PUBLIC PETITION

Residents' Association/Independent Group Pay and Display On-Line Petition

In light of the overwhelming opposition to the Conservative ruling administration's published proposals for on-street parking (Pay and Display) as evidenced by the on-line Petition, and in support of those petitioners, this Council calls upon the Cabinet to abandon its proposals for Pay and Display across Surrey on the grounds that:

- The original plans were drawn up and published without a business plan
- The sites selected are arbitrary and in many cases illogical
- The proposals will be harmful to many small businesses
- It runs counter to the ruling administration's claims that it is supporting the local Surrey economy
- It penalises many local shopping parades located near petrol stations whose forecourts will remain free of any parking charge
- The plans will penalise local residents and "popping to the local shop for a pint of milk and a paper" will now be charged
- In many areas it is likely to push parking into nearby residential roads
- It is a charge with no social or community validity
- A so-called "default position" of 30 minutes free parking is not supported by the vast majority of local shops
- And, by the Conservative administration's own admission, a 30 minutes free parking period across Surrey would make the proposals "financially untenable".

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