

## 2019 Car Park Charging Consultation – results

### Background

The recent car park charging consultation provided an opportunity for staff and students to feedback on the university's proposal to introduce structured car parking charges across the university estate.

A total of 945 responses were received from staff and students from the University and Brighton and Brighton and Sussex Medical School (BSMS) with ad-hoc representations also received from the following stakeholder groups.

- SU
- Trade Unions (UNISON / UCU joint response)
- UOB Nursing Society
- Payroll
- Student Academic Success and Partnership Team
- Disability and Carers Staff Network Group
- Student Paramedic Society
- BSMS
- Sport Brighton
- Active Sussex
- UBIC
- Academies

### Amendments to parking charges policy

Based on the results obtained from the survey and representations from key stakeholder groups eight key changes to the original car parking charges proposal have been made. These updates have since been integrated into the revised parking policy and approved for implementation by the University Executive Board.

- **Student charges will not be introduced for the 2019/20 academic year and will be reviewed for 2020/21** – following representations from the SU relating to the timing of the consultation which coincided with the student exam period it was agreed that further, comprehensive consultation would be required prior any introduction of student parking charges. A review of this approach will be conducted before the start of 2020/21 academic term.
- **The staff daily charge will be reduced from £2.50 per day to £2 per day** – This reduction is designed to ensure that staff paying the daily rate regularly are not significantly disadvantaged through not taking up an annual payment option.
- **A number of designated parking bays will be reserved for those arriving after 09.30am** – this amendment is intended to ensure that those with disabilities, parental and caring responsibilities unable to arrive at work early to secure a parking space will not be disadvantaged when parking charges are introduced.

- **Parking payment machines will be made available at the most heavily used sites in addition to the option to pay by phone or via app** – This update will ensure that daily payment can be made without a telephone / tablet at all of our key sites. Machines will be placed in easily accessible locations to best cater for staff members with disabilities.
- **It will be possible for permit holders to pause payments more than once in a single academic year with reasonable grounds** – Staff with disabilities, carers and others with special circumstances will be given the flexibility to opt out of the annual charge more than once per year if their circumstances require this
- **Additional disabled parking spaces (which both national blue badge scheme holders and UOB disabled badge holders can use) will be created on all main sites.** This measure is designed to ensure that those with disabilities are able to find dedicated accessible spaces close to their place of work.
- **Guests, contractors and visitors may now park free of charge when booked in with Parking and Transport team in advance.** A large volume of feedback was received during the consultation relating to guests and visitors who provide an important service free of charge to the university (examiners, governors, guest lecturers, volunteers and donors etc.). On principle it was felt that these contributors should not pay for parking in addition to the service being provided to the university. IS and Estates contractors will park for free to avoid charges being recharged to the university after completion of works. It should be noted that university staff may not book themselves in as visitors and reasonable limits will be applied to the number of visitors booked at any one time.
- **Parking for staff and students will be free outside of core hours (with a full or out-of-hours permit)** – the introduction of ‘out of hours’ permits is intended to ensure that students and staff can continue attending clubs and societies and using sport and library facilities outside of core parking hours without incurring an additional expense. Staff with full parking permits will also be eligible to park for free outside of standard hours\*.

\*Core hours are 7am – 5pm Monday – Friday

### Questions

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