



COGGESHALL PARISH COUNCIL

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CAR PARK SURVEY

The survey form was delivered to over 1600 addresses in Coggeshall and we were delighted to receive over 500 replies. This was the first step in a process to deliver car parking that best meets the needs of the majority of Coggeshall's residents, businesses and visitors – a task that is unlikely to yield results that are popular with all. Congestion in the car park has been a recognized problem for some time and increasing the availability of spaces during the day has been identified as the main way of addressing this problem.

The first question was designed to gauge the community's opinion of whether the village car park should remain free at all times or whether some form of charging system should be applied. The responses from residents were 33% in favour of free parking at all times, 3% for charging at all times and the clear majority, 64%, supporting free parking for short stays only.

The second question assumed that some form of charging would be applied and asked what, if any, periods should be free. Over 93% supported free short stays, 85% favoured free weekend and bank holiday parking and 68% thought that overnight parking should be free.

These results will be important factors to be reflected in the final solution. We were also very grateful to receive over 100 additional comments covering about 60 separate ideas. It is impossible to respond to these comments individually, but we would like to record our thanks and appreciation to everybody that took the time to contribute. They will all be considered in our deliberations.

We have already agreed to investigate some measures that might create a small increase in the capacity of the car park, including re-marking the bays and relocating the recycling bins, and will communicate the results as soon as possible.

Traffic Management Committee
Coggeshall Parish Council

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CAR PARK QUESTIONNAIRE - RESULTS

487 Residential Responses

18 Business Responses

505 TOTAL

Question 1 - Should the car park be						
	Residents	%	Businesses	%	Total	%
Free at all times	159	32.65%	8	44.44%	167	33.07%
Free for a short period	313	64.27%	10	55.56%	323	63.96%
Charged at all times	15	3.08%	0	0.00%	15	2.97%

Question 2 - If a Charge was implemented should it be						
	Residents	% of total	Business	% of total	TOTAL	% of total
Free for a short period	454	93.22%	13	72.22%	467	92.48%
Free overnight	338	69.40%	6	33.33%	344	68.12%
Free Weekends & B/H	416	85.42%	5	27.78%	421	83.37%
Charged at all times	16	3.29%	0		16	3.17%