

**CABINET – 31 MARCH 2020****PROCEDURAL MATTERS****Members Questions****Question (1) Will Forster (Woking South):**

The County Council wants to increase the cost of residential parking permits in Controlled Parking Zones, and I understand was intending to advertise and consult the public on the increase in April and then implement the increase soon after that.

However, many people are currently struggling financially, and to increase the cost of being able to park outside their homes could be an unnecessary added burden.

Please will the Council agree to abandon this increase and ease pressure on local people's finances?

If the Council is not cancelling the rise, please will the Council postpone the consultation until after the coronavirus crisis, to enable residents to fully engage and respond to the consultation?

**Reply:**

Thank you for this question. The council will delay a consultation regarding the cost of parking permits for as long as needed in light of the current corona crisis.

In fact we are doing everything we can to provide more flexible and free parking arrangements for residents who are staying at home and key NHS workers who are responding to the challenge at the current time.

This includes:

- Lifting restrictions on quiet residential roads so that residents can park on single yellow lines
- Providing free/more accessible parking for NHS carers/medics/volunteers and responders
- Lifting on street parking charges in all parts of the county until further notice

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