelmsford Local Plan was adopted on 27<sup>th</sup> May 2020. Strategic Growth Site Policy 1a of the Local Plan allocates 6 individual sites for residential-led development with an over-arching vision for creating a cohesive waterside quarter. These sites will provide over 1,100 new homes in Chelmsford City Centre, including affordable housing and non-residential uses which support waterside activity and the community.
- 1.2. As these sites are subject to varying ownerships, including a majority interest by Chelmsford City Council, and due to the complex nature of site constraints and infrastructure requirements, there is considered a need for supplementary guidance to describe the way in which the land at Chelmer Waterside should be developed.
- 1.3. The Chelmer Waterside Development Framework sets out a unifying approach to place-making across all of those allocated sites, identifying opportunities and constraints for each of the allocated sites and ensuring

that piecemeal development within those allocated parcels, which would be damaging to overall objectives of this regeneration, does not occur.

1.4. The Chelmer Waterside Development Framework has several core themes running through the document, including:

- environmental safeguards and balancing development needs with environmental betterment
- overcoming severe constraints to efficient use of land for development
- improving water-related function and setting
- meeting site-specific community needs as identified within the Chelmsford Local Plan
- integrated approach to infrastructure provision

1.5. The Development Framework provides guidance as follows:

- Context and site analysis
- How to apply land uses as required by the Chelmsford Local Plan
- How to integrate with key movement corridors
- Broad expectations for green/blue infrastructure
- Broad expectations for character of place
- Understanding of main infrastructure requirements and dependencies
- Broad expectations for relating development to infrastructure delivery and sequencing

## 2. Public Consultation

2.1 A consultation draft version of the Framework was subject to a 4-week consultation between February and March 2021. A total of 97 comments from individual members of the public, organisations and other consultees were received. A large proportion of those making representations support the regeneration of the area but had comments on specific elements of the proposals. A wide range of comments were made, but there were certain areas of the consultation draft Framework which received more comments or objections, which were as follows:

- Impact on Hill Road Allotments
- Loss or relocation of Chelmsford Canoe Club
- Desire to see improved function of and access to water

2.2 In response to the consultation responses the Framework has been amended to reduce the overall impact of development on the allotments, outline a strategy for bringing more allotment plots into active use and improving facilities on the allotments. The feasibility of the Canoe Club being able to remain situated on the same part of the river, albeit within new facilities and a consolidated site, has been explored within the document – this will inform future detailed planning of site CW1a. Desirable locations to access the water and to moor craft have been identified. The Framework

has also been revised to provide clearer guidance for developers on wider matters of local interest, such as sustainable development, sustainable travel, greening the development and content of open spaces.

- 2.3 A summary of consultation responses is included as Appendix 2.

### 3. How the Framework will be used

- 3.1. The Framework will have status as Planning Guidance. This means it will be a material consideration in the determination of planning applications for the development sites allocated at Chelmer Waterside – as set out within Strategic Growth Site Policy 1a of the Chelmsford Local Plan (May 2020). This Framework will carry substantial weight in the consideration of future planning applications alongside policies of the Chelmsford Local Plan.
- 3.2. The Framework is not a masterplan but does set broad-level planning guidance to show how the respective development sites as allocated would interact with each other and be integrated with the existing neighbourhood and certain other design rationale. Developers would be expected to use the Framework when producing planning applications or their own masterplanning, as relevant.
- 3.3. The document illustrates the development parameters as set by the Local Plan to both guide and expedite delivery of high-quality new homes and place-making at Chelmer Waterside. The intention of producing Planning Guidance is to steer the development towards a higher quality of outcome than might otherwise be achieved and to highlight expectations for key infrastructure and other site-wide requirements as they apply to this site.
- 3.4. The document reflects the Council's Strategic Objectives as set out within "Our Chelmsford, Our Plan" (January 2020) which ensures that Chelmer Waterside is created as a fairer, safer, greener, healthier and more connected development quarter.
- 3.5. Land-based designations and other complex matters which represent constraints to development have been considered. The document provides reasonable recommendations for working with or addressing those matters to expedite successful development and not compromise place-making. Opportunities for creating a more integrated and appealing development are identified alongside the baseline site and context analysis to highlight these from the outset of the planning process.
- 3.6. A comprehensive approach to physical infrastructure planning is outlined. This is not to the exclusion of other infrastructure or works set out elsewhere in the Local Plan or which may be identified at the more detailed stages of planning, but this is to demonstrate the complex nature of development in this area and the need for a unified approach to funding and delivering the necessary key elements of infrastructure which will successfully integrate the development and ensure it works. Wider policy requirements, such as



affordable housing, are not contained within the Framework as these are clearly stipulated within the Local Plan.

- 3.7. In relation to certain key elements of infrastructure, such as the new vehicular bridge access from the south and the relocation of the gas pressure reduction equipment, this document identifies that the Council has progressed that work for the purposes of expediting delivery of housing in line with the Framework. This has been with funding secured from Homes England. Further, the Framework confirms that development must still pay for that infrastructure as it usually would as part of the planning process (s.106) as the Council has only secured advance-funding which must be recovered.

#### 4. Programme (indicative)

- 4.1 Once approved, the Chelmer Waterside Development Framework will support the appointment of development partners to work with the Council as landowner and/or will support the disposal of Council-owned sites to a developer. This will take place early in 2022 once the supporting technical information is available.
- 4.2 Other land not in the Council's ownership will come forward independently.
- 4.3 Taylor Wimpey are already building 446 new homes at site CW1b in line with the Framework. They are due to be completed by the end of 2022.
- 4.4 The first of the remaining development sites is expected to come forward for detailed planning during 2022, with construction commencing in 2023.
- 4.5 The Framework will assist the Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) process by confirming the approach to development and ruling out piecemeal development. The CPO process is expected to be concluded during 2022.
- 4.6 Key infrastructure including the bridge access and gas pressure reduction compound are already being progressed.
- 4.7 The bridge access obtained planning permission in June this year and has now entered a period of technical design with construction due to commence in late 2022 and complete in 2023.
- 4.8 The gas pressure reduction compound has been designed in co-operation with Cadent Gas and a planning application will be submitted this year. A technical design stage will continue in the background and conclude in early 2022. Construction is programmed between Summer 2022 and 2023.
- 4.9 A new lock would sit alongside the weir to allow boats to navigate further into Chelmsford City Centre and provide a destination for the 14-mile stretch of navigable water from Heybridge Basin. Delivery of the lock is subject to funding. Future developments will be expected contribute towards that

objective. Further updates on the lock programme will be set out via separate reports.

## 5. Conclusion

- 5.1 The Framework demonstrates how the requirements of the Local Plan can be delivered on this site.
- 5.2 The vision is sufficiently ambitious to achieve a high-quality development which is well related to its context. The concept masterplan layout and other content provide a sound framework to guide successful place-making and will support the planning application process.
- 5.3 The Chelmer Waterside Development Framework is presented to Cabinet with recommendation that it be approved.

### List of appendices:

Appendix 1 Chelmer Waterside Development Framework

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### Background papers:

None

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## Corporate Implications

### Legal/Constitutional:

The implications that arise in relation to this decision are set out within the report. The Framework will be used for development management purposes in determining future planning decisions. It will also be used to support any necessary Compulsory Purchase Order required to support the proper planning of the area.

### Financial:

The Framework identifies the Council's objectives for the site. The site financial viability has been considered during the production of the Chelmsford Local Plan (May 2020) and determination of priorities will be subject to negotiation at planning application stage. The Council when obtaining funding from Homes England accepted that a share of site proceeds or s.106 contribution up to the value of grant funding needs to be recovered from development at Chelmer Waterside, to be recycled on development within the city.

Potential impact on climate change and the environment:

New housing delivery can have a negative impact on climate and environmental change issues. Planning Policies, Building Regulations and Environmental Legislation ensure that new housing meets increasingly higher sustainability and environmental standards which will help mitigate this impact.

Contribution toward achieving a net zero carbon position by 2030:

The new Local Plan and Making Places SPD will provide guidance to assist in reducing carbon emissions through development. This development will follow the published guidance.

Personnel:

None

Risk Management:

None

Equality and Diversity:

None. An Equalities and Diversity Impact Assessment has been undertaken for the Local Plan.

Health and Safety:

None

Digital:

None

Other:

None

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#### Consultees:

CCC – Head of Property

CCC – Spatial Planning

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#### Relevant Policies and Strategies:

This report takes into account the following policies and strategies of the City Council:

Chelmsford Local Plan, May 2020

Our Chelmsford, Our Plan, January 2020

Chelmsford Climate and Ecological Emergency Action Plan

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# Chelmer Waterside

## Final Draft Development Framework

August 2021



# DOCUMENT SUMMARY

This document is a final draft of the Chelmer Waterside Development Framework.

This document has been subject to public consultation between 19th February - 19th March 2021.

The approved document will form an official Development Framework, illustrating the development parameters as set by the Chelmsford Local Plan (May 2020) to both guide and expedite delivery of high-quality new homes and place-making at Chelmer Waterside. The approved document will be a material consideration of future masterplanning and planning applications.

This Framework supports the delivery of development in accordance with Strategic Growth Site Policy 1a 'Chelmer Waterside'. The Local Plan sets out the wider scope of planning requirements for these sites - this document is a recommendation for how the on-site requirements can be met.

## Vision Statement

Chelmer Waterside will be a high-quality residential-led neighbourhood with integrated local-scale, community and water-related uses. The area will provide high-quality new homes in a sustainable city centre context, promoting walking/cycling and ease of access to local facilities.

New movement infrastructure will mean the creation of new bridge connections with consideration to wider networking, and an emphasis on enhancing water navigation. Development will make strides towards Chelmsford's objective of achieving net-zero Carbon emissions in new buildings by 2030. The area will benefit from new open spaces that provide

balance to the urban landscape and give residents and visitors alike the opportunity to socialise, relax or get active.

Set within a unique waterside environment, the regeneration will enable active use of the waterways, creating a vibrant and dynamic new quarter for the city that provides a positive long-term legacy for Chelmsford.

## Starting point

The majority of Chelmer Waterside is owned by Chelmsford City Council across multiple land parcels, with other land parcels in private ownership.

It is critical to achieving the Council's Strategic Objectives, requirements of the adopted Chelmsford Local Plan (May 2020) and Vision of this Framework Document that the regeneration is designed and delivered comprehensively. Chelmer Waterside is a singular development area across which infrastructure needs and inter-dependencies have been considered. As such, development obligations will be sought across each parcel to fairly and reasonably spread the cost of wholesale infrastructure delivery which is necessary both to facilitate development as a whole and contribute to successful place-making across all of Chelmer Waterside. Sites CW1a-f as identified through the adopted Chelmsford Local Plan (May 2020) (also shown on page 2 of this document) provide the distinct phases of development. These represent the size of parcel to be brought forward as a comprehensive phase of development so that each phase makes the most efficient use of the land, delivers high-quality place-making and has adequate quantum to deliver local infrastructure in a timely manner and as an integral part of the development.

Piecemeal development within those parcels will be resisted to avoid compromising the capacity potential, quality and infrastructure delivery of the parcel and maintain the overall success of the Chelmer Waterside regeneration.





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# 1 INTRODUCTION

## The Council's Strategic Objectives

The "Our Chelmsford, Our Plan" document outlines the Council's Strategic Objectives. It is expected that those objectives are reflected in all new development growth delivered through the Chelmsford Local Plan (May 2020). For Chelmer Waterside, the key objectives are:

### Fairer and inclusive Chelmsford:

- Prioritise use of the sustainable travel network so far as possible/enhance infrastructure
- Use environmentally efficient construction – significantly reduced carbon emissions
- New housing – suitable range of size and type (appropriate to area)
- Deliver homes to rent and own
- Deliver Affordable Housing
- Create housing that facilitates adaptable living
- Provide wheelchair housing

### Safer and greener place:

- Protect and enhance the natural environment
- Implement measures to improve green infrastructure and increase biodiversity
- Create high quality of public spaces that are functional and attractive
- Reduce waste, lower energy consumption and improve air quality
- Create safe environments for everyone

### Healthy, active and enjoyable lives:

- Provide community uses which bring residents and the wider community together
- Provide access to leisure and sport facilities
- Facilitate and encourage local cultural activities as part of everyday life

### Connected Chelmsford:

- Provide high-quality communications infrastructure
- Secure investment to forward fund local infrastructure to support development growth
- Deliver growth in consultation with local residents and groups





Allocated sites within Chelmer Waterside





## 2. SITE AND CONTEXT

The Chelmer Waterside sites are integral to the wider urban landscape of Chelmsford City Centre.

The area to the immediate east consists of water meadows and gives way to the rural area beyond – this area is one of the three Green Wedges interfacing with Chelmsford City Centre.

The Chelmer Waterside sites are already generally well connected to the wider area and benefit from easy access to local places of interest and transport nodes.

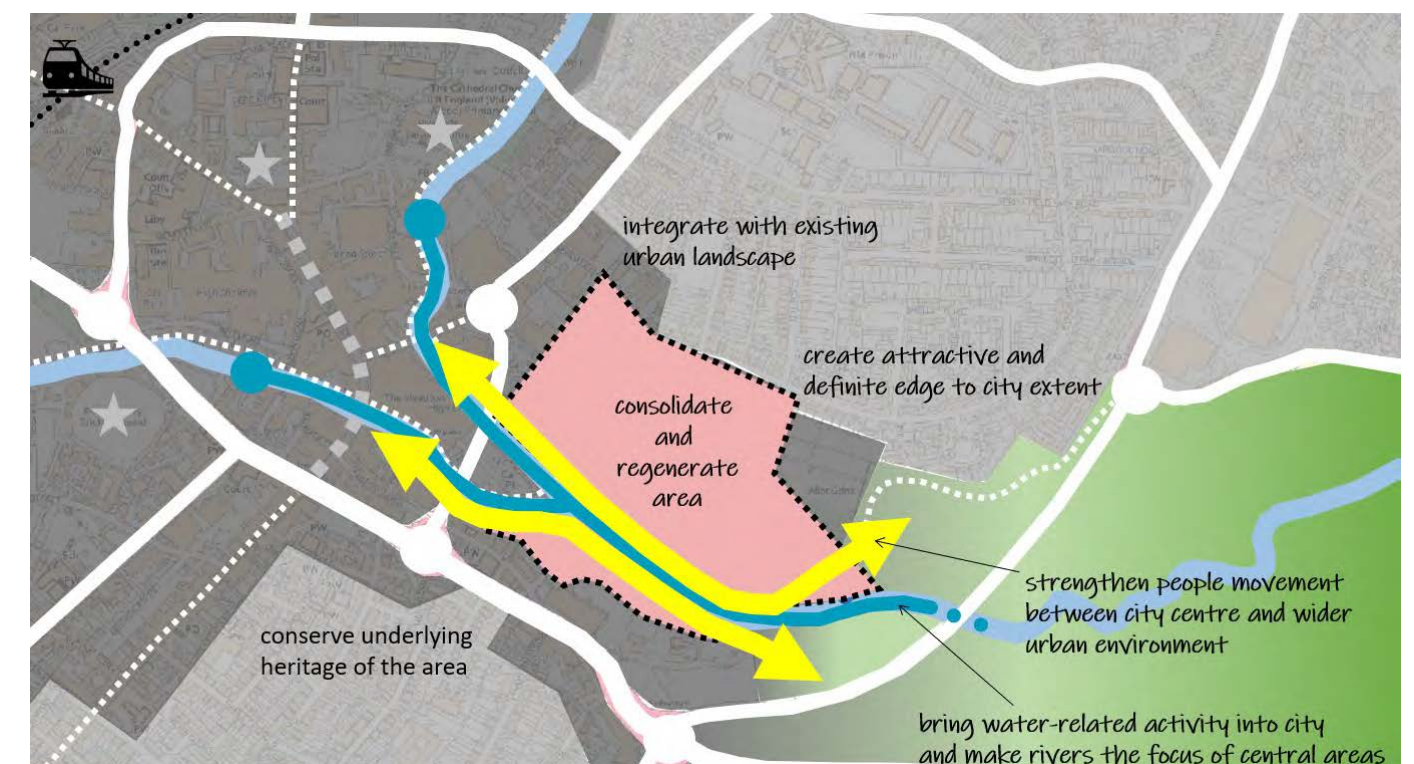
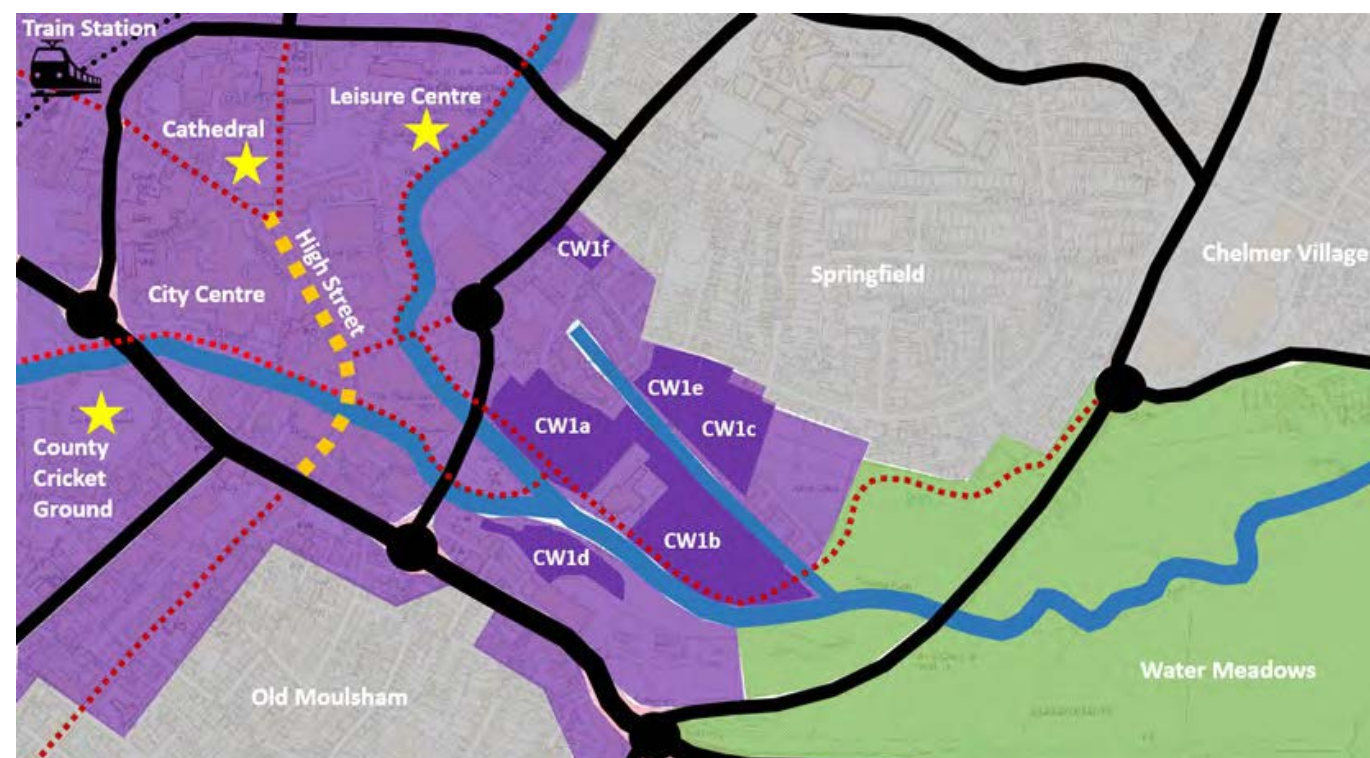
The waterways are an important part of Chelmsford's heritage, yet navigation along those waterways is constrained.

The allocation of these Chelmer Waterside sites through the Local Plan provides a platform for regeneration and the opportunity to consolidate the area into one 'place'.

This framework demonstrates how those sites can be delivered as 'one place'. Sustainable forms of travel (i.e. walking and cycling) will be put first and this area will be part of a more attractive, safer route for people movement between city centre and the wider urban and rural environment.

Opening up the waterways for active use is a key objective of bringing this area forward for development.

This development demonstrates design principles for successful integration of different landscape attributes and manages the need to safeguard heritage values.





Site Situation and Land Uses

The area of Chelmer Waterside is made up of various land parcels (collectively referred to as “the site”) set within a context of city centre uses. The principle of residential use of the site is compatible with local land uses, but there are areas where adjacent land uses are more likely to give rise to environmental considerations, for example remaining infrastructure related to the gas network and elevated High Bridge Road. The site is situated within convenient and accessible walking distance of Chelmsford Bus and Rail Stations (circa 1000m) and Chelmsford City Centre (circa. 475m). Three stretches of water separate the land forms and provide water frontage: the River Can, River Chelmer and the Chelmer and Blackwater Navigation canal terminating at Springfield Basin.

Surrounding context:

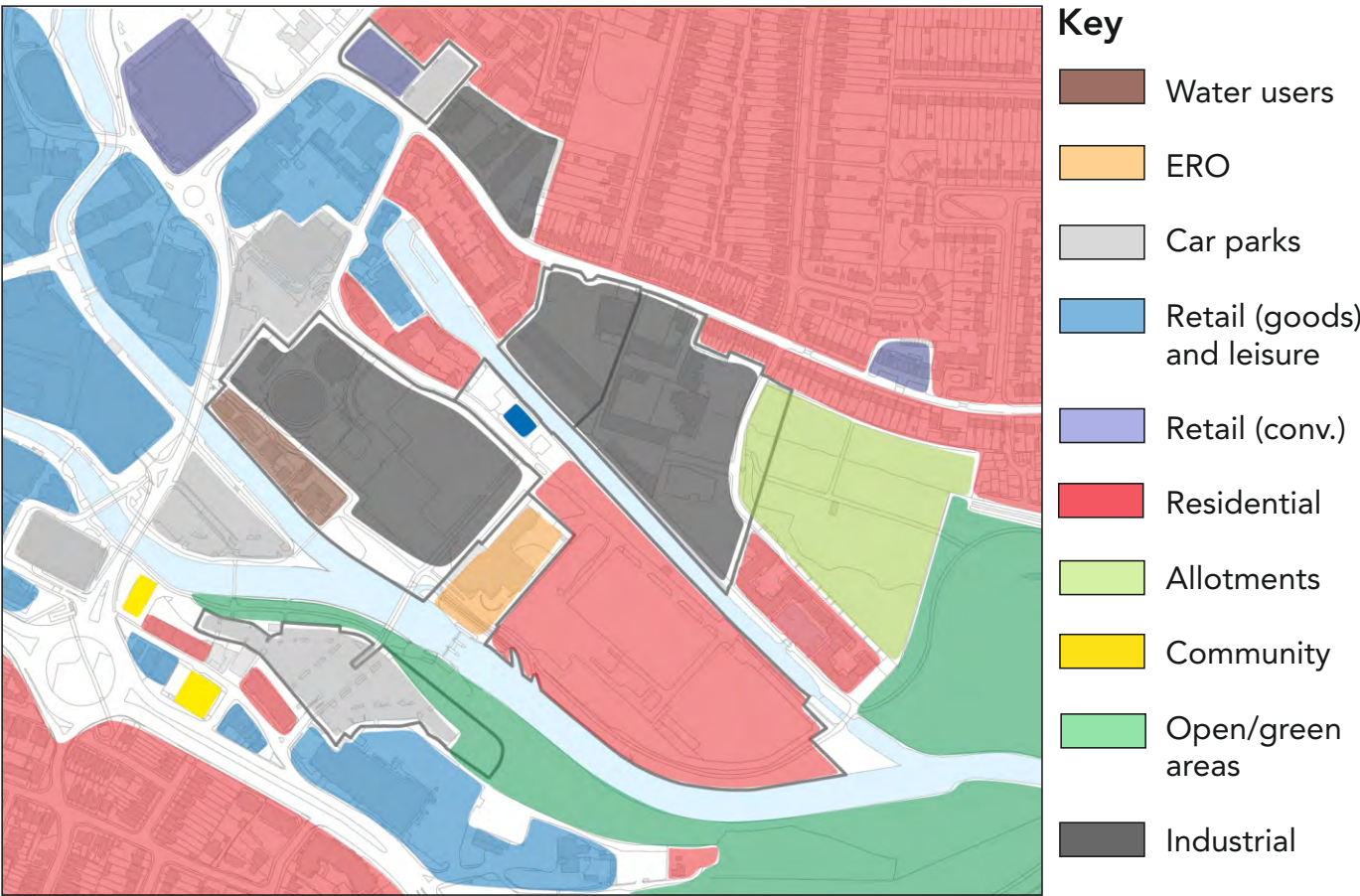
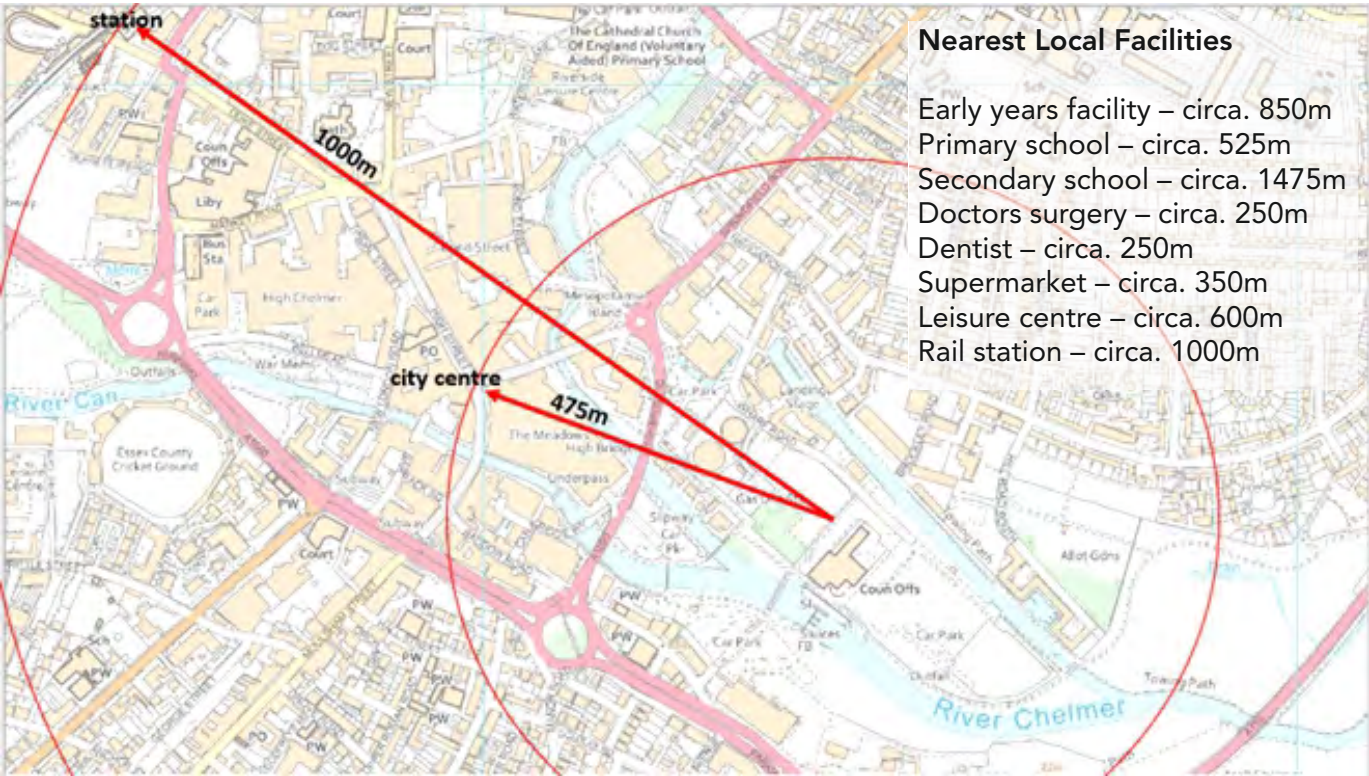
- NORTH:

Navigation Road and surroundings are predominantly residential areas with some commercial uses towards the top end towards Springfield Road and along Wharf Road. A local neighbourhood centre is situated circa. 350m away in Navigation Road.
- EAST:

The watermeadows are a key environmental consideration of Chelmer Waterside, forming functional floodplain, and also Green Wedge, designated open space and Local Wildlife Site. Also to the east is a Council-owned allotment.
- SOUTH:

Moulsham Mill, a former grain mill once connected to the river system, is now a craft and business centre. Situated around that iconic Chelmsford building are a collection of retail-orientated commercial uses including a supermarket.
- WEST:

Chelmsford City Centre is directly neighbouring the site with High Street accessible via Springfield Road or Meadows Shopping Centre. High Bridge Road is an elevated road spanning between Odeon and Springfield Road roundabouts. A supermarket is located at the southern end of Springfield Road.



Framework Considerations:

Residential use is compatible with surroundings

Potential impacts of remaining gas infrastructure and High Bridge Road on residential use would need to be mitigated

Ensure convenient movement corridors and connections into wider foot and cycle network to promote sustainable modes of travel between the site and local facilities



Landscape and Visual Impact

This site is within Chelmsford City Centre which is part of the wider Urban Area of Chelmsford. The landscape character of the site itself is therefore urbanised with mixed building typologies at its edges. The characteristics of the urban areas around this site are described throughout the Site and Context section of this masterplan document. The nearest and most relevant alternative landscape character from which longer-range views into the city will be affected is the adjacent watermeadows which form part of the wider river valley. The river valleys are designated as Green Wedges to preserve their openness, natural attributes and recreation function.

BRAINTREE, BRENTWOOD, CHELMSFORD, MALDON AND UTTLESFORD LANDSCAPE CHARACTER ASSESSMENTS (2006)

The Lower Chelmer River Valley has the following characteristics:

- Shallow, open valley with wide floodplain
- Predominantly arable farmland on the valley slopes
- Overall strong sense of place and tranquillity
- Extensive linear Poplar and Willow plantations are a distinctive feature in close proximity to the river
- Field margins marked with hedgerows and frequent trees
- Views along the valley floor can be panoramic where unconstrained by field margins and are framed along the river corridor












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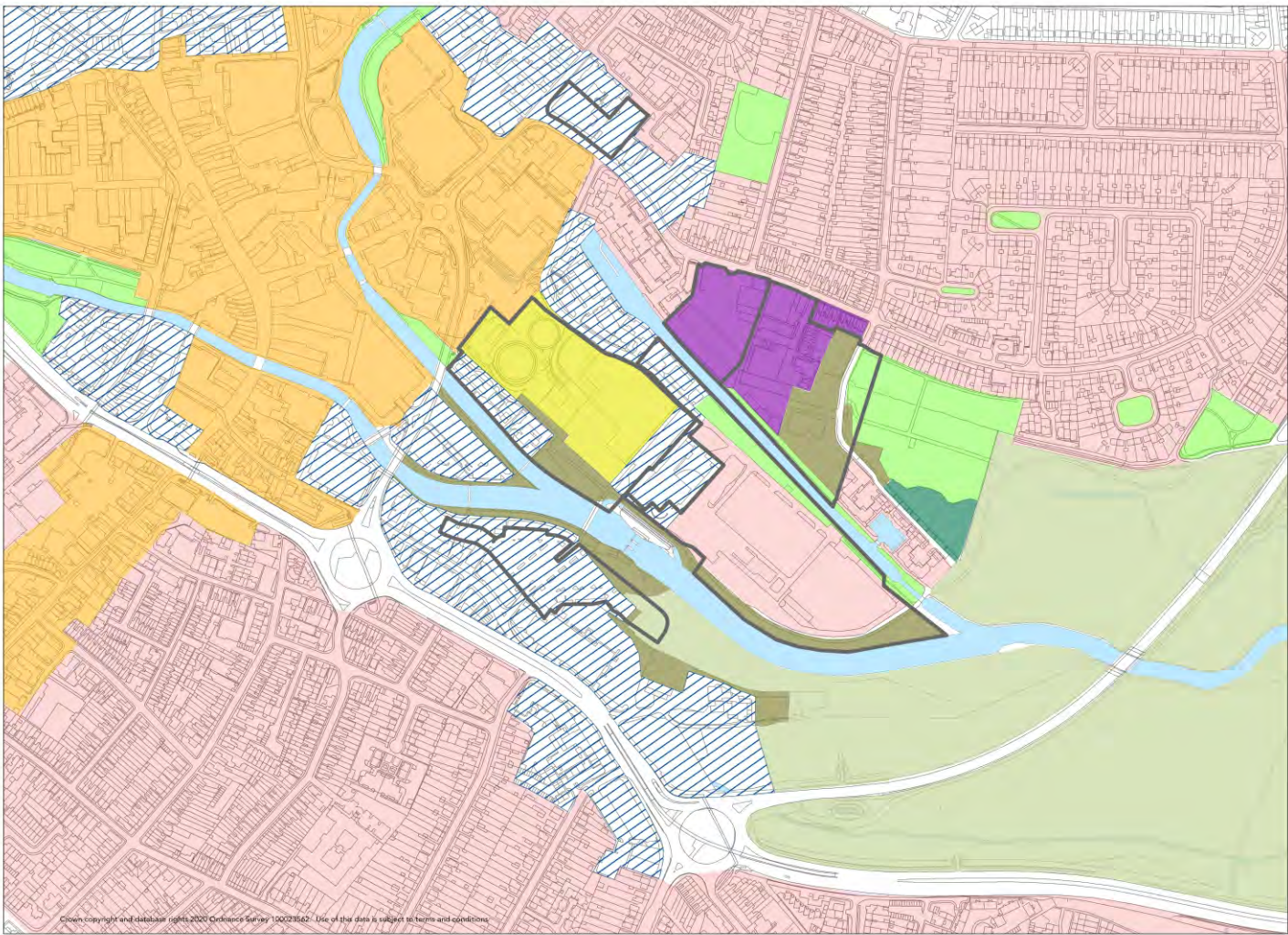
Tall buildings would be visible from the river valley so should be set at a commensurate or lower height when compared to the Taylor Wimpey development at the head of the peninsula which has been designed to successfully meet this view path

Increase linear planting adjacent to the water with a transition to urban character as appropriate

Avoid land uses which would significantly adversely impact the tranquillity of the river valley

KEY

	Allocation boundary		Open meadow marshland
	Open land with boundary wall		Scrub (dense / continuous)
	Central retail zone		Cultivated land / Parkland
	Residential		Broadleaf woodland
	Industrial		Water course / Riparian corridor
	Other urban uses		





Conservation

The area has a strong historic association with the waterways routing through the city and the river corridors are a key conservation attribute. In part this is recognised by the designated area of the Chelmer and Blackwater Navigation Conservation Area – this extends into the neighbouring Authority area (Maldon) marking the entirety of that former trade route from Heybridge Basin which dates back to 1797. The Chelmer and Blackwater Navigation Conservation Area Character Appraisal (March 2009) charts the heritage of the area but also acknowledges the expectation of new development in this area of the city.

There are several designated heritage assets (otherwise known as statutory listed buildings) situated locally including Moulsham Mill, Meadow View, and Springfield lock and bridge. Together, the area contains many non-designated heritage assets which are an important part of the historic fabric of Chelmsford, but are not statutory listed. These include Springfield Basin, the former warehouse section of Waterfront Place and the dismantled wrought iron gas holder frame. A planning obligation requires the holder frame to be re-purposed as part of the redevelopment of this area.

The site's association with Moulsham Mill is significant. This iconic water-related building contributes to the site's identity and greatly contributes to local interpretation. Whilst situated outside of the site, Moulsham Mill must remain a relevant and integral feature of development in this area.

One of the existing bridges crossing the river Chelmer is a Second World War surplus Bailey bridge. These were pre-fabricated truss bridges, mass-produced for use during military campaigns of WWII. Several thousand bridges were created and many more remained unused by the end of the war. After the war many of these bridges were sold and used as cost-effective temporary bridge solutions. Over time, as is the intention here, these temporary bridges have been replaced with newer bridges. Re-use of the Bailey bridge outside of this area can be explored.

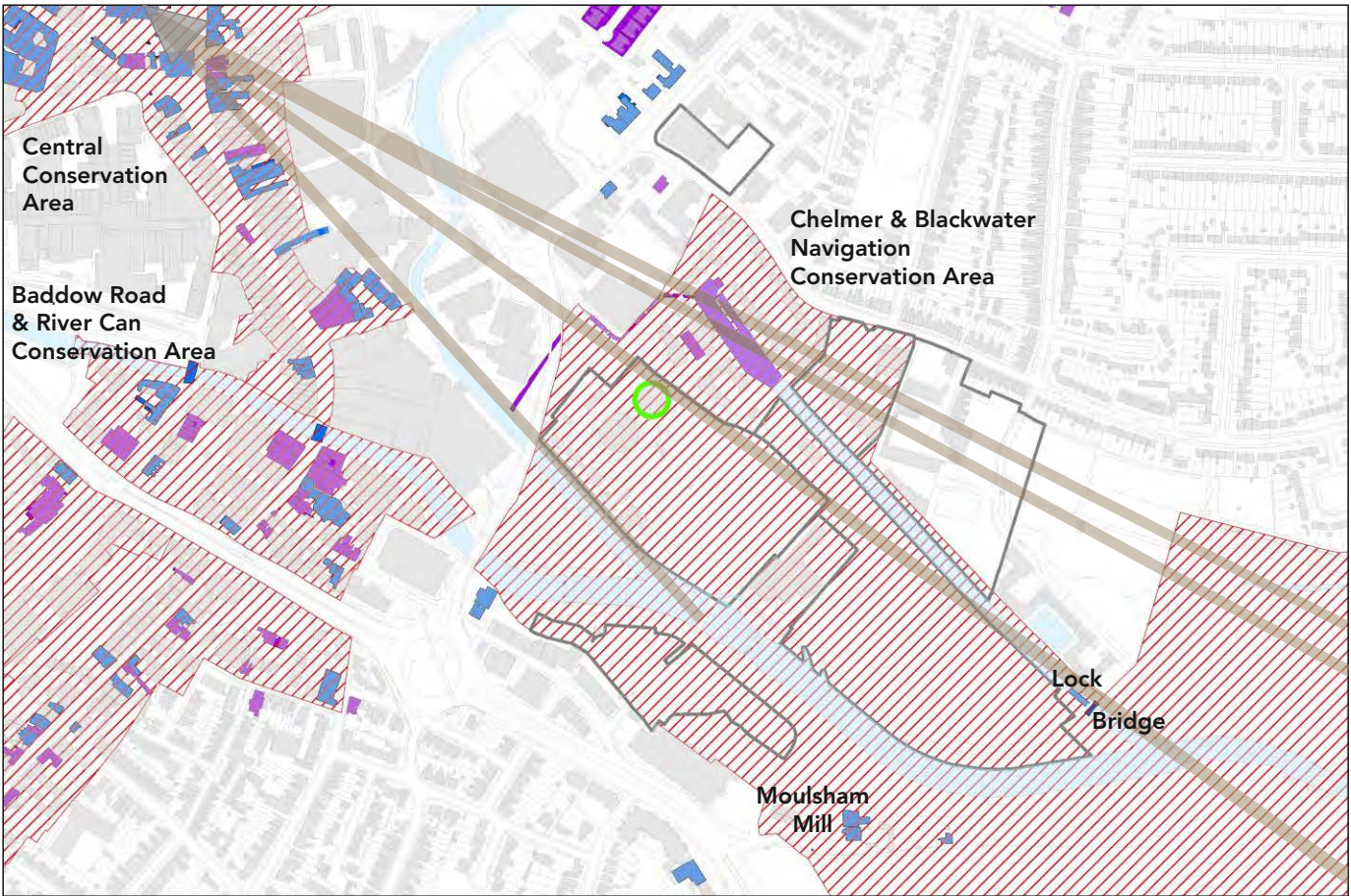
From the elevated portion of Chelmer Road (A138) there are views over the site to the Cathedral, in large part framed or filtered by vegetation and other landscape features in the foreground. These views are set within a skyline context of the city and wider urban landscape so are not key or gateway views, but are important in the context of understanding the geography and cultural heritage of the city.










Gas holder frame intact



Dismantled gas holder frame in storage



KEY

	Statutory Listed Buildings		Brick culvert (underground) locally listed
	Locally Listed Buildings		Canal basin wall - locally listed
	Conservation Area		View to Cathedral
	Holder frame (dismantled - held in storage on the gasworks site)		

**Framework Considerations:**

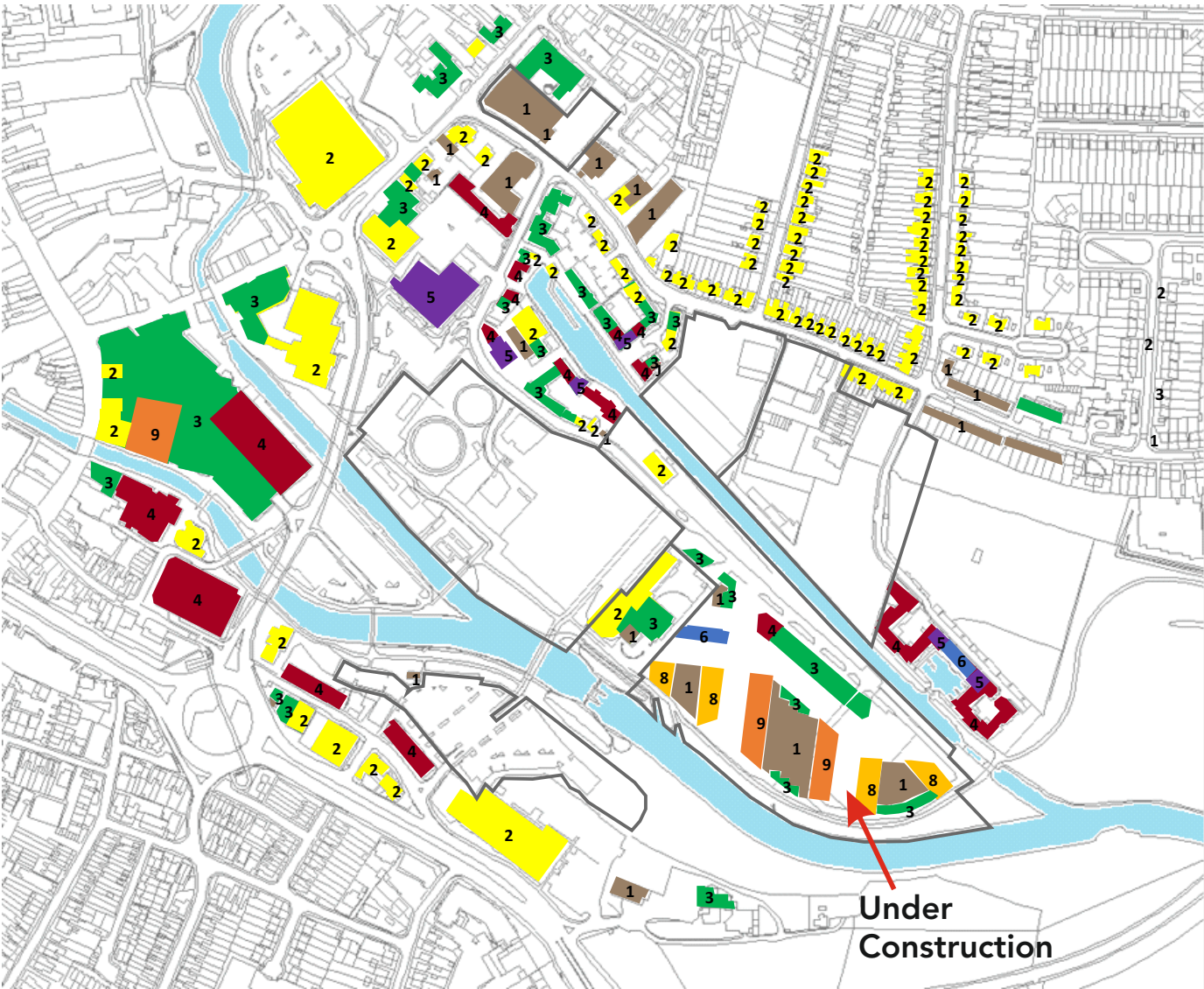
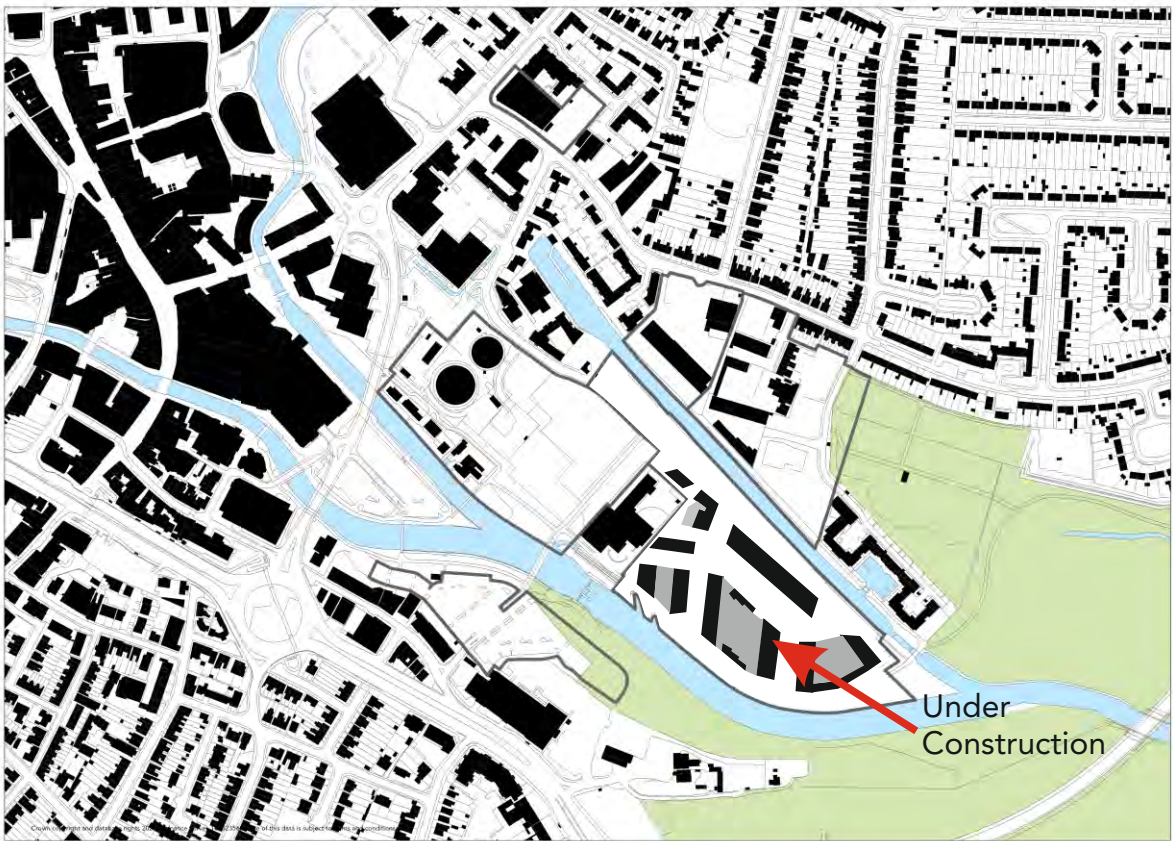
- Provide legible and well framed viewpath(s) to Moulsham Mill to highlight the significance of that building to the area
- Be mindful of views to the Cathedral and seek to maintain views where possible
- Preserve and enhance designated and non-designated heritage assets and their setting
- Identify options for re-purposing the wrought iron gas holder frame in a public setting



Grain and Scale

Between eastern and western extents of the site the neighbouring urban grain (pattern of development) varies considerably. The more domestic character of development to the east is shown in the smaller footprint of buildings and more numerous individual holdings. To the west the commercial nature of the city centre is characterised by the larger footprints of buildings such as the shopping centre, supermarket and multi-storey car parks. There are numerous examples of perimeter development set with frontage to the street. Newer development (e.g. Taylor Wimpey site at the peninsula) uses linear urban block form with comfortable spacing to form streets and open areas containing parking within the main envelope. Most buildings in the area maintain a minimum 10m set back from water's edge to maintain access, although the most recent developments achieve considerably more and are more sympathetic (e.g. quality of environment, shadow casting, use of the waterways).

The scale of contextual development is again varied. To the east along Navigation Road are some single storey properties, but the area is predominantly 2 storey in character. The earlier Lockside Marina residential scheme ranges between 4-6 storeys. The more recent Taylor Wimpey development at the Peninsula is predominantly 8-9 storeys due to its good open aspect to water and open spaces beyond. That Taylor Wimpey scheme reduces to 3 storeys near to the southern side of the canal which maintains light to the towpath on the opposite side of the water. The Essex Record Office situated to the middle of the site is 2-3 storeys. The area of Wharf Road is a mix of 2-5 storeys. Besides the 1970s tower block (Cater House) the areas to the west are mostly 2-4 storeys set around the historic High Street environs.



- Framework Considerations:**
- Urban block forms, such as perimeter blocks with parking and amenity functions contained within, would work best given city environment (must maintain active frontage)
  - Development must face and suitably animate the street and water frontages
  - Placement of development relative to water must maintain minimum working access of 10m, but more is highly desirable
  - Scale should not exceed 9 storeys overall, but contextual scale will further limit more localised scale on development parcels



Movement (Land)

Due to the presence of water, access between and beyond the sites is more constrained. Connection with the wider network requires bridge connections in most instances. There are various existing bridges, but many of these are in need of replacement due to their age or constraints they impose on function, such as being too narrow to allow continuous cycling. The Grade 2 listed bridge to the east which provides foot/cycle route connection towards Chelmer Village will remain.

**FOOT:** The availability of pedestrian connections between the site and surroundings is very good. The issue is the quality and perceived security of those current routes, particularly where they edge onto a river corridor since those areas feel more secluded and are less well lit. On the north side of the canal is a gap in the towpath which could be restored to complete the route around the canal.

**CYCLE:** Likewise, the availability of cycle connections between the site and surroundings is very good. National Cycle Route 1 transects the site. The issues for cycle movement include, in addition to quality and perceived security, the need to dismount over some of the bridges, lack of connectivity to the south side of the River Chelmer to head east, and lack of connectivity north. The need for adequate drainage has also been raised. To the north opportunities for improvement are more limited. At present National Cycle Route 1 continues over the bailey bridge, which is to be replaced as part of the infrastructure provision to support this site (see page 25).

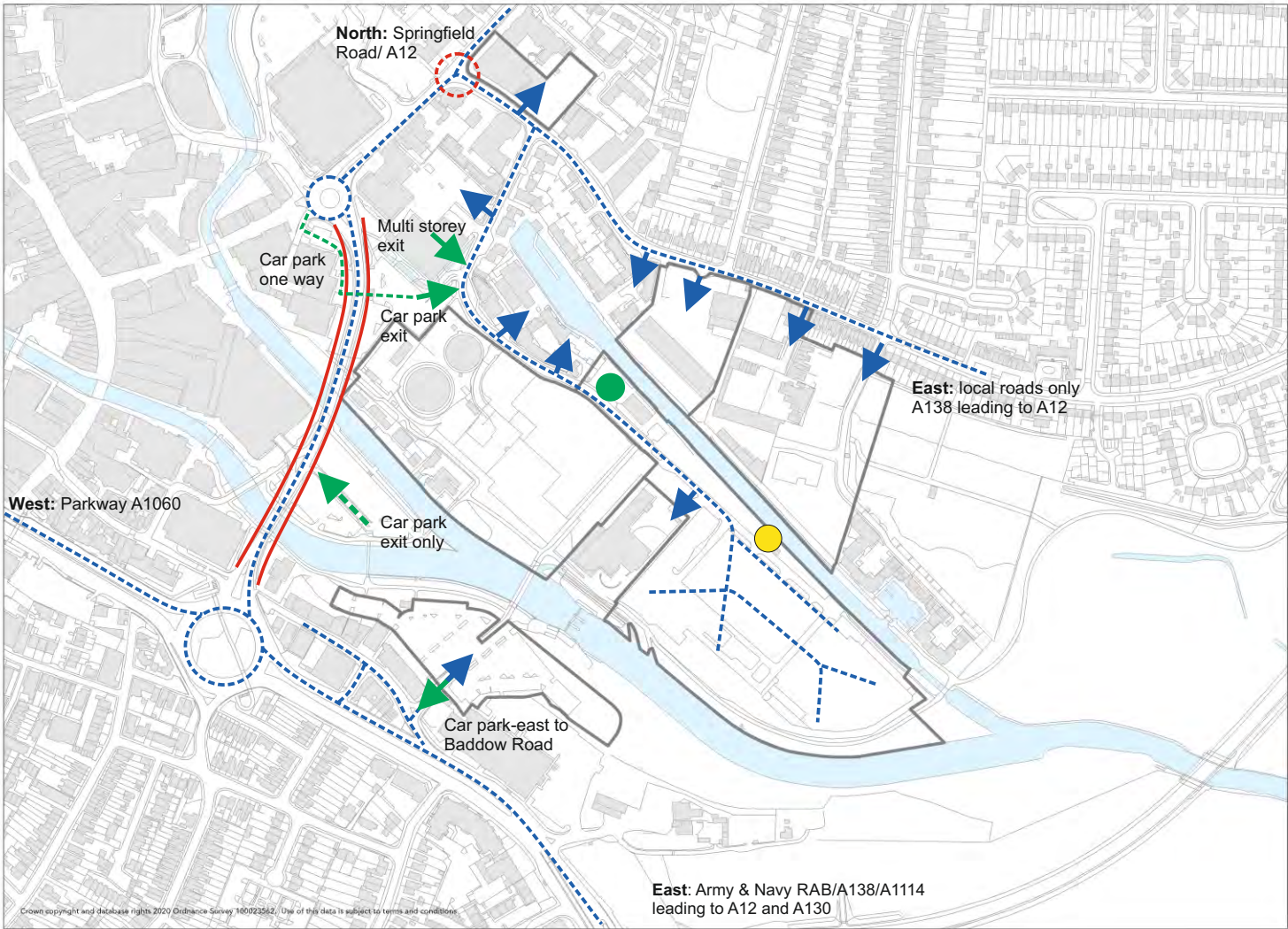
**VEHICULAR:** Currently, all development parcels north of the rivers are only accessible via Navigation Road which relies on one junction with Springfield Road. Although some improvements are planned for this junction, the site needs a new access to mitigate vehicular movements associated with development in full. The various car parks dotted around this part of the city centre also take access from or feed into the network around the site so masterplanning for access and circulation has to bear this in mind.

**BUS:** The site contains no bus stops. There are numerous bus stops within walking distance, such as along Navigation Road which provides a service to Broomfield Hospital, and stops along Springfield Road and Parkway which provide service around the city centre and beyond.





Movement (Land) continued



Existing Movement: Vehicles

- Main vehicle routes
- Access
- Car park route
- Car park exit
- ==== High Bridge Road
- Car Club
- Springfield Road/Navigation Road junction to be upgraded as part of this development, but cannot take all the traffic from Chelmer Waterside
- Navigation boat craning platform with access from Wharf Road

Framework Considerations:

- Seek to maintain existing routes in similar positions and create new routes to improve future ease of movement within and through the site
- Improve the quality of walkways and cycleways with suitable, high quality surfacing and landscaping
- Improve the safety of walkways and cycleways with new lighting, particularly along river corridors, and front buildings with active frontages towards public routes for casual surveillance
- Complete the pedestrian towpath around the canal
- Replace the narrow bridges over the River Can and River Chelmer which currently require cyclists to dismount to facilitate a continuous cycle route as part of National Cycle Route 1
- Facilitate a cycle connection to the east by maximising opportunities to connect into the site network
- Provide a new vehicular access into the site from the main network to reduce reliance on the Navigation Road/Springfield Road junction



Movement (water)

It is possible to navigate from Heybridge Basin to Chelmsford along 14 miles of waterway bringing you into Chelmer Waterside from the east. This means it is already possible to reach some parts of the city centre such as Springfield Basin. Paper Mill Lock in Little Baddow, a popular boaters pit stop because of its tea room and picturesque setting, is situated along this route. As the Navigation arrives in Chelmsford it is met with various obstructions which mean a continuation of journey, and thus better animation of waterways in Chelmsford City Centre, is not currently possible.

The sluice gates south of Essex Record Office maintain the water level in the city's river network and release water to the watermeadows in times of flooding, but the sluice gates also block movement along the river. The sluice gates will need repair/replacement in the future, which means there is an opportunity to consider integration of a new lock system. The boat rollers adjacent Essex Record Office allow small craft such as canoes to manoeuvre around the sluice gates, but this is far from ideal and in any event the boat rollers are already in a state of disrepair.

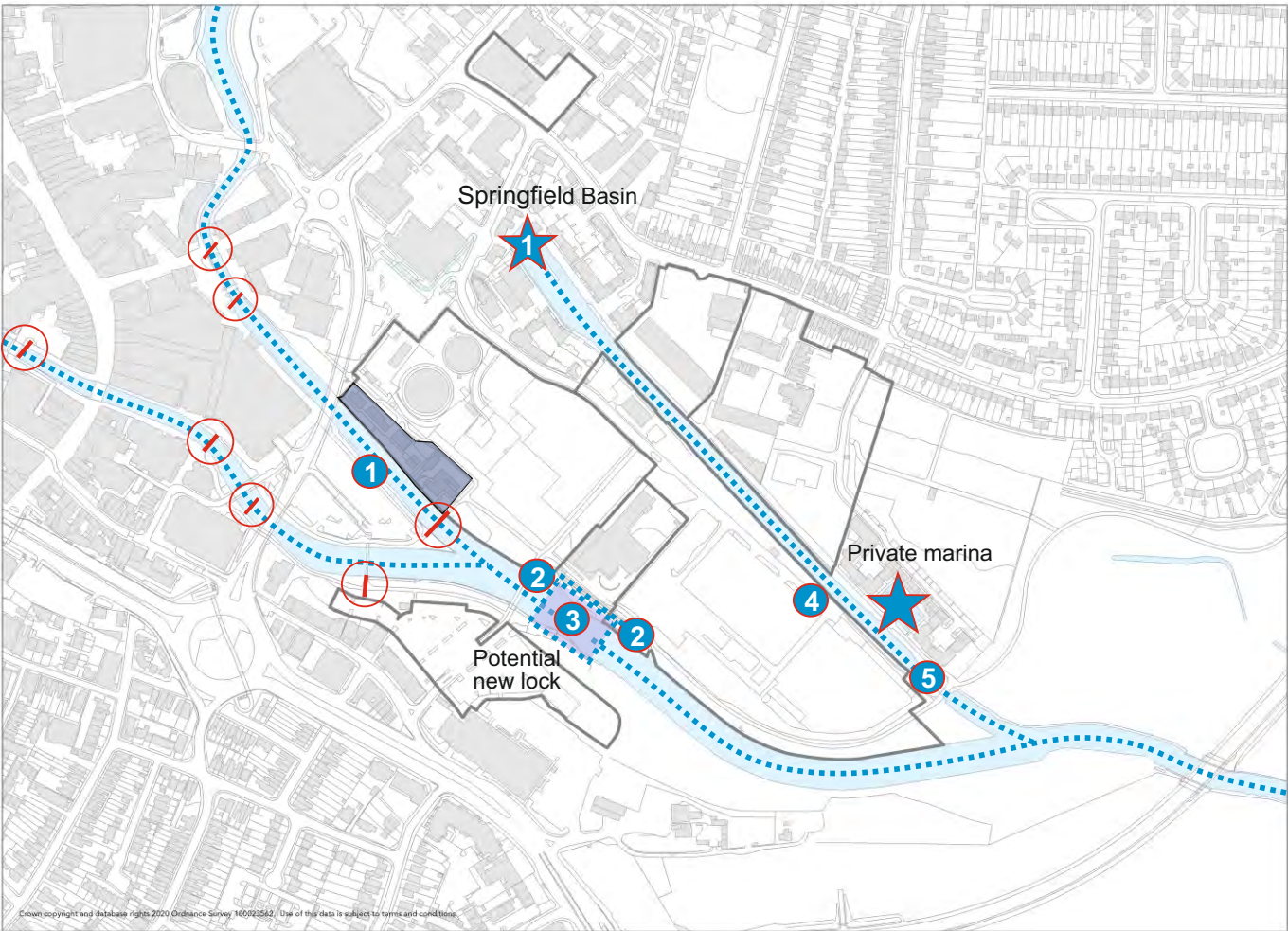
There are numerous existing bridges which, for reason of their more limited height above the water, would also prevent further navigation into Chelmsford City Centre from the east for

most craft. Their replacement with taller structures to achieve adequate clearance for canal boats is desirable. It is important that any new structures do not further decrease navigation potential.

There are two existing water-user clubs situated within the site in buildings which would not fit with the area's regeneration. These are occupied by Chelmsford Canoe Club and Chelmsford Sea Cadets. These clubs will need to maintain suitable access to the water together with boat storage, clubhouse facilities, etc. but these uses must not fully divorce the public route from the waterway as it does currently although practical access to the water for these clubs would still be needed.

Essex Waterways Limited has in recent years increased the number of mooring opportunities for recreational, business and residential craft along the stretch of the canal leading up to Springfield Basin, which has started to increase use along that stretch of the navigation.

There are a handful of existing access points to the water which will need to be maintained. It is desirable to improve access to the water to encourage greater use and activity. There may also be opportunities to increase water at the expense of land to create a focal point for developments and increase the interaction with water functions.



Key

- Existing bridges with low headroom – constrain navigation
- Existing water users
- 1 Small landing platform
- 2 Small craft water access and boat rollers
- 3 Sluice gates – block navigation
- 4 Boat craning point
- 5 Lock provides connection with canal spur

Framework Considerations:

- Explore opportunities for increasing water as part of development
- Continue Council's own work investigating the design and delivery of a new lock at the sluice gates to provide extension to navigable waterway
- Replace existing bridges within Chelmer Waterside with taller structures which achieve suitable clearance to water to extend navigable waterway
- Provide suitable alternative facilities and access to the water for existing water users and encourage further community and commercial usage
- Maintain current access points to water and increase opportunities to access the water – suitable land access required
- Increase the potential for moorings



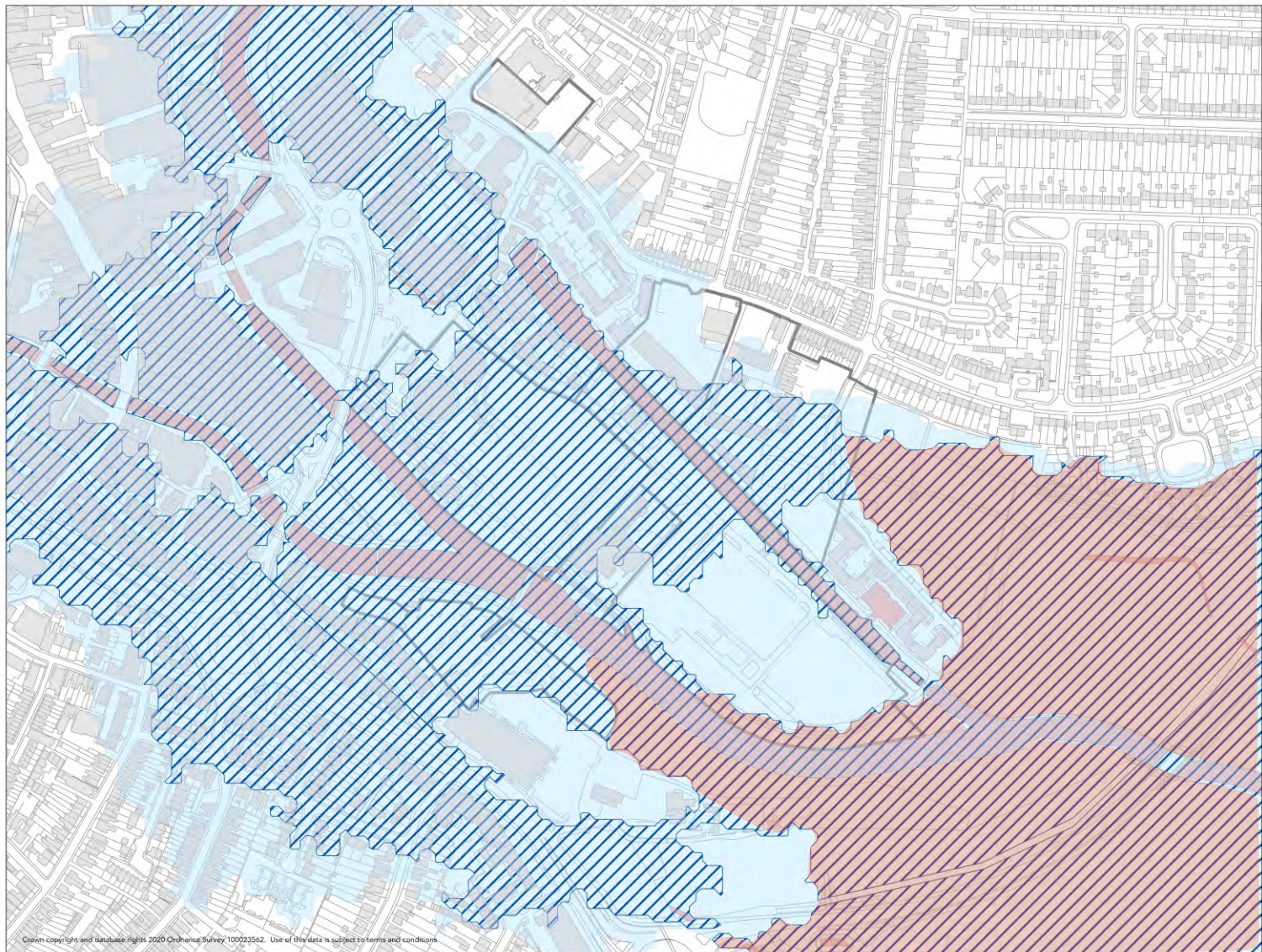
**Flooding**

The proximity of the site to rivers means there is a greater probability of flood events affecting future development. Land is classified by the Environment Agency in terms of flood risk – categories range from Zone 1 – low risk, Zone 2 – medium risk, to Zone 3 – high risk. Further analysis is then undertaken as part of the evidence base production for the Local Plan to identify what land should be left undeveloped to contribute to flood capacity – these areas are categorised Zone 3b and are typically areas of land with an annual probability of flooding greater than 1 in 20 (5%), and what areas are categorised Zone 3a where development could be allowed subject to exception testing. This site has been through both sequential and exception tests as part of the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment produced as evidence base for the Local Plan and can support housing development on Zones 2 and 3a subject to site-specific consideration of flood defence, attenuation and compensation. Any development in Zone 3b must be limited to water compatible functions, for example development related to water-based activities, outdoor recreation areas, etc.

It is likely that land within and related to the site will need to be engineered to flood to greater capacity (likely to mean to greater depth) to compensate for the footprint of development on the site which would have the effect of displacing flood waters. Wherever possible these areas should be designed to give high value public function and contribute to visual aesthetic of the area during times when they are not subject to flooding.

Operational single storey or basement development should be avoided. Buildings should be designed with flood resillience and safe means of escape.

On-site sustainable urban drainage systems (SUDS) should be used to reduced risk and frequency of surface sources of flooding.



- Key**
- Flood zone 2
  - Flood zone 3a
  - Flood zone 3b

**Framework Considerations:**

- For all but water compatible uses, development in Flood Zone 3b must be avoided
- Siting of open spaces within Flood Zone 3a would contribute towards flood attenuation and compensation
- Additional on-site measures and probably off-site flood attenuation and compensation measures would need to be factored into detailed layout – not possible at this stage as further site-specific analysis is needed (planning application stage works)
- Allow space for natural SUDS solutions, where feasible



Arboriculture and Ecology

Much of the higher-quality vegetation is situated along the River Chelmer margins and east within the watermeadows. Elsewhere within the site there are individual trees which may be of moderate or higher value which could be mitigated at detailed site planning stage, but in the main the site generally contains areas of lesser quality and self-seeded tree and scrub cover. This is to be expected of an active/former industrial landscape. However, all trees within a diameter of more than 7.5cm or greater than 1.5m in height within the site are afforded an equivalent level of protection as Tree Preservation Orders by virtue of the conservation area status of the land.

The area has importance for bird and bat nesting, commuting and foraging – these species primarily rely on presence of good size trees and tree corridors, which would follow the river corridors, but the open grassland to the east is important for species such as Lapwing which are listed as a priority species. To the east of the site, the Lower Chelmer River Valley contains running water, wetland, grassland and semi-natural woodland habitats and four areas of ancient woodland. Owing to their mobile nature, grass snakes may be present periodically on



a site such as this and otters are also considered to be of local ecological interest.

Local Wildlife Site Ch87: Chelmsford Water Meadows (52.69ha) – mixture of dry grassland and wet marshland grasses with marginal species and reeds. Forms part of an important chain of wildlife habitats along the Chelmer.

All new development is expected to generate net biodiversity gain of at least 10%. Development must also minimise the risk of human disturbance on local and regional wildlife areas outside of the site. Essex Coast Recreational Disturbance Avoidance and Mitigation Strategy (Essex RAMS) is a long-term strategy to lessen the impact of local housing development on protected birds and habitat along the Essex coast, which is a consideration to be undertaken in accordance with the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017. This site is within the zone of influence of the Blackwater Estuary. To avoid disturbance from recreational activities new development must provide suitable on-site recreational facilities to firstly avoid demand generation at source as well as contribute to defence of the coastal areas themselves.

Key

- Allotments
- Trees/shrubs/hedges
- Hard ground with self seeded scrub (low quality)
- Water meadow
- Cultivated grassland

Framework Considerations:

- Manage extent of development at the allotment site and deliver more active allotment plots
- Provide a net biodiversity gain of at least 10% using Defra metric
- Limit tree removal, particularly along the river corridor
- Provide opportunity for more tree planting throughout the site
- Increase linear planting adjacent to the water suitable for birds and bats to use for nesting, commuting and foraging
- Limit incursion of development into the watermeadows to the east
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Utility constraints

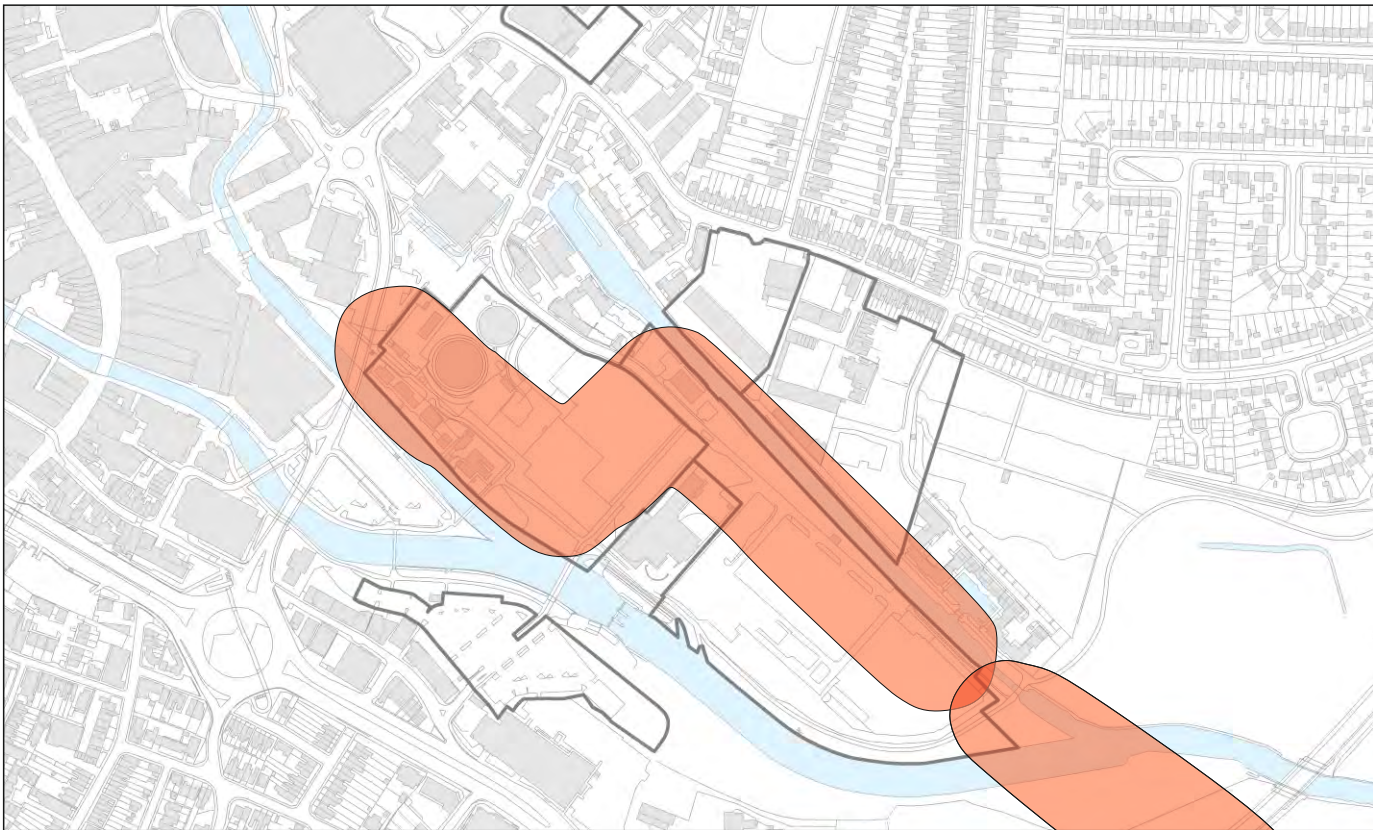
HIGH-PRESSURE GAS

There are three high-pressure gas pipelines (HSE pipeline references 1810, 1812 and 1813) which have an influence over development on the site – these come into the site from the east and are part of the transmission network. Pipelines 1810 and 1813 come into the site from the east (under the watermeadows) where they combine near to the listed lock to become pipeline 1812 which continues west and connects into the gas pressure reduction compound to the western end of the site. High-pressure gas pipelines benefit from various levels of site planning protection set by both the pipeline operator and the Health and Safety Executive (HSE). The HSE's Planning Advice for Developments near Hazardous Installations (PADHI) sets zones (Inner, Middle and Outer) around the pipeline or installation to limit the risk of building too close to hazardous infrastructure. Consequentially, the image below shows the extent of the site which could not be developed for housing without an alternative high-pressure gas pipeline solution being put in place.

The same protocols are in place for hazardous gas infrastructure, which includes the gas pressure reduction system (GPRS) situated at the western end of the site. This is factored into the image below.

OTHER GAS

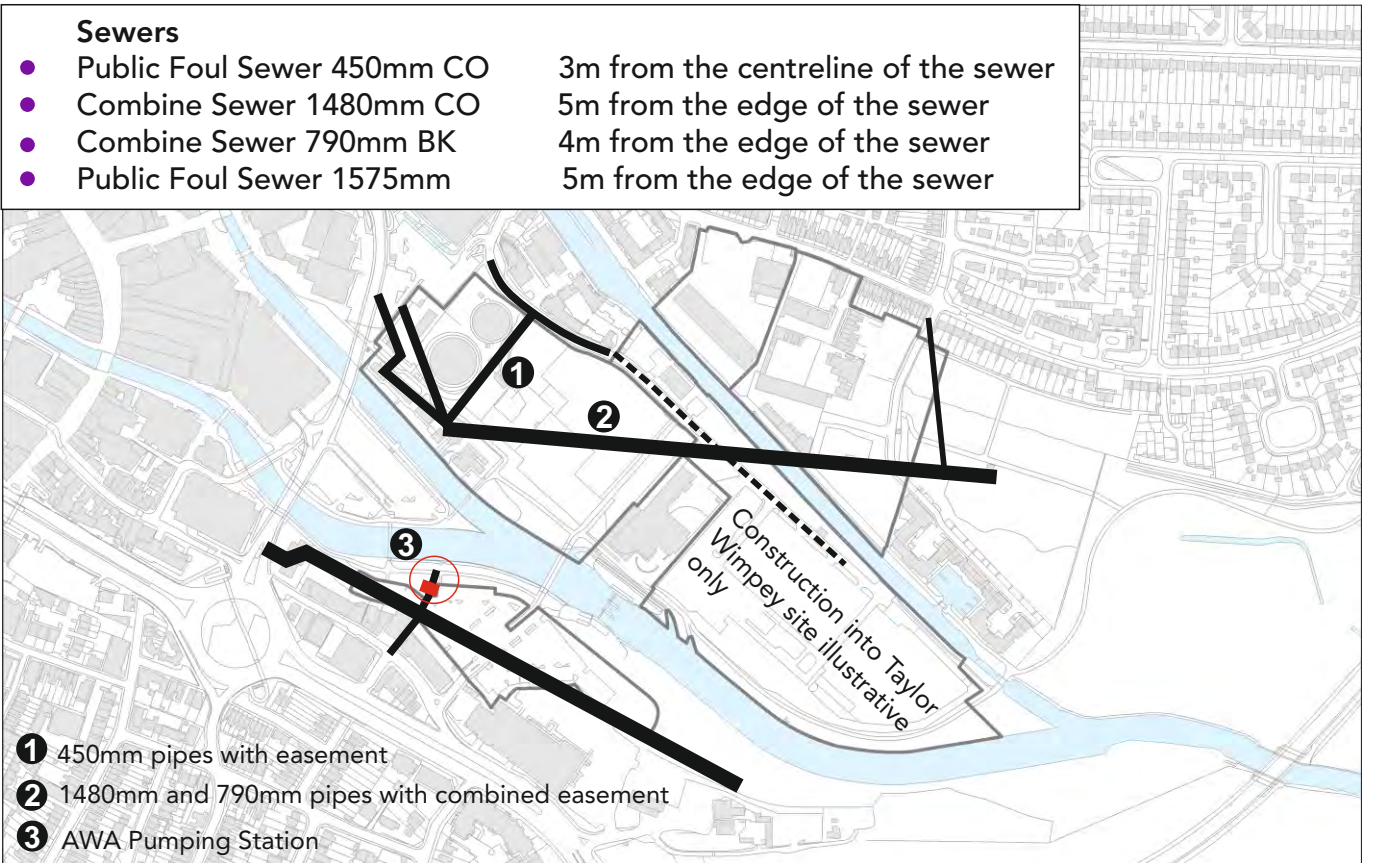
Various other gas pipeline infrastructure is present on the site (not shown). Where it is not feasible to build over, this may need diversion as part of development. This will not be factored this Framework.



The two gasometers (gas holders) shown on OS base mapping have since been removed.

SEWERS

There are two wider-diameter sewer pipes transecting the site, one south of the River Can and one between the River Chelmer and the canal. Both sewer pipes have maintenance easements preventing new buildings within those areas. There are other smaller-diameter sewer pipelines which would need diversion or other treatment to allow development over.



**Framework Considerations:**

Ensure development avoids known easements and other areas of restriction such as those imposed by the Health and Safety Executive (PADHI)

Remove the gas pressure reduction system (GPRS) from its current position and reinstate to the east (on Council allotments) to allow all high pressure gas pipelines to be redirected to that new GPRS and allow for removal of all high pressure gas pipelines from Chelmer Waterside peninsula

## SUMMARY OF FRAMEWORK CONSIDERATIONS

### SITE SITUATION AND LAND USES

Residential use is compatible with surroundings

Potential impacts of remaining infrastructure relating to the gas network and High Bridge Road on residential use would need to be mitigated

Ensure convenient movement corridors and connections into wider foot and cycle network to promote sustainable modes of travel

### CONSERVATION

Provide legible and well framed viewpath(s) to Moulsham Mill to highlight the significance of that building to the area

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Identify options for re-purposing the wrought iron gas holder frame in a public setting

### LANDSCAPE AND VISUAL IMPACT

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### MOVEMENT (LAND)

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Complete the pedestrian towpath around the canal

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Upgrade the Navigation Road/Springfield Road junction



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### 3. PLANNING POLICY

#### NATIONAL PLANNING POLICY

The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and Planning Practice Guidance (PPG) set out the broad planning policies for the nation and how these are to be applied. Both the NPPF and PPG are subject to occasional updates. The NPPF was last updated in July 2021 and the PPG was last updated in June 2021 (at the time of this publication).

##### **National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF – July 2021):**

The NPPF provides a basis of sound planning approach, setting out the key objectives of plan-making and decision-taking.

Although not specifically referenced, frameworks are an early stage of the design and planning process. Frameworks are a design tool to aid developers in achieving high design standards as part of their development proposals. Section 12 of the NPPF titled ‘achieving well-designed places’ a paragraph 124 states “good design is a key aspect of sustainable development, creates better places in which to live and work and helps make development acceptable to communities.”

Paragraph 127 continues:

Planning policies and decisions should ensure that developments:

- a) will function well and add to the overall quality of the area, not just for the short term but over the lifetime of the development;
- b) are visually attractive as a result of good architecture, layout and appropriate and effective landscaping;
- c) are sympathetic to local character and history, including the surrounding built environment and landscape setting, while not preventing or discouraging appropriate innovation or change (such as increased densities);
- d) establish or maintain a strong sense of place, using the arrangement of streets, spaces, building types and materials to create attractive, welcoming and distinctive places to live, work and visit;
- e) optimise the potential of the site to accommodate and sustain an appropriate amount and mix of development (including green and other public space) and support local facilities and transport networks; and
- f) create places that are safe, inclusive and accessible and which promote health and well-being, with a high standard of amenity for existing and future users; and where crime and disorder, and the fear of crime, do not undermine the quality of life or community cohesion and resilience.

##### **Planning Practice Guidance (PPG – June 2021):**

The PPG provides practical explanation of how NPPF objectives, such as achieving well-designed places, are expected to be achieved through the planning system.

Section titled ‘Design: process and tools’ at paragraph 006 states “Masterplans set the vision and implementation strategy for a development. They are distinct from local design guides by focusing on site specific proposals such as the scale and layout of development, mix of uses, transport and green infrastructure. Depending on the level of detail, the masterplan may indicate the intended arrangement of buildings, streets and the public realm.”

##### **National Design Guide (NDG – January 2021):**

In October 2019, the Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government published the National Design Guide. This provides a broad expectation for how to deliver well-designed places, by outlining and illustrating the Government’s priorities for well-designed places in the form of ten characteristics. The National Design Guide is based on national planning policy, practice guidance and objectives for good design as set out in the NPPF. Good design is set out in the National Design Guide under the following 10 characteristics:

- context
- identity
- built form
- movement
- nature
- public spaces
- uses
- homes and buildings
- resources
- lifespan

#### LOCAL PLANNING POLICY

##### **Strategic Policy S7 – The Spatial Strategy:**

States that Strategic Growth Sites will be delivered in accordance with masterplans to be approved by the Council. This Development Framework, once approved, is the basis on which future site planning would be advanced

##### **Strategic Growth Site Policy 1a – Chelmer Waterside:**

To the east of the City Centre is Chelmsford’s largest previously developed opportunity area in a river landscape setting fronting the River Chelmer and the Chelmer and Blackwater Navigation.

Amount and type of development:

Site1a comprises six sites (Cw1a to CW1f) with a potential total residential capacity of around 1,100 new homes, including affordable housing, along with an element of non-residential development. Sites at Chelmer Waterside have been assessed individually and can come forward independently, as sites become available.

SITE 1A - Chelmer Waterside Allocations	Number of homes	Main vehicular access
Cw1a Former Gas Works	Around 250*	Wharf Road
CW1b Peninsula	Around 420	Wharf Road
CW1c Lockside	Around 130	Navigation Road
CW1d Baddow Road Car Park and land to the East of the Car Park	Around 190	Baddow Road
Cw1e Travis Perkins	Around 75	Navigation Road
Cw1f Navigation Road sites	Around 35	Navigation Road

*\*250 is now 450 because high pressure gas equipment can be relocated*

Supporting on-site development:

- New homes of a mixed size and type, including 35% affordable housing
- Integration of flexible workspace facilities
- Improvements to Chelmer and Blackwater Navigation waterway infrastructure
- Site CW1a - Commercial interface with Primary Shopping Area and River Chelmer
- Site CW1a - Opportunity to provide new or improved premises for water-based clubs
- Site CW1d - Re-provision of public car parking.

Site development principles:

Movement and access

- Development that maximises opportunities for sustainable travel
- New or improved pedestrian and cycle connections
- Provide a new vehicular access to serve the site
- Provide an operational car club for residents and businesses within the site area and beyond.

Historic and natural environment

- Protect the setting of designated and non-designated heritage assets
- Conserve and enhance biodiversity and avoid adverse effects on the Chelmer Valley Riverside and Chelmsford Watermeadows Local Wildlife Sites
- Undertake an Archaeological Assessment.

Design and layout

- Layout which contributes towards the distinct identity of Chelmer Waterside and encourages use of the waterways and their environs
- Provide public art which contributes towards place creation
- Ensure layout maintains a generous waterside margin free of buildings to enable maintenance, waterway function and habitat connectivity, agreed on an individual site basis with the Local Planning Authority
- Ensure existing sites occupied by water users are incorporated or re-provided to support those functions and benefit the development and diversity of City Centre uses
- Layout to incorporate adequate tree planting and other green infrastructure to include natural flood risk and surface water management measures
- Maintain, enhance and create new landscaped site edges with a network of dense planting belts and buffers to mitigate the visual impact of the development, safeguard the historic environment, and provide suitable wildlife connections.

Site infrastructure requirements:

- Appropriate mitigation, compensation and enhancements to the local and strategic road network as required by the Local Highway Authority
- Sites CW1a–CW1e – Provide a new vehicular access to serve Strategic Growth Site 1a through proportionate contributions. Physical provision of the new vehicular access route shall be delivered through development of sites CW1a and/or CW1d (both currently Council-owned sites)
- Site CW1f - Safeguard land for Springfield Road junction improvement
- Appropriate measures to promote and enhance sustainable modes of transport
- Provide, or make financial contributions, to facilitate, sustain and enhance car club facilities for residents and businesses within the site
- Provide, or make financial contributions to, new or enhanced sport, leisure and recreation facilities
- Financial contributions to early years, primary and secondary education provision, and community facilities including healthcare provision
- Site CW1c – and (circa 0.13hectares) for a stand-alone early years and childcare nursery (Use Class D1).

Further considerations and local initiatives include:

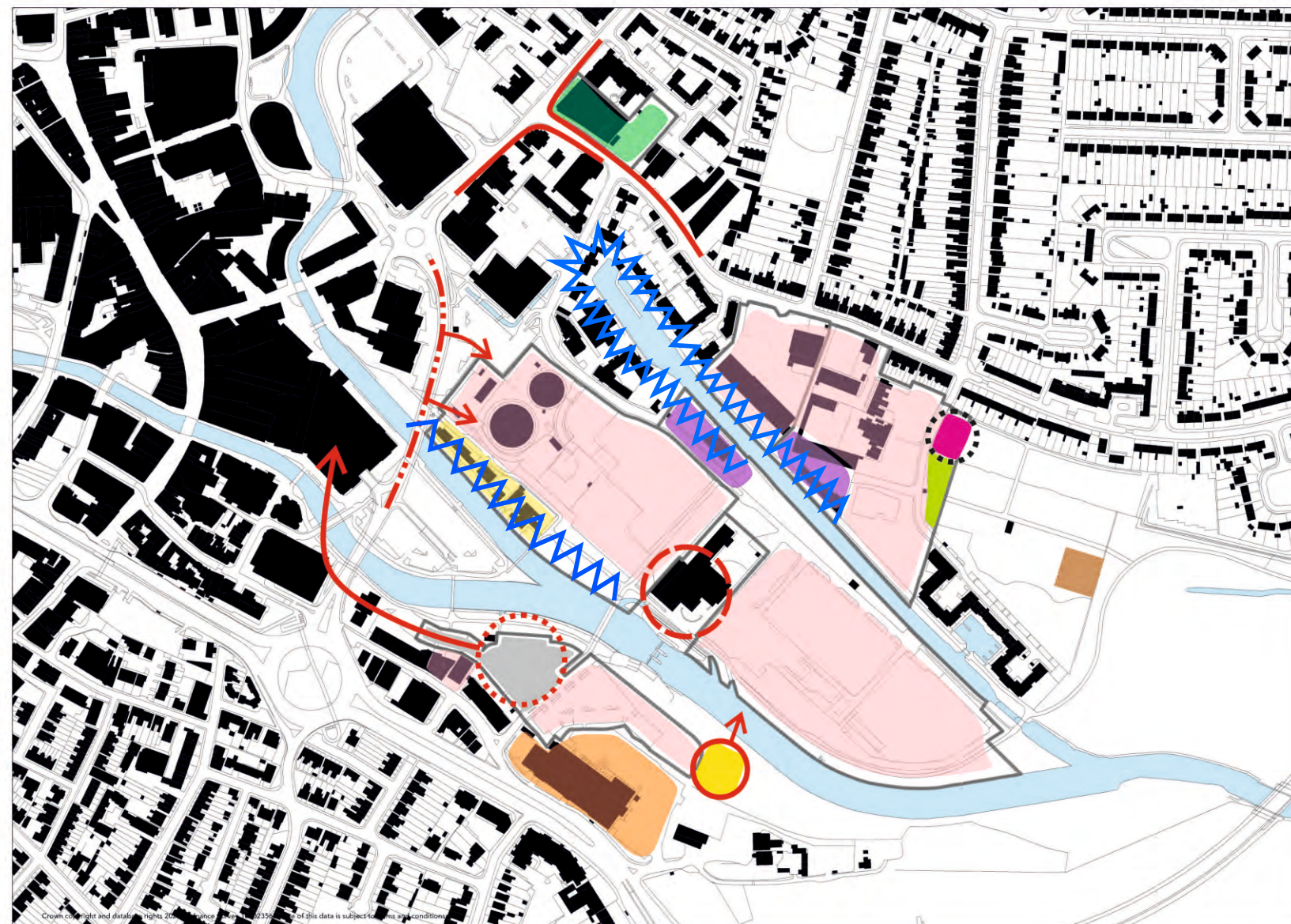
- Making Places SPD
- Live Well
- Secured By Design
- Habitat Regulations – including Essex Coast RAMS



## 4. GUIDING PRINCIPLES

### Land use and Dependency

- ✓ Predominantly residential use to fulfil Local Plan expectations, with commercial frontage where feasible
- ✓ Opportunity to place community and commercial uses in accessible locations to serve the neighbourhood and relate to local features
- ✓ Use commercial and other river-related uses to animate the water and create high-quality public environment along the river corridors – this must not detach inland development from the water
- ✓ Some public car parking to remain to balance out wider local needs
- ✓ Location of early-years facility could help to mitigate sensitive relationship to lower-scale properties



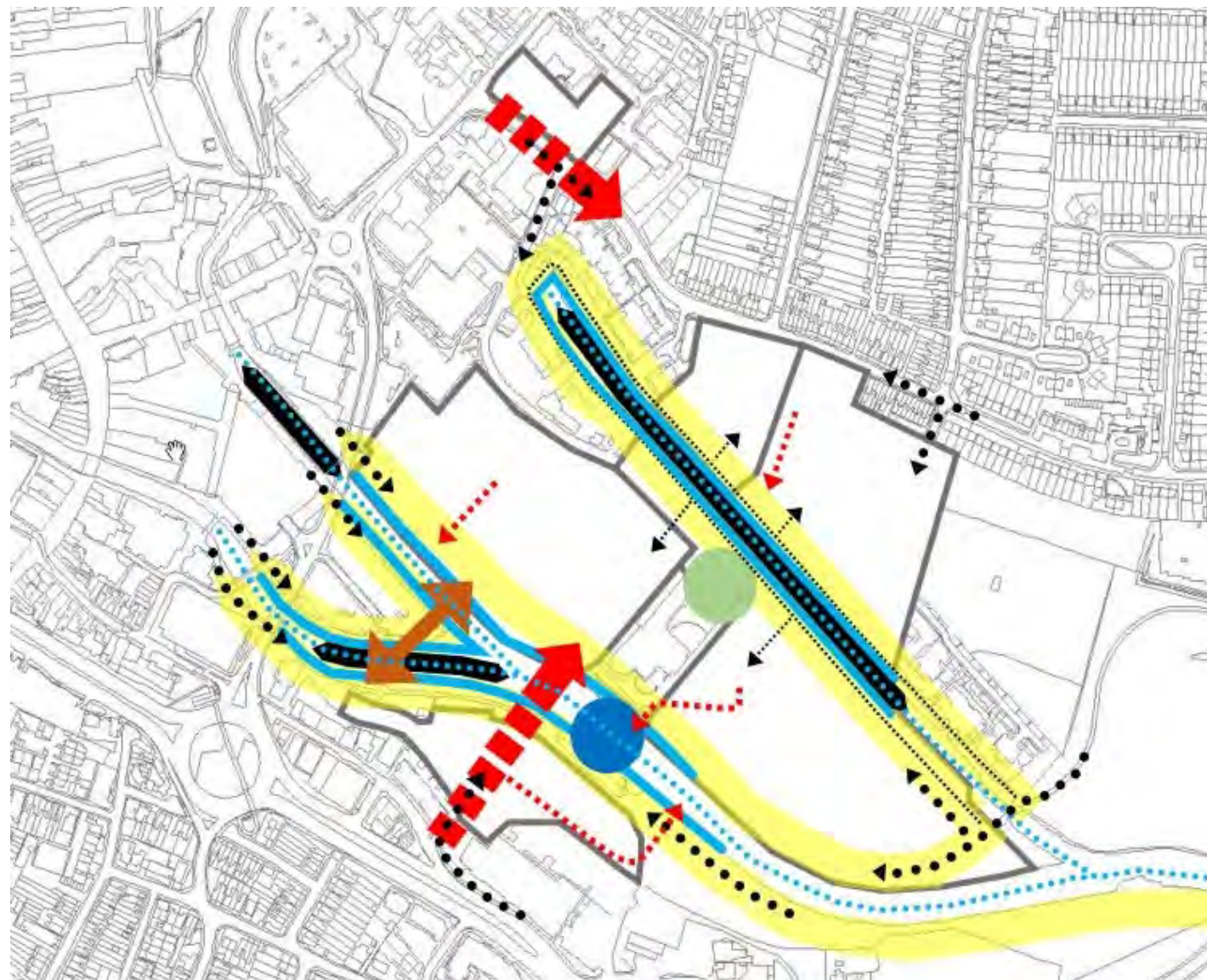
#### Key

- Residential use
- Residential with commercial frontage
- Commercial and river-related uses
- Early-years facility
- Commercial and community uses (flexible use)
- Retained public car parking
- Possible extension of area for mixed residential and commercial use
- Relocated gas compound
- Allocated land to remain available for allotment use
- Maintain active street frontage
- Manage relationship to High Bridge Road
- Uses to animate the routes alongside water
- Strengthen focus around Essex Record Office
- Maintain parking related to city centre uses
- Potential for water related use
- Early-years facility helps create more open setting to lower-scale properties



## Access and Movement

- ✓ New bridge to provide access into the peninsula from the south allows more capacity in Navigation Road/Springfield Road junction – this new bridge must allow sufficient height beneath it to facilitate water navigation
- ✓ Upgrade Navigation Road/Springfield Road junction to provide sufficient capacity for new development along the north of the canal
- ✓ Replace existing pedestrian bridges to provide better cycle connectivity – these new bridges must allow sufficient height beneath them to facilitate water navigation
- ✓ Facilitate the creation of a new lock to allow boats to manoeuvre around the sluice gates to open up new water navigation opportunities
- ✓ Provide better route connections for foot and cycle movement. Sustainable modes of travel must be prioritised where feasible
- ✓ Provide a central car club facility to encourage less demand for private car ownership
- ✓ Create a central and vibrant hub of public interaction between land and water



- Key**
- ⋯→ Potential vehicular access to water
  - Water access - maintained or improved
  - Potential for moorings
  - New lock along side automatic weir
  - Vehicular access
  - ⋯→ Pedestrian/cycle access
  - ⋯→ Pedestrian routing around canal
  - ↔ New cycle crossing
  - Improvements to waterside pedestrian and cycle routes
  - New car club
  - ⋯ Increased use of waterways











## Arboriculture and Ecology

- ✓ Maintain and enhance tree planting along river corridors
- ✓ Maintain and enhance cultivated green edge to the river
- ✓ Provide a generous area of on-site public green space at the confluence of the two rivers for aspect, but also to offer flood attenuation
- ✓ Provide play equipment on main peninsula and land north of the canal
- ✓ Maximise opportunities for street planting within development parcels and demonstrate Net Biodiversity Gain
- ✓ Increase allotment plots and enhance natural land for biodiversity



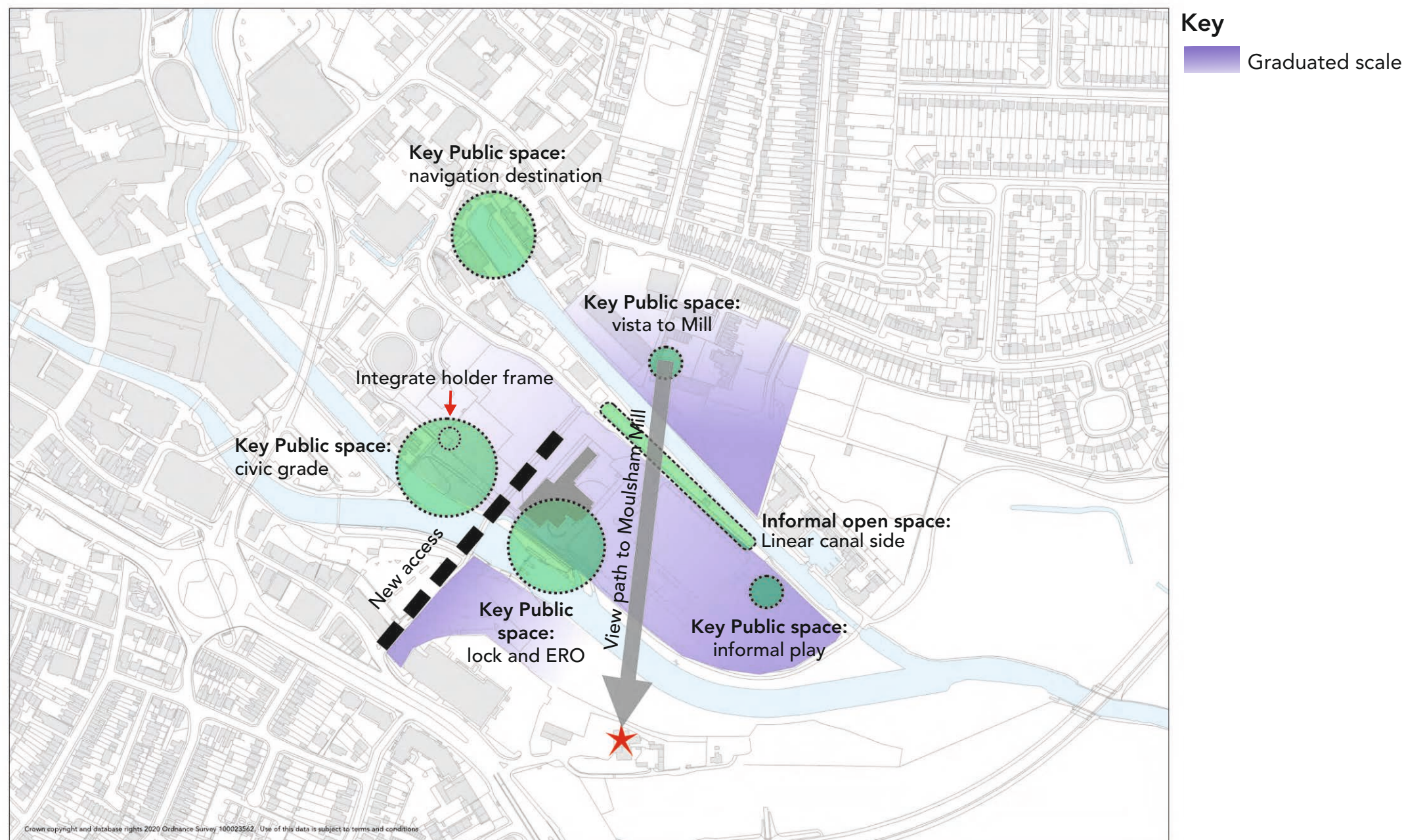
### Key

-  Development sites to have positive street and space planting
-  Public open space
-  Natural land benefiting ecology but accessible to people
-  Area with potential interaction with water
-  Lock and weir
-  Allotments
-  Dense planting
-  Areas needing to be safeguarded for key infrastructure



## Identity and placemaking

- ✓ Maintain an open and suitably framed open vista to Moulsham Mill across Chelmer Waterside parcels to emphasise the importance and relationship of the Mill to the site and local area
- ✓ Provide a new bridge structure which contributes a high-quality design
- ✓ Scale range of development to peak with development at the head of the peninsula, lessening to relate to the domestic scale of Navigation Road and lessening to water meadows on the south side of the River Chelmer
- ✓ Create a series of public spaces with varying function and character depending on their context and providing for the needs of the new neighbourhood

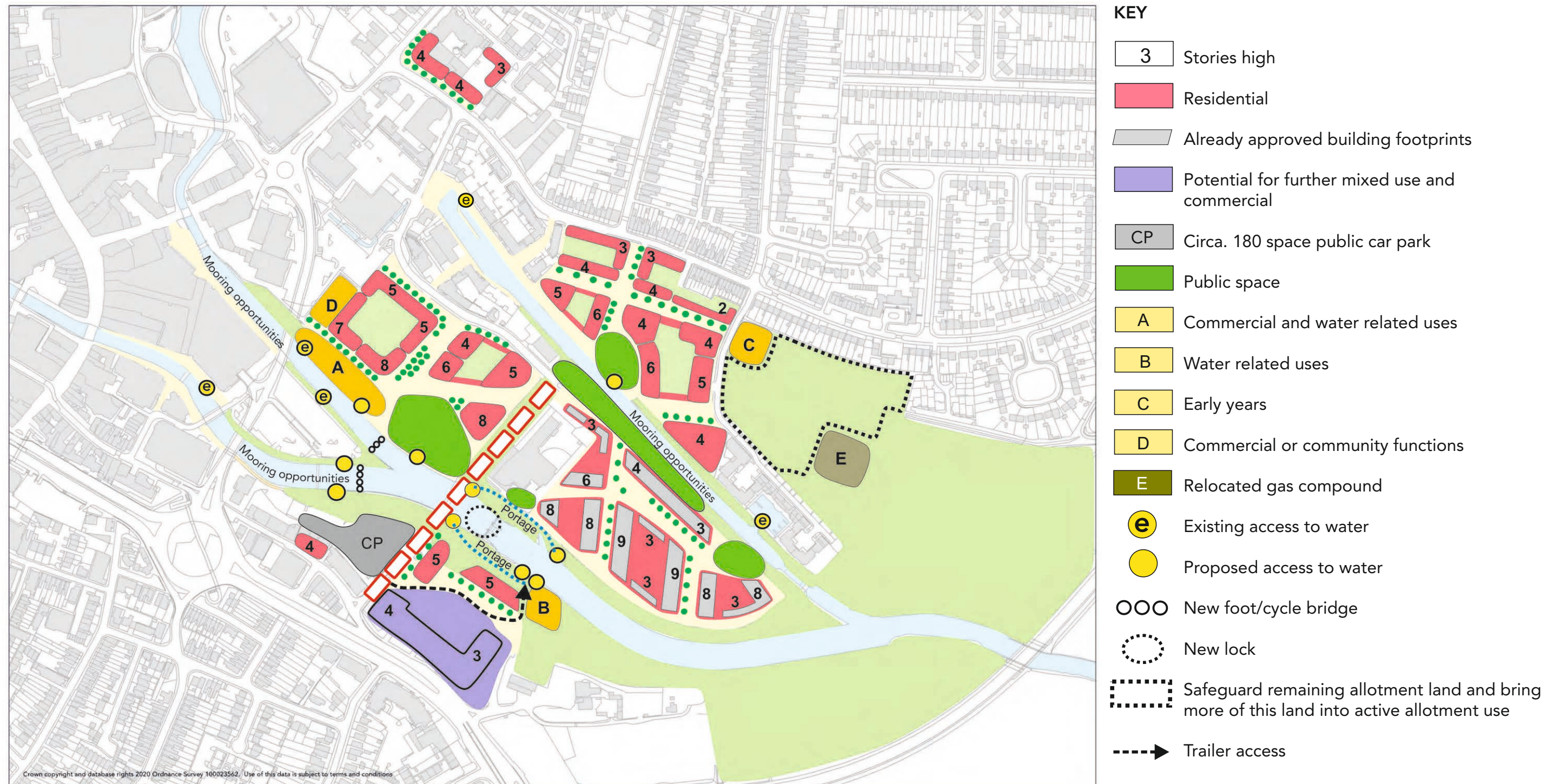




# 5. CONCEPTUAL MASTERPLAN

## Conceptual Masterplan

This conceptual masterplan requires the relocation of the gas pressure reduction system to the allotment (east) meaning the existing high pressure gas main which runs across the peninsula can be removed. This allows for development in areas currently prohibited by the Health and Safety Executive. This conceptual masterplan layout is an efficient use of land whilst paying attention to the various environmental and place-making considerations.





Sustainable Movement

The regeneration of this area, all of which is less than a 5 minute walk from the city centre, must maximise opportunities for sustainable travel. The need for roads and parking will remain, but these must be dealt with in ways which minimises their use, visual impact and conflicts with walking and cycling. Parking ratios will be looked at as part of the detailed planning application stage and parking management of site-wide areas will be introduced to minimise and police on-street parking.

The key movement corridor will be east-west following the river corridor. These will follow for the most part the existing National Cycle Network route, but more route choices can be opened up by redirecting that cycle route over the smaller peninsula between the Rivers Can and Chelmer (currently a point where cyclists would have to dismount). The existing pedestrian bridges spanning the Rivers Can and Chelmer will need to be replaced to support continuous cycle connections.

A new cycle route to the south of the River Chelmer would provide connection with areas to the east of the city centre.

Routes shown green on the image adjacent represent pathways which are essentially free from cars.

Because of how the site relates to the wider city road network, car movements through the site are going to be lower than other areas of the city centre as there is no advantage to rat-running through these areas. Road speeds within Chelmer Waterside will be limited to 20mph in the most part. On-road cycling will be acceptable throughout the development and will provide connection with areas to the north and south, as well as the east-west corridor. These routes are an important part of the network as they provide the new residents with a 'doorstep' connection to the sustainable travel corridors.

A dedicated pedestrian route, echoing the historic tow path, will loop around the canal.

Roads within the site will be considered 'access only' and measures to reduce private car ownership and usage are to be designed into the development. The first stage of a reduced-ownership strategy here is to initiate a car club (a scheme open to the public to short-term hire cars from Chelmer Waterside) which will reduce the need for ownership and parking demand. Abundant cycle storage for new residents and other initiatives will further support a more sustainable attitude towards local travel.

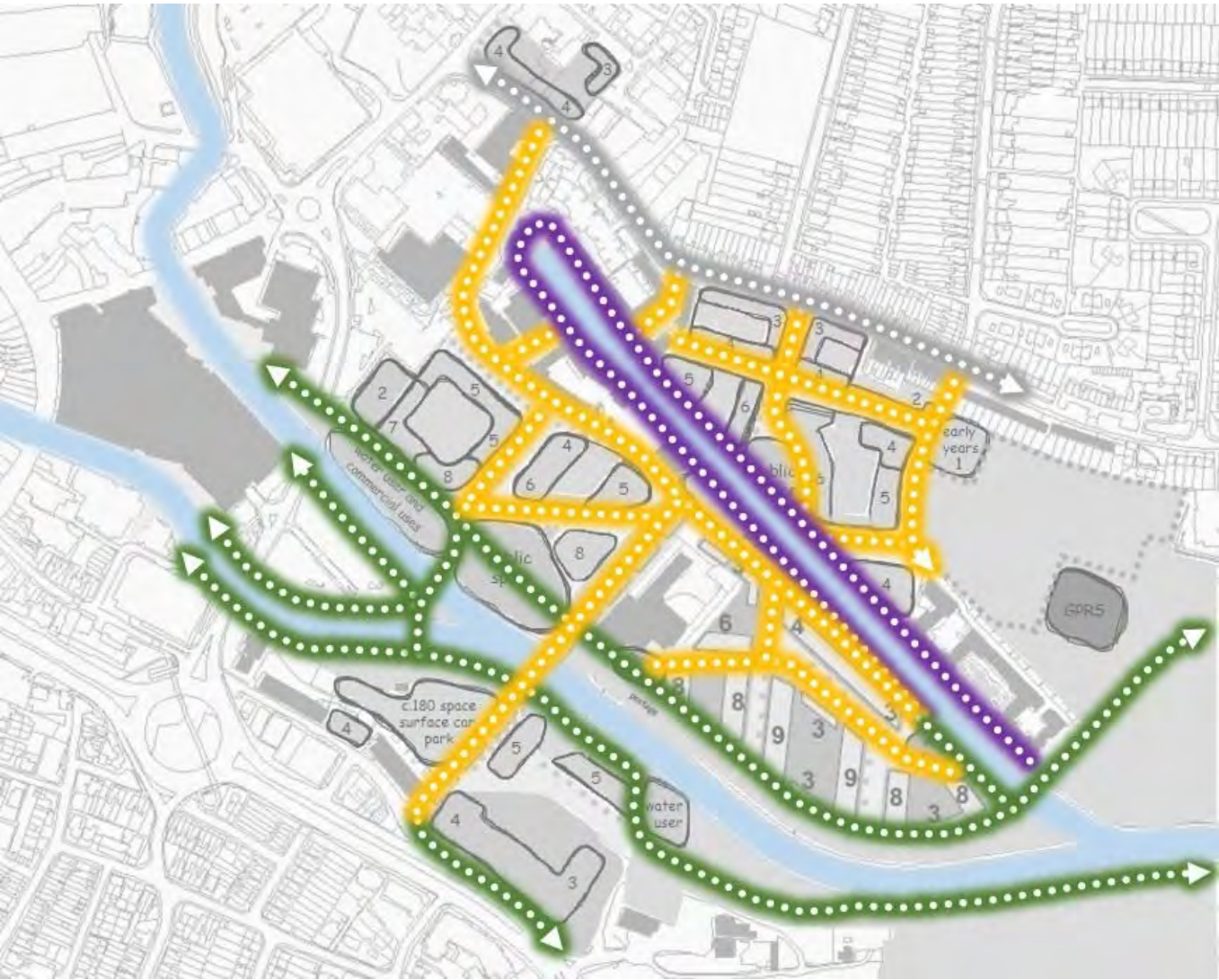
Access for service and emergency vehicles throughout the site is still required.

Foot and cycle paths, existing and new must be attractive and safe to use. Improvements to existing routes and the standard of new routes within Chelmer Waterside will address:

- Surfacing: routes will be consistently surfaced to reflect the route hierarchy
- Drainage: pathways should have a suitable camber to direct water away

- Lighting: all routes must be well lit and existing fittings should be upgraded to directional LED
- Safety: routes should be well overlooked by development and covered by CCTV where appropriate
- Environment: the routes must be well defined by high-quality development and/or landscaping
- Wayfinding: Good directional signage must be provided

Strategic Combined Pedestrian and Cycle Routes



KEY

- ..... Pedestrian and cycle only (car free except occasional crossover)
- ..... On-road routes (low traffic estate roads)
- ..... Pedestrian only

## Public Spaces

On-site accessible local open space needs to provide a community focus for the development. Spaces should promote community togetherness and provide for an active lifestyle for all ages.

As the development is in a city centre location it may be that some spaces have a more urban character, but all spaces must contain generous amounts of soft landscaping and tree planting. Large areas of soft landscaping will help to cool the development, contribute to an attractive environment, support ecology and can provide flexible recreation space.

Spaces will have more than one purpose and consideration needs to be given to how the spaces will serve the wider community as well as people living within Chelmer Waterside itself.

Development will need to provide for equipped play. Two locations have been identified, north and south of the canal.

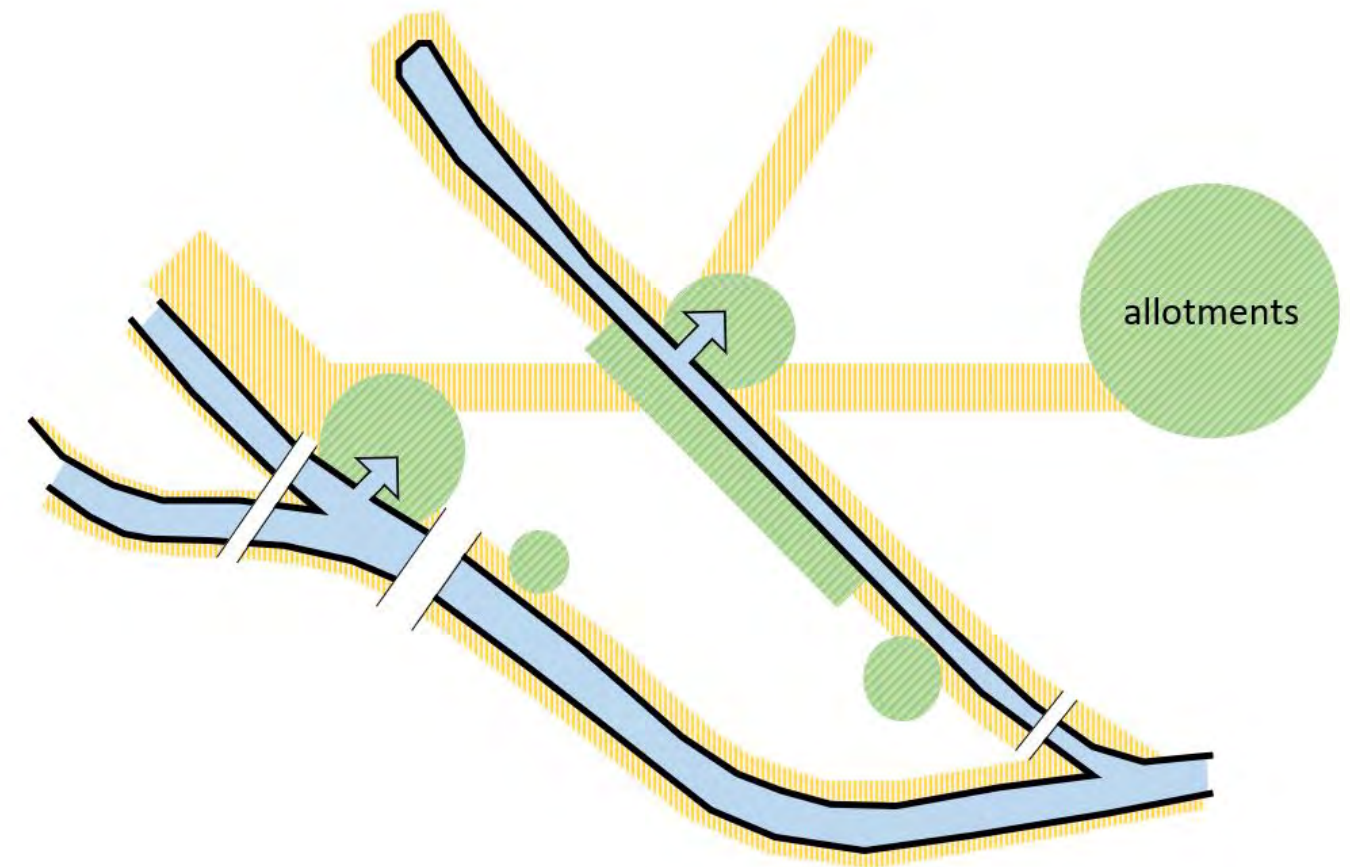
Outside accessible gym equipment promotes a healthier lifestyle. Equipment could be incorporated as part of a public open space or could be incorporated within the wider public areas of the development.

Wayfinding should be incorporated throughout the development, but is especially useful within public spaces which act as nodal points within the wider pedestrian and cycle network.

Public spaces may provide some SUDS function and may contribute towards a flood attenuation strategy, but these overlapping functions must not detract from the main purpose of the spaces which is to provide areas for public recreation.

The salvaged wrought iron gas holder frame from the c.1910 gasometer must be successfully and meaningfully incorporated into site CW1a (former gas works), which can be done as part of the public open space (e.g. a curved backdrop to a performance space – this approach could also be used to hold a large screen for outside cinema events, could incorporate public art and could make use of feature lighting and green walling to really make the most of this key focal point).

The concept masterplan identifies areas where public open space is more desirable. These spaces contribute to a comprehensive design-led approach for the Chelmer Waterside development and ensures a good distribution of public spaces to serve the development.



### Arrangement of open spaces and fixed open corridors

Chelmer Waterside must interact with the water and promote water activities. Some of the main opportunities for physical access to the water will come via the public spaces. Examples of how those spaces might interact with water and increase the physical presence of water is given in the following vignettes.

These studies (vignettes) are not intended to provide prescriptive design guidance, they are to give an example of how the various functions of the space could be arranged and to outline the character of place that these spaces should achieve.



## Vignette: Cw1a Public Open Space

Themes:

- water
- community function
- nature
- route continuity



Additional notes:

Circa. 4000sq. metres open space (not including wider public open areas north and west)

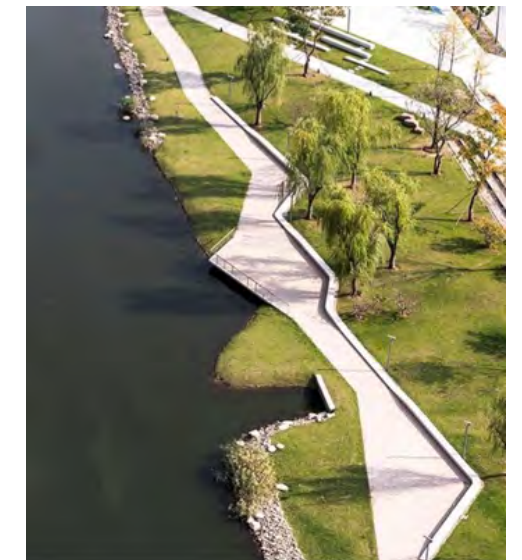
Equipped play area approx. 350sq. metres

4m wide foot/cycleways

Some possible increase in water (natural edge) and also terracing of land down to river will provide depth for flood compensation

The holder frame would serve as an enclosure for outdoor theatre, live music or other events - anticipate the holder frame might incorporate green walling and/or public art

The green terraced mounding by the holder frame provides non-obtrusive seating for the event space as well as fun area to play when not in use

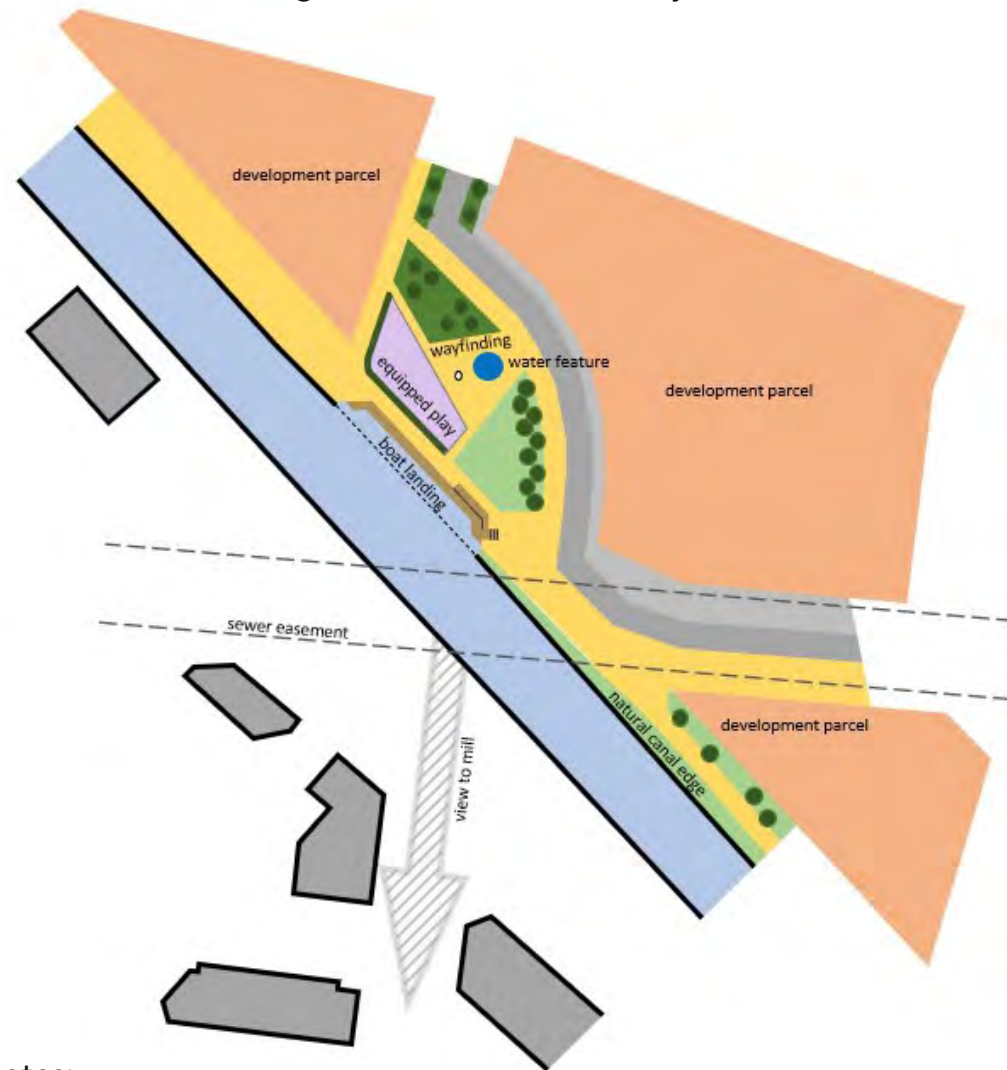




## Vignette: CW1c/e Public Open Space

Themes:

- mill view
- water
- canal edge transition
- community function
- route continuity



Additional notes:

Circa. 2000sq. metres open space (not including continuation of towpath beyond)

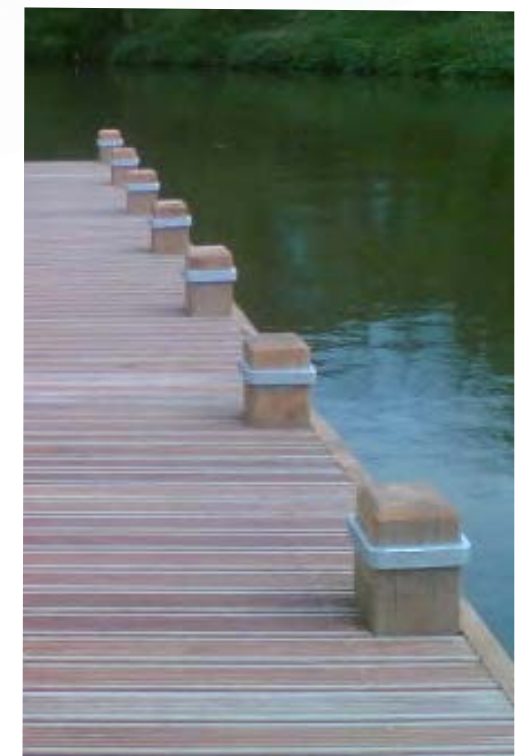
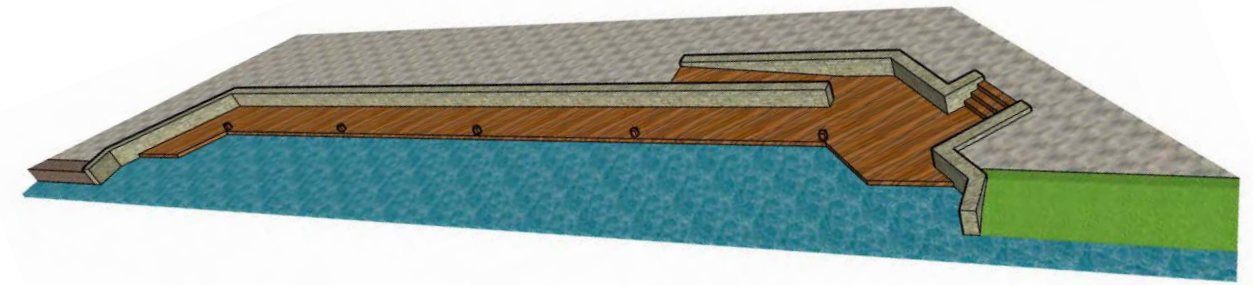
Equipped play area approx. 250sq. metres

Development set back at least 10m from the canal

Foot and cycle routes through space

Potential to integrate increased width of canal into this space - landing stage/recreational moorings

This space must respect and respond to the view across the peninsula towards Moulsham Mill





## River Users

Within site CW1a there are two existing river user groups, Chelmsford Canoe Club (Canoe Club) and Chelmsford Sea Cadet Corps. (Sea Cadets).

Both of these groups have land-based facilities and need access to the water for smaller craft. Access to the water is currently possible given the relative levels of land/water at their respective sites meaning small craft can simply be positioned close to the bank to enter/exit the water. The Sea Cadets also have use of a slipway.

The facilities needed to support the groups varies, but both need storage and clubhouse/classroom facilities.

Each site is currently enclosed with a fence for security.

The waters up and down stream of the groups' current sites would be suitable for paddling and boating so the groups could relocate and gain generally commensurate access to the water. However, it is recognised that the stretch of water next to those current sites has a consistently still condition owing to the automatic weir slowing the flow of the river which makes it more appropriate for novice paddlers/boaters and is better for events and competitions.

To facilitate the regeneration of Chelmer Waterside the existing structures used by both groups will be removed. This must happen to open up the river frontage for wider positive and public oriented uses which is at the core of the redevelopment. Reprovision of facilities will be agreed as part of the planning application process. Sequencing of works will need to ensure those groups can continue to operate.

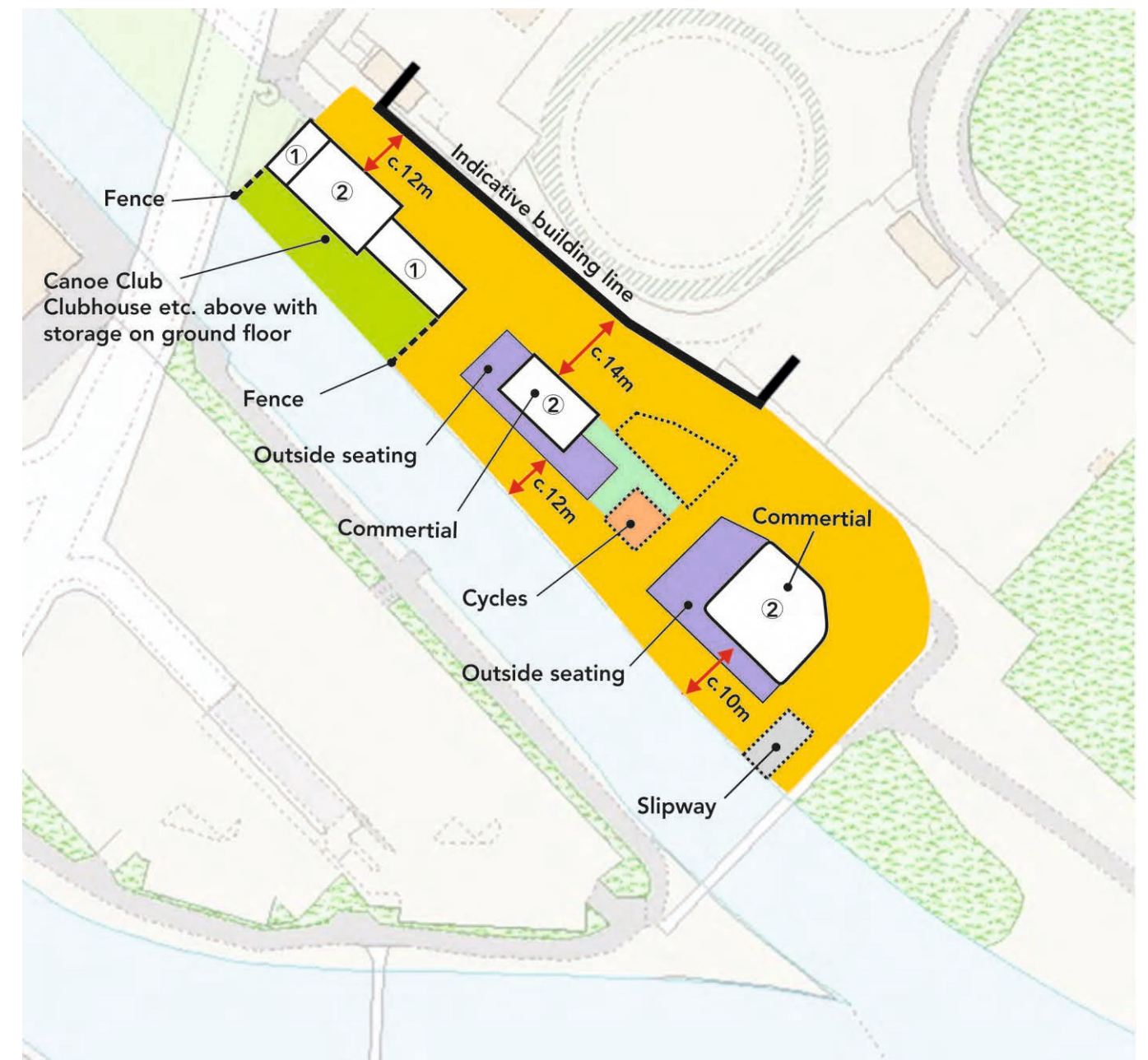
Possible locations for the groups to re-establish have been identified within the Framework which includes a site below the weir and potential re-introduction to CW1a within a smaller site footprint as part of a mixed-use frontage to the river.

It is likely that the Sea Cadets will relocate to the site identified below the weir. This site will connect with the water. A public foot/cycle route will continue east around that site so as not to sever the river user site from the water.

Whilst there may be alternatives beyond Chelmer Waterside for the Canoe Club, one option would be to incorporate that group into the redevelopment of CW1a as part of a mixed-use river frontage. This would require a consolidated site area, perhaps with clubhouse facilities located above storage to maximise the potential of the available land, which would be smaller than the current site. Physical enclosure of that site would need to balance a positive relationship to surroundings. It is feasible that canoeists could get on/off the water outside

of the site's defined river frontage and that events could overspill into adjacent public areas from time to time to further benefit the vitality of this area and manage the needs of the Canoe Club.

Below is an informal (without prejudice) indication of how uses might be configured along that frontage in future. This study is for illustration only – detailed consideration of these areas will be undertaken at the appropriate future stage of the planning process.



Space feasibility study – not a proposal



## Water Access

Chelmer Waterside already contains serviced moorings along the navigation and there are various ways to access the water. Some of those point-of-entry facilities are in a poor state of repair and some are currently inaccessible to the public.

As part of the regeneration of Chelmer Waterside under this Framework the means to access water will be expanded. This is likely to include:

- Short term moorings
- Serviced moorings (serviced = supply of potable water and electricity)
- Direct bank access
- Floating or fixed landing stages or jetties
- Slipways

Where access to water is intended, consideration must be given to suitable access from local roadways with a boat trailer – although this will not be possible in every instance. Trailer access must be provided to both of the water user sites; additionally, it is anticipated that those routes will provide access to separate nearby public entry points.

The existing boat rollers to the north bank around the automatic weir are in a state of disrepair and will be removed. Slipways or landing stages for smaller craft will facilitate portage around the weir, and in time the new lock. To increase access to water from both sides of the River Chelmer slipways/landing stages and a route for portage will be introduced on the south bank as well.

Within the confluence of the River Chelmer and River Can there are further opportunities for landing stages or jetties, subject to agreement with the Environment Agency.

Opportunity exists for serviced moorings, primarily for recreational craft, to be created along the River Can, River Chelmer and along the canal navigation. Moorings would be less suitable in the stretch of the River Chelmer between the confluence and High Bridge Road as this would impede existing river use by groups such as Chelmsford Canoe Club and would constrain development of new river uses, such as paddle boarding or row boating.

To attract visitation to Chelmsford by outside recreational boaters serviced moorings should benefit from legible pathways to local commercial uses, such as shops, bars and restaurants.

Local boat storage would facilitate easier access to the water for members of the public. Boat storage can be integrated into the developments to take account of security considerations.

A boat craning position shall be created within CW1b to make it easier to add or remove canal boats (e.g. for maintenance).

Separate car parking for river users will not be provided due to the availability of local public car parks. Some local visitor parking will be provided within development parcels.

Below - some examples of water access – see also Public Spaces section.



Short-term mooring/small craft landing



Common style of slipway

Examples of direct bank access integrated with public seating/terrace





## 6. CHARACTER

Chelmer Waterside will have its own identity and sense of place as a distinct quarter of the city centre.

The area holds some historic references, such as the listed Moulsham Mill and early 20th Century Waterfront Place warehouse building. These should contribute towards design character and be a clear design cue for new development.

Much of the Site has either been cleared or is currently occupied by industrial sheds which can contribute nothing to successful place-making.

The initial phase of development at the Peninsula has already been formally approved and is under construction. The design approach of this development was negotiated for this site and through robust architecture and materials references industrial character of architecture suited to this environment.

All development parcels must bring new interest and innovation to the area, harmonise with the Peninsula development (representing the first phase of site development) and be sufficiently sensitive to local characteristics where the site meets those existing environs.

Spaces between buildings must connect all development parcels and must be well-considered in terms of layout, view paths, desire lines, function, etc. High-quality street planting must have a significant presence within all development parcels. In addition to planting within streets and spaces, buildings should incorporate high-quality planting as an integral component of design, which may include street level planters, green walls, upper floor window boxes and planters or other means of softening the urban character of the buildings and adding interest to the local area.

Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems must be considered as part of a positive, site-wide development layout and must not detract from the wider function of public open spaces or be over concentrated into public open spaces.

All materials must be coherent and high quality.

The development must be based on contemporary standards of sustainable construction, ensuring appropriate progress towards net zero Carbon emissions.

Development should incorporate those features which reduce environmental impact and emissions, which might include:

- communal or district heat and power systems
- reduced reliance on fossil fuel heating and hot water systems

- central energy storage to power (e.g. light, ventilate, heat/cool) communal areas of the development
- use of smart grid technologies
- green roofs, walls and other planting to help cool the development
- solar panels
- grey water capture



Computer generated image of development at the peninsula







# Lock creation

The automatic weir is currently maintained by the Environment Agency, but as part of the review of this asset it is likely the Local Authority will be required to undertake its future maintenance.

The automatic weir has two core functions:

- 1. Retention of water within the channels of the Rivers Can and Chelmer through the city centre – without the gates maintaining higher water levels the channels of those rivers as they route through the city centre would be drained of all water in all but the wettest periods. The weir also maintains water levels in canal navigation and Springfield Basin
- 2. Control and release of flood water into the flood plain south-east of the structure – this function is vital to help protect the city centre in the event of flooding along these river channels.

As it currently exists, the automatic weir prevents the passage of boats beyond it in either direction, which effectively sterilises the city centre from all but the smallest craft which can more easily enter the water from the bankside – e.g. canoes and kayaks.

There are a series of boat rollers to the south of the Essex Record Office which would enable those smaller craft to bypass the automatic weir, but these are no longer used due to the state of disrepair. Appropriate slipways for small vessels to enter/exit the water on either side of the weir/lock and on either side of the river will be provided. Other facilities such as fish passes and canoe chutes can also be explored under the remit of the lock project.

It is a key aspiration of releasing the waterside areas for redevelopment that activity along the city's waterways increases and not just for personal craft, but for a whole variety of recreational and commercial craft, and even residential craft where this would be appropriate. It is important however that new moorings add positive function to the area and do not undermine the public interaction with water or constrain other water-related functions.

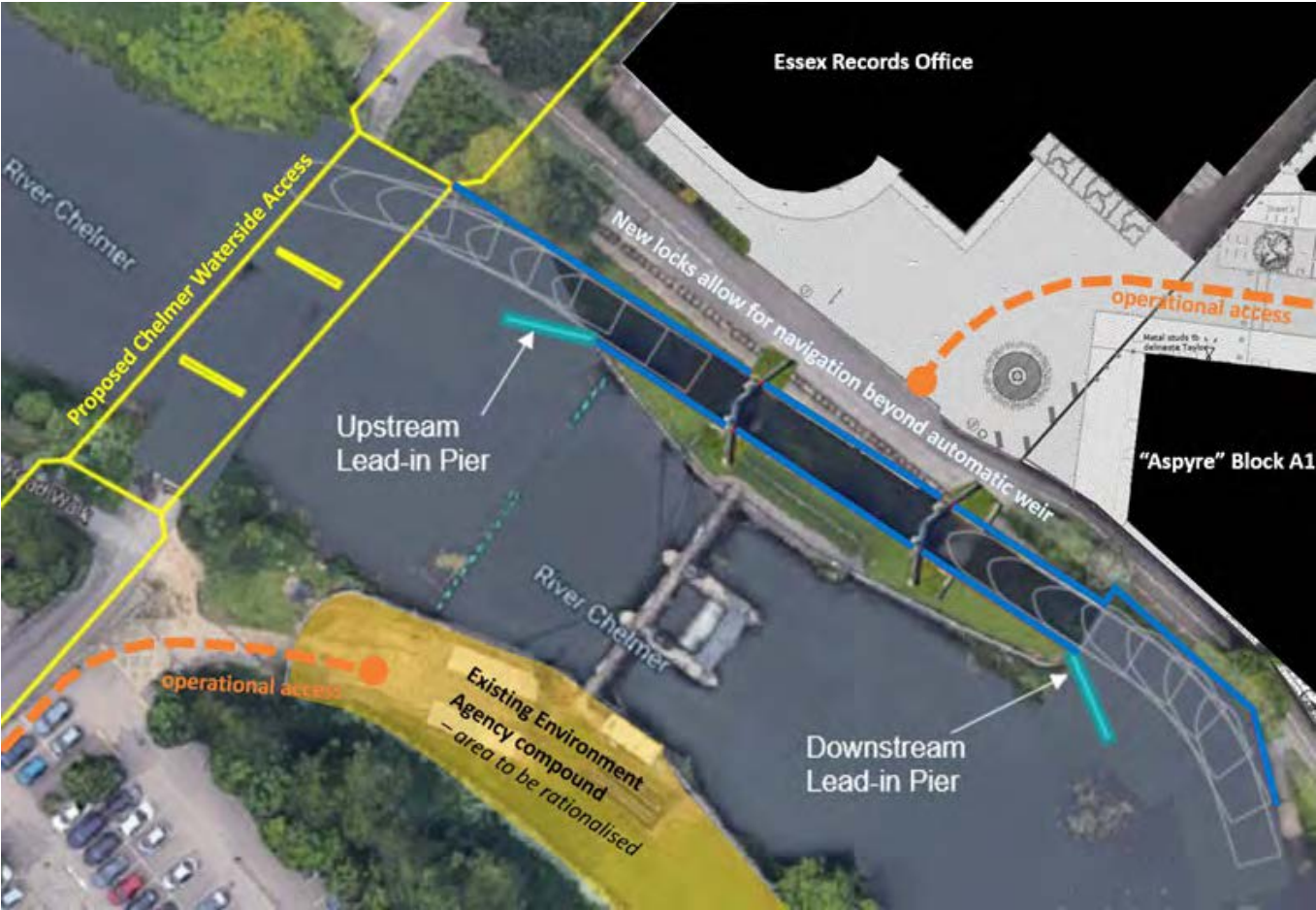
New and increased access to the water would be provided via the new development parcels. A key area of focus will be the new public open space west of the Essex Record Office which will overlook the confluence of the Rivers Can and Chelmer. Here new jetties and moorings will provide a direct and diverse crossover between land-based and water-based activities and create a focus for water-based leisure activity. Along the canal at CW1c there will be opportunities to explore reprofiling the natural bankside to create moorings.

Chelmer Waterside development will contribute proportionately to the creation of vibrant and active waterways which will include contributions towards the lock and upgrade of the automatic weir as a strategic infrastructure contribution in addition to other strategic works and site-specific works and improvements.

As it is shown on the first diagram within this section, the feasibility of introducing a lock channel for larger craft (e.g. canal-boat size) has been carried out. Whilst available space is

limited, there is an opportunity to facilitate water-borne navigation into the city centre. The second diagram on this page shows how this would extend the navigation into Chelmsford City Centre from Heybridge Basin; this will connect Chelmsford City Centre with a circa 14 mile stretch of scenic water making Chelmsford City Centre the destination.

As part of this work a new feeder channel from the River Chelmer to Springfield Basin across CW1a would be needed to maintain water levels in that part of the network.





As part of the design of a new lock and in combination with the retained automatic weir, it is feasible that additional functions could be introduced. These may include a canoe chute, fish pass or hydro-electric power generation. Those features and the wider design of the lock will be considered through a separate planning process, not by this Development Framework document. However, below are some images of fish pass, canoe chute and water wheel (one potential source of hydro-electricity generation) for contextualisation.



Image of empty canoe chute showing fish pass built in



example of a water wheel used to generate power



Image of an operational canoe chute at Eldridges Lock on the River Medway



## High pressure gas - equipment relocation

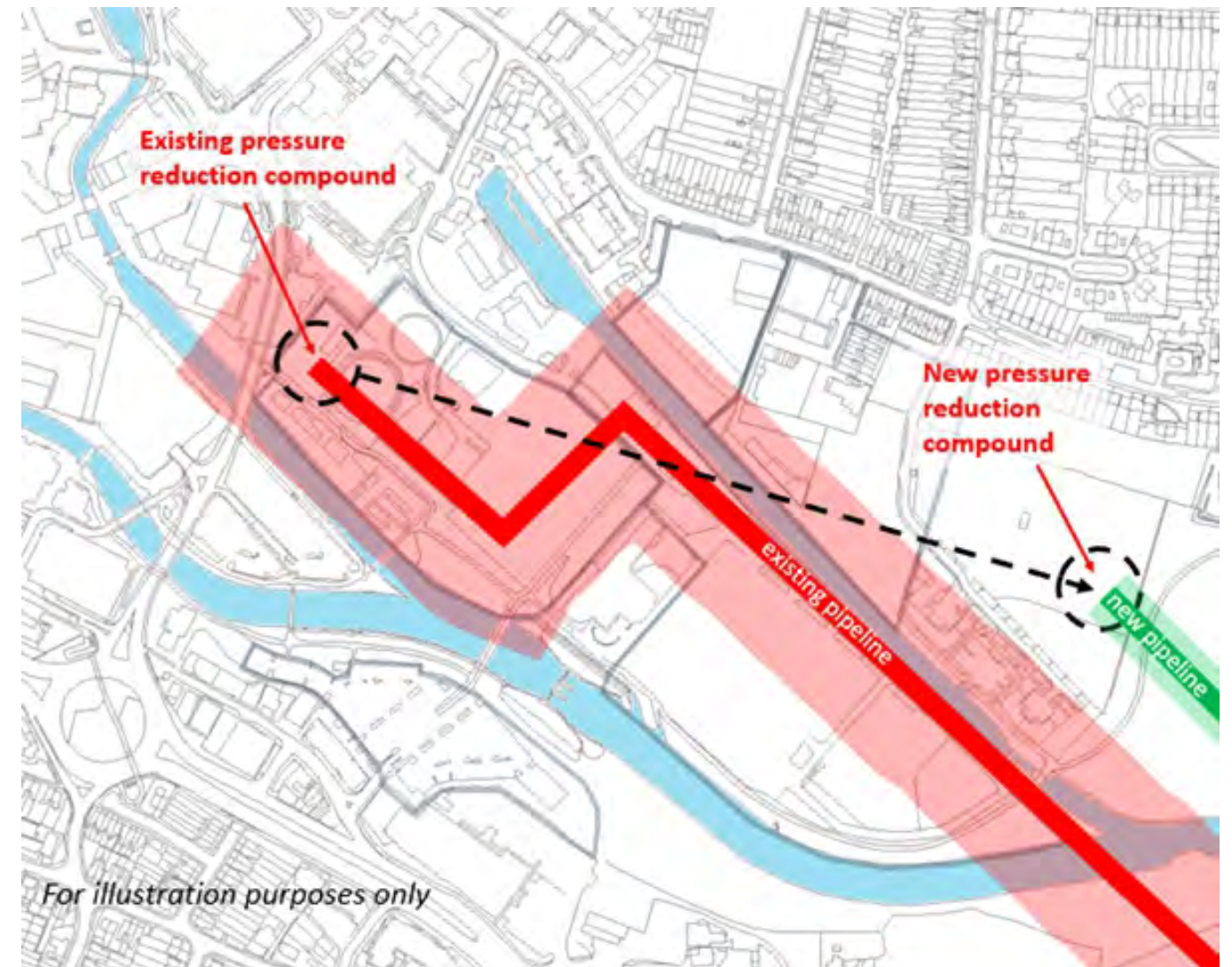
Earlier in this document (see page 13) the impact of the gas pipelines and compounds have been highlighted. That section explains the Health and Safety Executive set zones around high-pressure gas pipelines within which development is not allowed for reasons of access and safety. Because the pipelines in this part of Chelmsford are an older type, the margins are much larger than they would be for newer pipelines, meaning a much larger area is prevented from being developed or improved.

These existing high-pressure pipelines would have a significant impact on where development could be located, how much development this sustainably situated, brownfield land could accommodate, and it would compromise the ultimate quality of regeneration because large areas would have to remain undeveloped, but also not landscaped as roots can compromise the integrity of the pipelines or cause other maintenance constraints.

In order to allow more positive development to take place on the former gasworks and on parts of sites north of the canal the high-pressure gas pipelines need to be re-routed to a new gas pressure reduction compound. The gas pressure reduction compound converts the pressure of the gas from high (for national conveyance) to medium and low pressure (for supply to individual properties). A new gas pressure reduction compound will be located to the north-east of the site (in the same location as previously approved in 2005). This is the closest point to where the pipelines enter the city from under the water meadows to the east. This new compound will allow the gas network operator to decommission the high-pressure pipelines routing across the site in their entirety.

The Council has secured advance funding from Homes England (referred to as HIF funding) and is putting additional funding forward to implement these works in advance of housing development. All advance funding provided via the Council/HIF towards strategic infrastructure such as the gas pressure reduction compound relocation, is to be recovered through each of the Chelmer Waterside allocation sites (CW1a-f). The advance funding has been put in place by the Council or via HIF to unlock housing sites more quickly and prevent these strategic issues undermining or obstructing development as a whole, not to provide relief to development margins - so this advance funding must be repaid proportionately across each site. This infrastructure is necessary to deliver a comprehensive development at Chelmer Waterside, make the best use of previously developed urban land, manage the needs of the development area as a whole and make development acceptable in planning terms

The existing gas pressure reduction compound to the west of the site will be decommissioned and that land will form part of the regeneration allowing for a more positive interaction between the site and the city centre.





# Allotments

Hill Road Allotments is a community facility. It provides opportunity for local residents to grow their own fruit and vegetables which is a sustainable source of food and tending to an allotment can contribute to general health and wellbeing as well as good mental health and wellbeing.

Some of the allotment land has been allocated for development within the adopted Chelmsford Local Plan (May 2020). This Framework seeks to manage the use of that land to minimise impact on the allotments. This Framework concludes that only the essential infrastructure needed to bring forward the Chelmer Waterside development should be situated within the allotment land.

New development will bring additional demand for allotments. To meet this new demand additional allotments will be funded through the Chelmer Waterside developments. An illustrative scheme is shown adjacent.

Facilities improved to meet the increased demand should include:

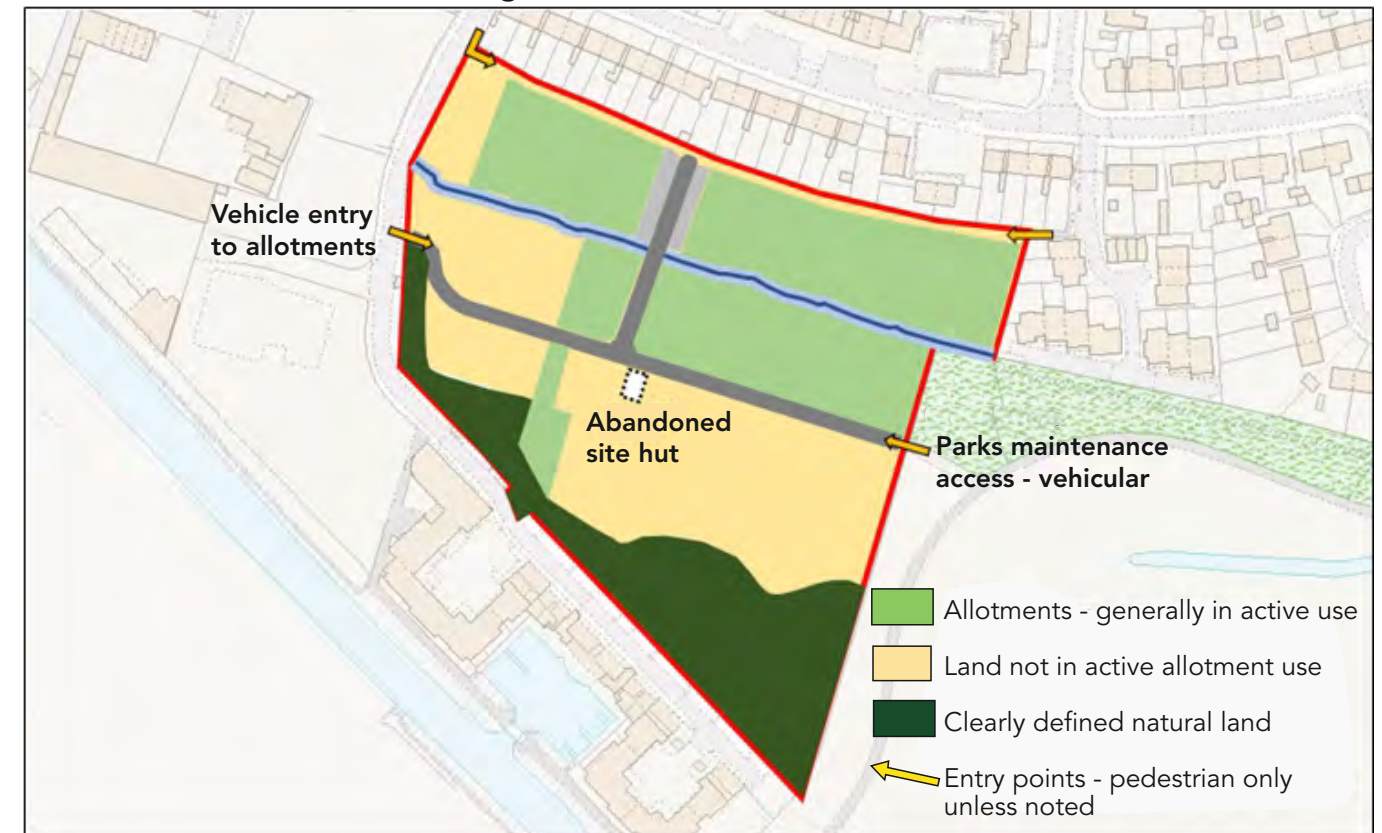
- Greater number of allotment plots
- Water supply for irrigation of new allotment plots
- New site hut and toilets
- More on-site parking
- Improved drainage
- Increase in natural landscaped areas to promote greater biodiversity

Allotment plots on the southern half of the site may flood more frequently. Drainage should be improved to compensate for this, but there will remain a risk of flooding due to the relative topography of the area and known flood risk from the local water courses. Development at CW1c should not increase flood risk to the allotment site.

The essential infrastructure should be designed to reduce impact on allotments which should include introduction of only lower-scale buildings and siting buildings away from site boundaries shared with adjacent allotment plots wherever possible.

An existing pedestrian entry point to the allotments situated in the north-west corner will need to be closed to provide a secure early years nursery site of adequate size. The existing vehicular access to the allotment site from the west will maintain pedestrian access from the west.

Hill Road Allotments – as existing



Hill Road Allotments – illustrative improvement scheme





# 8. DELIVERY AND PHASING

The timing of housing delivery within the Chelmer Waterside area is part governed by the commitments given to Homes England under the Housing Infrastructure Fund process. This process has enabled the Council to forward fund some of the key infrastructure aimed at unlocking development sites in Chelmer Waterside. This funding is not in place of developer funding of those infrastructure works, it is to speed up delivery of those works which are needed prior to the commencement of housing development, so that those works do not prohibit a timely start to housing construction once approved. As part of the approval of housing development, sites across Chelmer Waterside will be required to repay the cost of those advance-implemented infrastructure works – e.g. through Section 106 Agreements. All allocated sites CW1a-f will be required to contribute towards collective infrastructure provision for the purposes of delivering a singular, comprehensive development scheme across Chelmer Waterside

Not all infrastructure works can be advance-funded/delivered, and so there remain various infrastructure works to be completed during the course of housing construction.

An indicative programme is provided below. This will be subject to future evolution, but it provides a basis of understanding at this stage of how the various works can fit together in sequence.

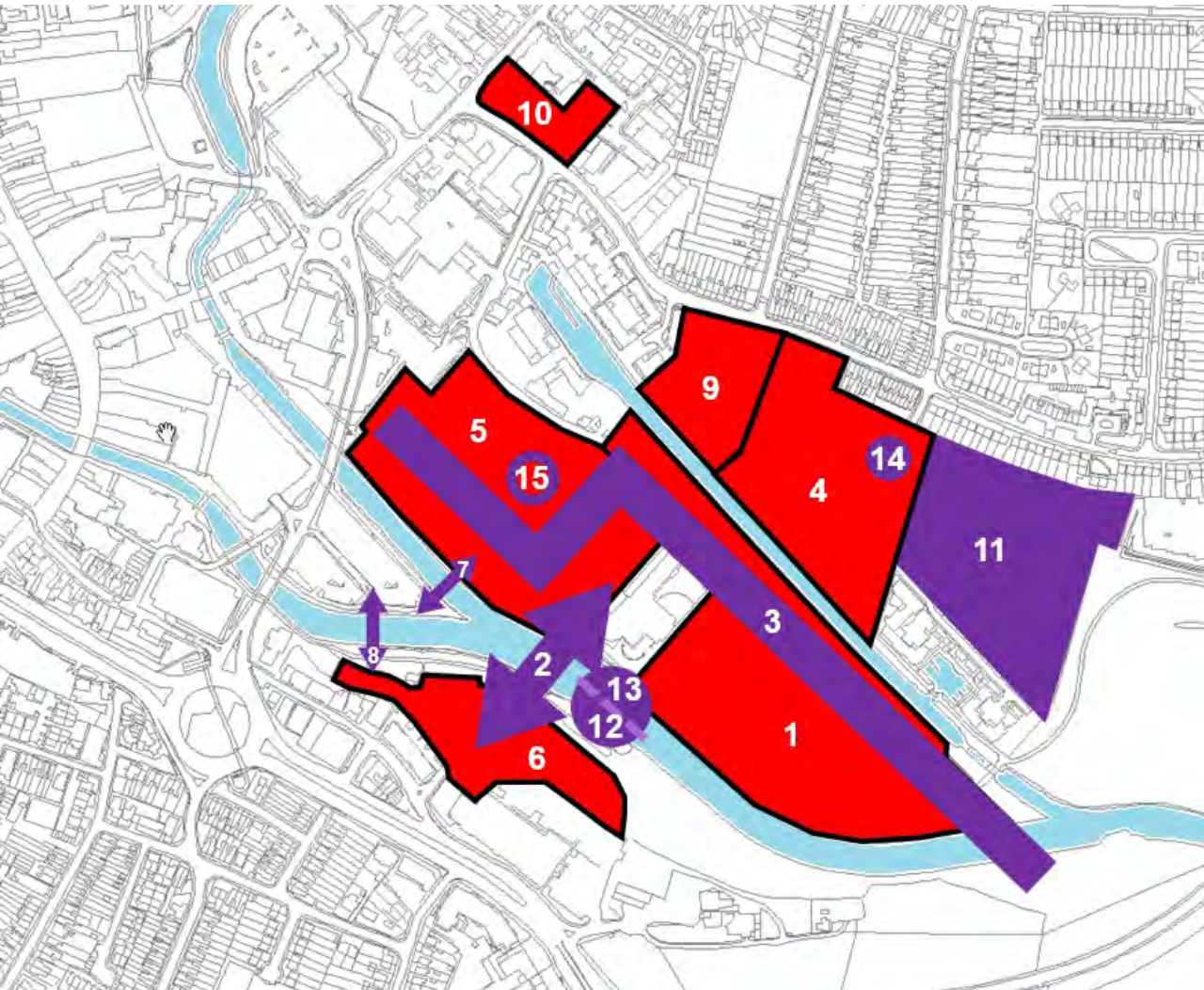
The CW1a-f references in the table below relate to the Chelmsford Local Plan (May 2020) Site Allocation numbering - see also page 2 of this document

Allocation	Target Planning Permission	Target Commencement	Target overall completion
CW1a	March 2023	April 2024	April 2030
CW1b	Already approved	Already Commenced	Feb 2023
CW1c	March 2022	April 2023	April 2027
CW1d	March 2023	April 2024	April 2026
CW1e	January 2024	February 2025	February 2029
Cw1f	January 2025	February 2026	February 2028

Key infrastructure (not exhaustive)	Potential delivery
Construction of new access bridge and road	December 2023
Relocation of high pressure gas pipeline	September 2023
Replacement of footbridge to River Chelmer	April 2025
Replacement of footbridge to River Can	April 2025
Upgrade allotment site	April 2025
Repair of existing sluice gates	April 2025
Creation of new lock channel at sluice gates	April 2025
Early years and childcare facility	April 2027
Re-use the gas holder frame	April 2027

Potential sequencing:

1. Commence Site Cw1b
2. Provide new access bridge and road
3. Relocate high pressure gas infrastructure
4. Commence Site Cw1c
5. Commence Site Cw1a (includes Canoe Club re-provision)
6. Commence Site Cw1d
7. Replace existing footbridge to River Chelmer
8. Replace existing footbridge to River Can
9. Commence Site Cw1e
10. Commence Site Cw1f
11. Upgrade allotment site
12. Repair existing sluice gates
13. Provide new lock channel
14. Provide new early years and childcare facility
15. Re-use the gas holder frame as part of development of Cw1a



## Appendix 2 - Summary of consultation responses

Consultation Comment	Consideration	Action(s)
Loss of allotment land and development-related impacts on allotments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Loss of active allotment land a key objection – not all of the allotment land is active however</li> <li>• Primarily this relates to the land to be used for housing</li> <li>• There was a less severe reaction to the land to be used for gas pressure reduction compound and Early Years facilities – some have even welcomed the location of the Early Years facility specifically because of its relationship to the allotments – in any event these facilities are needed and cannot be removed from the allotment land without wider and severe adverse consequences for development</li> <li>• 4-storey apartment block as shown in consultation draft will impact remaining allotments and mean changes are necessary to the existing vehicle access</li> <li>• Housing growth increases demand/need for allotment provision</li> <li>• Existing allotments have a long waiting list</li> <li>• Flooding and drainage considerations</li> <li>• Allotments are important for community, physical and mental health/wellbeing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Remove housing development from the allotments</li> <li>• Keep Early Years facility in same location (limited to single storey)</li> <li>• Keep gas pressure reduction compound in same location</li> <li>• Through developer obligations, fund an increase in active allotment plots, improved on-site facilities and better drainage – make sure this is indicated in the Framework</li> <li>• Re-wild remaining land south of the access line (excluding new allotment plots and GPRS) to enhance biodiversity</li> </ul>
Loss of Sea Cadets/ Chelmsford Canoe Club and considerations around those existing river-users	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Loss of existing river users a key objection</li> <li>• Canoeists have a desire to use the stretch of water above the weir as it has the best conditions year round</li> <li>• Detaching Canoe Club/storage from stretch of water above the weir will frustrate activity and may create some adverse issues for the club/its members</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Framework to include a feasibility study to look at re-providing Canoe Club on same section of the water with Sea Cadets relocating downstream</li> <li>• Although the existing Canoe Club site would need to be consolidated if to remain in same location, club functions</li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sea Cadets vacated riverfront site 3 years ago, but strongly desire a return to a riverfront site</li> <li>• More clarity about potential siting of Sea Cadets and Canoe Club as part of the Framework</li> <li>• Phasing and sequencing to ensure new facilities are available before old ones removed</li> <li>• These functions are already an active part of the community and contribute to active river use</li> <li>• Security and safeguarding considerations</li> <li>• Conflicts with pedestrians/cyclists to be avoided as much as possible</li> <li>• Parking and access considerations</li> <li>• Storage and site function considerations</li> <li>• Nature of access to the water</li> <li>• Space for sporting and social events</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• can be sited above boat storage allowing for a more efficient use of land</li> <li>• Smaller Canoe Club site would reduce length of exclusive access to the water, but gates allowing access to public riverfront would allow for times of increased activity</li> <li>• Storage should be arranged to avoid boats being carried across foot/cycle paths (so far as possible)</li> <li>• Phasing to reference continuation of existing water-user functions</li> </ul>
Increasing the function of water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More clarity on moorings</li> <li>• More ways to access the water</li> <li>• Preserve natural banks</li> <li>• Considerations relating to increased use of waterways</li> <li>• Springfield Basin requires an additional water feeder supply from the River Chelmer across CW1a to support increased navigation</li> <li>• Opportunity to include more water in proposals</li> <li>• More water would improve flood compensation and decrease risk of flooding</li> <li>• Low bridges further upstream</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use Framework to more clearly show areas where access to the water will be provided and show examples of the differing types of interface with water</li> <li>• Reduce amount of moorings shown near to the Canoe Club, but show where moorings would be more appropriate</li> <li>• Specify majority of moorings will be for recreational use</li> <li>• Add reference to feeder pipe for Springfield Basin</li> </ul>
New lock	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overwhelming support for the lock</li> <li>• Manoeuvrability for boats at either end</li> <li>• Ability to carry canoes, etc. around weir</li> <li>• Be clear that existing boat rollers are not remaining</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Framework should state a commitment for development to provide funding towards the lock</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opportunity to include a canoe flume</li> <li>• Opportunity to incorporate hydro-electric power generation</li> <li>• Opportunity to include reference to fish pass</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Show an outline strategy for small vessel portage around the lock that does not rely on boat rollers</li> <li>• Detailed matters are not for this Framework to address – a detailed design for the lock is to be produced in due course</li> </ul>
Facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lack of primary school</li> <li>• Lack of community centre</li> <li>• Lack of primary healthcare facility</li> <li>• Lack of children's play facilities</li> <li>• Lack of functional parkland</li> <li>• Lack of sports facilities</li> <li>• Lack of community gardens</li> <li>• Lack of cultural events space</li> <li>• Lack of outside gym</li> <li>• Parking for commercial facilities and Essex Record Office</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Facilities referenced within the Framework are a response to the Local Plan policy requirements – additional suggestions are not in line with adopted policy and have not been sought by relevant authorities/bodies</li> <li>• Framework to show potential location of children's play facilities</li> <li>• Framework to show potential location of outside gym equipment</li> <li>• Framework to show potential location of outside performance space</li> <li>• Framework to show increased/improved allotment provision</li> <li>• Commercial facilities and ERO can rely on local public parking</li> </ul>
Footways and cycleways	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Should include a foot/cycle path to south side of River Chelmer heading east</li> <li>• CW1c and CW1e do not have as good cycle connectivity as existing</li> <li>• Drainage considerations</li> <li>• Safety considerations</li> <li>• Wider route improvements outside of Chelmer Waterside</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Framework to include a foot/cycle route to south of River Chelmer continuing east to new Country Park</li> <li>• Framework to reference drainage and safety expectations and a requirement for all routes to achieve 4m width</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 20mph limit to estate roads</li> <li>• On-road parking reduces safety of cyclists and makes cycling less attractive</li> <li>• Pedestrian crossings beyond Chelmer Waterside</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Limit to off-road cycle route opportunities north of the canal due to a lack of connectivity and constraints beyond Chelmer Waterside</li> <li>• Framework to reference low estate road speeds and reduced on-street parking although detailed planning will address both</li> <li>• The Local Highway Authority will raise any improvements outside of Chelmer Waterside as part of detailed planning stages</li> </ul>
Design and Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Net Biodiversity Gain</li> <li>• Target more robust standards of sustainable construction</li> <li>• Design in natural development cooling – street planting/water</li> <li>• Car charging</li> <li>• Design Code</li> <li>• Public space attributes and functions</li> <li>• SUDS considerations</li> <li>• Relationship of development to High Bridge Road</li> <li>• Secure By Design (layout and building design) and public safety beyond SBD – Smarter Cities, CCTV coverage, amount of lighting</li> <li>• Importance of green river corridors to heritage</li> <li>• Re-use of the Bailey bridge – how/where will this be re-used</li> <li>• Fire Safety – construction standards</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Framework to reference examples of sustainable construction. Controls can only go as far as the adopted Making Places SPD, although central government may introduce new requirements in time</li> <li>• Framework to reference Net Biodiversity Gain</li> <li>• Framework to reference more greening to streets for cooling</li> <li>• Car charging is a detailed planning consideration</li> <li>• A Design Code is unlikely to be used on this nature of scheme as it would limit design flexibility and innovation</li> <li>• Framework to illustrate examples of public open space approach</li> <li>• SUDS are a detailed planning consideration</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Framework to ensure development adequately remote from High Bridge Road</li> <li>• SBD a detailed planning consideration</li> <li>• Framework to reference heritage of rivers</li> <li>• Any re-use of the Bailey bridge will occur outside of Chelmer Waterside</li> <li>• Fire Safety considerations a detailed planning consideration and further considered under Building Regulations</li> </ul>
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## Chelmsford City Council Cabinet

12 October 2021

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### Army and Navy Sustainable Transport Package Consultation

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#### Purpose

To agree the City Council's consultation response to the Army & Navy Sustainable Transport Package consultation.

#### Options

The following options are available:

- a) Agree the consultation response
- b) Not agree the consultation response
- c) Agree the consultation response, with amendments

#### Preferred option and reasons

Option a) is recommended.

#### Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Council's response to the Army & Navy Sustainable Transport Package consultation is as set out in this report at paragraphs 4.2 - 4.10 and that the Director of Sustainable Communities is authorised to submit this consultation response to Essex County Council.

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## 1. Introduction and context

- 1.1 The Army & Navy junction is a key gateway into the City Centre of Chelmsford. Pre-COVID 19, in the region of 70,000 vehicles were using the junction per day. It provides a key route into the City Centre from the south and east of the City Council's administrative area and is a key route through which the residents of the neighbourhoods of Great Baddow, Moulsham Lodge, Chelmer Village, and other villages to the south and east of the City Centre access the City Centre for work, shopping and leisure purposes.
- 1.2 In 2018 an Army and Navy Taskforce was established to consider a long-term solution for the junction. This is led by Essex County Council and has representation from the City Council, Great Baddow Parish Council and Chelmsford's MP.
- 1.3 In Summer 2019, the Army and Navy Flyover was closed as it was no longer fit for purpose. It was removed in April 2020.
- 1.4 Essex County Council, in consultation with the Taskforce, has developed a range of options for the long-term solution at the junction.
- 1.5 The solutions go beyond a revised junction arrangement and include a wider package of sustainable transport measures aligned with the objectives Essex County Council's Chelmsford Future Transport Strategy.
- 1.6 This has culminated in a range of options being narrowed down to the two options currently being consulted on as follows:
- 1.7 A hamburger roundabout and separate T junctions, with both options including the following:
  - a) Enhanced walking and cycling
  - b) Improved bus priority measures
  - c) Improvement and expansion of Sandon Park and Ride
  - d) A new Widford Park and Ride site (two potential locations are identified)
- 1.8 The consultation period is open until 3rd October (Essex County Council has agreed to accept the City Council's consultation response following consideration by Cabinet on 12th October), after which further assessment will be undertaken before a preferred option is selected and a full business case developed for submission to the Department for Transport for scheme funding.

## 2. What is proposed?

- 2.1 The proposed Army and Navy Sustainable Transport Package has four key elements:
  1. Improvements for all users of the Army and Navy junction: enhanced walking and cycling facilities; improved bus priority measures; two

distinct new junction layout options (Hamburger Roundabout and Separate T-Junctions)

2. Improvement and expansion of Sandon Park and Ride
3. A new Park and Ride site in Widford, with two site options presented in the consultation
4. Additional connectivity improvements across the walking and cycling networks

### 3. What is the Programme for the delivery of the Scheme?

3.1 The full programme for the delivery of the Scheme is set out below:

- a) Consultation 9th August to 3rd October
- b) Preferred option selection Winter 2021/2022
- c) Outline business case to DfT Spring 2022
- d) Planning Winter 2022/2023
- e) Full business case to DfT Spring 2024
- f) Construction Autumn 2024 to Autumn 2026

### 4. Key issues for consideration

4.1 The following are the key issues that the City Council consider should be considered by Essex County Council in selecting the preferred option and developing the full business case for the Scheme:

#### **Scheme principles**

4.2 The City Council recognises the importance of the Army & Navy junction to local and sub-regional traffic flows and supports the principle of a sustainable package of improvements that balance car usage with opportunities for active travel and public transport to maximise environmental benefits. A fully functioning Army & Navy junction is of key importance to the City's economy, reduction in congestion and improved air quality. The City Council also recognises the importance of a full sustainable package being developed if Department for Transport funding is to be secured for the Scheme's implementation. The City Council would expect the walking, cycling and public transport elements of the Scheme to be further enhanced as the preferred option is developed through its business case development.

#### **Traffic modelling assumptions**

4.3 The baseline traffic data for the options is October 2019. As this is pre-COVID 19, the City Council would expect some re-modelling will be needed to take into account changing work patterns, park and ride usage, other public transport usage and commuting patterns. In recent weeks the junction has returned to close to pre-COVID congestion levels, particularly in the pm peak period, and it is important that the preferred solution is based on the most robust and up to date data available. The traffic modelling does not take into account fully the proposed new car parks at Beaulieu Station, which are now more certain in the design process. This will need to be re-tested as a

preferred option for the Army & Navy. In addition, further scheme modelling will be necessary to take into account local modelling intelligence and the expected DfT post-COVID 19 traffic forecasting data which is understood to be due for release in the next few weeks.

### **Park and ride**

- 4.4 The City Council recognises the vital role that Park & Ride plays in contributing to sustainable transport options and the reduction of traffic into the City Centre.
- 4.5 At the present time, the two park and rides at Sandon and Chelmer Valley have not recovered to their post-COVID 19 usage. In the light of revised traffic modelling assumptions, a clearer and up to date set of data is required to inform the demand for the expansion of Sandon Park and Ride and a new Widford Park and Ride.
- 4.6 The City Council recognises that a third Park and Ride at Widford is proposed within the adopted Chelmsford Local Plan. Should the demand exist for a third Park and Ride site at Widford, both of the two proposed locations require further assessment in terms of green belt impact, flood risk, landscape, heritage and ecology and impact on other uses in the locality of each site (for example access to Widford Lodge School's playing field). At this stage, both options should be retained for further full assessment and appraisal.

### **Cycling and walking**

- 4.7 The City Council supports the objective of the Scheme to enhance cycling and walking connectivity and encourage alternative methods of transport into the City Centre for shorter trips, minimising car usage. The City Council recognises that the walking and cycling routes through the junction are enhanced and this is supported.
- 4.8 However, the Scheme does not go far enough in terms of enhancing cycling and walking connectivity and further enhancement of this objective should be developed during the next stage of the Scheme's development, both through the junction and from the Park and Ride sites. The City Council would expect comprehensive routes for cycling and walking from the Park and Ride locations designed and delivered within the Scheme.
- 4.9 Specifically, the consultation lacks detail on the cycle connectivity from the City Centre and both the Sandon Park and Ride and the proposed new Park and Ride at Widford. If objectives such as "park and pedal" are to be realised, these routes should be designed in detail at the next stage. Specifically, the connection from Sandon Park and Ride should be developed as a route between the development in East Chelmsford, through the proposed new country park, along the river valley to the Army & Navy. This would be a far more attractive and safer route than through the Meadgate Estate.

### **Public transport**

- 4.10 The City Council supports the objective to enable bus priority measures through the junction. Specifically, the preferred solution should not impact on buses using Baddow Road and alternative routing of services that currently use either Baddow Road or Essex Yeomanry Way may need to be considered in consultation with the bus operators.

### **Local impacts**

- 4.11 The City Council recognises that the Army & Navy junction is a strategic transport hub. In considering the next stages of development of the Scheme, the County Council should ensure that the impact on the journeys of the local communities of Great Baddow, Chelmer Village and Moulsham Lodge into the City Centre are not compromised. The City Council requests that a mechanism to fully involve local residents and ward Councillors in the detailed design stages is established.
- 4.12 From the City Council's initial assessment of the two junction options the Hamburger roundabout is the preference in terms of impact on local journeys, particularly journeys out of the City Centre.

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### **List of appendices:**

None.

### **Background papers:**

Chelmsford Local Plan, Army & Navy Sustainable Transport Package consultation documentation/information.

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### **Corporate Implications**

At this stage there are no corporate implications for the City Council in responding to this consultation

Legal/Constitutional: See above

Financial: See above

Potential impact on climate change and the environment: See above

Contribution toward achieving a net zero carbon position by 2030: See above

Personnel: See above

Risk Management: See above

Equality and Diversity: See above

Health and Safety: See above

Digital: See above

Other: See above

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**Consultees:**

Chelmsford Improving Movement and Access in the City Centre Working Group.

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**Relevant Policies and Strategies:**

Chelmsford Local Plan

Our Chelmsford Our Plan

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