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1	Town Centre	The size of the bays in the town centre car parks is daft – not everyone drives a Mini or a bubble car. I have a Mondeo, not a huge car, but still too big to get into most of the bays in town and leave enough room to get in and out of the car. Please make (some of) them bigger.	Please make (some of) them bigger.
1	Other	Eastmount Road has now been turned into a chicane since a few car parking bays were added to the south side of the road. We have a business based in the units behind Eastmount Road and the delivery lorries struggle to get down the road when there are car parks on both sides. The chaos that is caused for the sake of half a dozen parking spaces is mind boggling.	
2	Residents Parking	I have lived in Maude Street since 1985. At that time we were the ONLY street in Darlington to have residents parking(which was free)! Living so close to the town I agree whole-heartedly with residents parking, and do not even mind the charges, however there are some aspects I believe should be reviewed changed:	
2	Residents Parking	1. Residents parking should ONLY be for the residents of that particular street and NOT for others within the Zone. This could be solved by putting the Street name on the permit. If the zones have to be kept then perhaps an M for Maude Street (e.g. Zone F/M), G for Greenbank Road (Zone F/G) and so on ... We constantly get vehicles from Greenbank road etc., parking in our Street, and as there are no 'free parking' spots this can often cause issue.	
2	Residents Parking	2. When the increased Sunday Parking charges were withdrawn, so should our limits on resident Sunday parking which came in at the same time as the increased charges, but were not revoked when there was a U-turn on the increased charges in town. Sundays were the only days when residents could receive visitors, we now can receive NO VISITORS until after 6pm 7 days a week!!!! Please see point 5 which could also solve this issue.	

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2	Residents Parking	3. The charges for having trade vehicles doing work is ridiculous. We are penalised enough by having to pay to park outside our own house, why should we be penalised when we need work doing? There should be a rolling scale if a charge needs to be made - perhaps Free for 1 day and 1 Van, then a charge for more than one van or if the repair/call takes longer then perhaps £5 for 2-5days, but £5 a day is ridiculous!! It is NOT the trader who pays this... it is the house owner by direct or indirect means!!!!	
2	Residents Parking	5. How about a visitors book of permits? Or some such system to allow relatives and visitors? Homeowners could purchase a book of one use tickets - which would have to be dated in ink when a visitor's vehicle is there. I am aware that some councils use something like this, but not really sure how it works or is 'policed'. However here is a link which may help: <a href="http://www.haringey.gov.uk/index/environment_and_transport/parking/parking-permits/visitor-parking-permits.htm">http://www.haringey.gov.uk/index/environment_and_transport/parking/parking-permits/visitor-parking-permits.htm</a> I just googled 'residents and visitors parking permits'	
2	Disabled Parking	6. Disabled badge holders often park in our residents bays. Surely these badge holders could park on the single yellow lines? They do not need to take up a residents bay which we have PAID for the privilege to park in!	
2	Residents Parking	Whilst I realise that on the occasions when perhaps officials 'visit' the street - which would usually be during the day and on a week day - it can seem empty, because of people being at work, I would stress that as we are a street within very close proximity to town, the parking is often abused. I will try to get to one of the meetings if my work allows, but I would be very grateful if you could consider my points, as I do feel that we have been somewhat rail-roaded in the past.	
3	Other	Would like to take part in a consultation event either individual or with other organisations representing the needs of Darlington residents.	
4	Town Centre	As a long term business owner in Darlington (since 2000) I believe the parking charges are pushing customers out of the town and to other towns/shopping centres (i.e Northallerton/Newcastle by train) this is due to the council not catering for the car and the increase use of it.	

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4	Town Centre	All I want as a business owner is a level playing field on which to trade, I find this impossible when planners/councils give permission for out of town supermarkets/sites which come with hundreds of free parking spaces, this is not a level playing field, I would call it discrimination.	
4	Town Centre	I have seen footfall and turnover drop significantly over the past two years and this is down to parking charges and overzealous traffic wardens.	
4	Town Centre	It's not rocket science you need to offer incentives to get customers/footfall flowing not higher or any parking charges for that matter, imagine the other ways income could be generated, if this was the first town to offer free managed parking or even the first hour free.	Incentives to increase Town Centre customers. First hour free.
4	Town Centre	If the free parking had been managed properly in the first place this town would be buzzing with people wanting to be a part of it opening businesses and investing in the future, we should not be the same as every other town and that's what Darlington has become.	
5	Cockerton	I was most surprised and quite frankly alarmed today after my wife drew my attention to the Darlington parking strategy and Objective 1., action point 6: Investigate feasibility of on street pay and display parking in Cockerton centre. The background to this proposal caused by a feeling that there are too many cars parked part of or all of the day around Cockerton Green. "There are currently no parking restrictions in Cockerton but businesses and residents have suggested there are parking pressures caused by cars parked around Cockerton Green." I would like to draw the council's attention to several points if I may:-	
5	Cockerton	1. Do businesses and passers not realise the majority of cars parked around the green are in fact residents vehicles? My wife and I have lived in Aston Terrace for 14 years and Cockerton Green has always had a demographic of middle-aged to elderly people, with cars that are often parked there all day. There is only space for 2, perhaps 3 cars down Aston Terrace behind the Methodist church, and so with 6 houses having a total of 7 cars (between 5 houses actually), 4 are invariably parked on the green at various times of day. Two of our residents in Aston terrace are retired, yet they have 2 cars. Additionally, I can think of 3-4 houses on the Green with retired or semi-retired residents who have vehicles.	

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5	Disabled Parking	2. As the demographic of the green changes with time, more younger occupants/owners are moving in, more likely to have multiple cars per household again adding to the parking congestion problem. Myself and my wife have two cars which we both need to get to and from our respective places of work, both of us working in the health service/medical research. What are we to do when we come home?	
5	Disabled Parking	3. Why, when there is such a FREE facility at the back of the shopping parade do people feel compelled to park on the green? Do they think their cars will be safer? In which case, either making that free parking space more secure, or utilizing the space in a totally different way if it is under-used for its present purpose should be considered?	
5	Disabled Parking	4. Parking around the green is often heavily used by the two churches; one being the Methodist church, with a large church hall facility heavily used by various groups, clubs and events most evenings, not to mention of course the usual functional usage by the parishioners themselves all year round.	
5	Disabled Parking	5. In summary, if some of parking management, or REVENUE-GENERATING scheme was introduced around Cockerton Green, I would like to know what provision would be made for the residents, INCLUDING the ones on Aston Lane, who's only available access and parking space is on Cockerton Green!?	
5	Disabled Parking	6. A final point is that various times/days for open consultation at the Dolphin Centre have been highlighted in the article - however as most of these appear to occur either in the morning, or early evening, it allows little chance for working residents to attend. Especially those whose jobs take them outside Darlington.	I very much hope someone replies to this email in an attempt to explain clearly what are the proposals being considered.
6	Disabled Parking	We are writing in response to the above, as residents of 41 Cockerton Green. We are shocked and surprised that there are considered issues parking on the Green. We have lived here for 8 years and have never encountered such issues. On rare occasions we cannot park in close proximity to our house (still on the green and within a 1 minute walk) but when can the majority of people who live in a town ever expect to be able to park directly outside their house? This can even be a 'problem' in a village! The road area outside a house is not owned by the house owner and most people understand this. We understand that councils are under great pressure to reduce spending. Surely there are more pressing matters to spend 40k on?	

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6	Disabled Parking	On another note it is not made clear in this parking strategy document how this pay and display proposal may impact on the residents (will we lose our ability to park on the green; will we now be charged for a parking pass; impact on visitors to our houses?). This has now created us great anxiety. Possible impact on residents must be referenced to prevent concern and ensure the process is open and clear to all. We are not willing to wait until 2015 for the possible impact to be referenced and considered and will ensure that the matter can be considered in full once the feasibility study takes place.	Explanation on how the implementation of pay & display in Cockerton will impact on Residents.
6	Disabled Parking	There are 2 churches and 2 schools on and within close range to the green and parking round the green is important for these - for drop off/pick up and events that are taking place. These are key parts of the Cockerton Village Community and need to remain so.	
7	Town Centre	Can business employees take advantage of salary sacrifice schemes for parking permits and could this be promoted through the BID?	To allow this to happen it may be that an annual ticket is needed and it would be down to individual businesses to buy the passes and then set up a way of recouping the costs from their staff.
8	Town Centre	park and ride required for new town plans	park and ride scheme
9	Town Centre	In all the processes of consultation, I have not found any mention of the fact that, because there is no provision of free parking, even for short periods, near the shops in the town centre, residents prefer to use shops and supermarkets elsewhere, so that they do not have to carry their heavy shopping a distance or pay your fees, which are not cheap. This is a main reason for the failure of many town centre shops, especially in the covered market, which has deteriorated over a long period. I suspect that any research into residents' and shopkeepers' opinions would lend force to this view.	
10	Other	I wonder what our council is thinking of, Feethams will become a nightmare for all in Darlington. Dixon is in denial with the mess the council is creating, the clowns in planning are crazy not to control the gypsy problem, and now we have a council leader not fit for purpose, please get a grip and give all decent people in Darlington some hope.	

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11	Town Centre	Parking charges uncompetitive. Town centre unattractive given over to buses. Northallerton, Middlesbrough cheaper. Teesside Park etc FREE. Even Newcastle at £1.60/h - far better shops.	Give 1st 3 hours free like Sainsbury's.
11	Town Centre	You need to encourage people to come in their cars to shop in Darlington only that way can our shops stay in business.	
12	Residents Parking	I would like to be able to buy a transferrable residents parking permit - I live on Stanhope Road South and we usually park both our cars in the garage but occasionally I need to leave a car at the front of the house or we have visitors who need to park. If you were able to buy a permit which could be moved between cars, you would still only take 1 space (with a car with the permit in), but it would mean we could park near our house at the front in the residents parking occasionally as it is impossible to park nearby in non-residents parking due to proximity to town. Now the parking restrictions apply on Sundays too, it is even more difficult. At my grandmother's house in Kent, we had this system so whichever family member was there could park with the permit which was kept in the house.	
12	Town Centre	There are a lot more students in cars going to QE and parking all round the West End. It would be good if the Council and QE could work to reduce the number of students needing to use cars/park eg by encouraging use of public transport/walking or car-sharing etc.	
12	Other	Reducing number of cars coming to town for short journeys by increasing off road safe cycle tracks further.	
12	Other	Trying to enforce the no parking in the back alleys as I can sometimes not easily get in and out of my garage.	
12	Residents Parking	I do not feel it is fair that we are charged £5 each time we have a workman at the house just because we live near the town and have to have resident parking. All the non-resident spaces are taken by people parking all day for work. I think generally our resident parking spaces have worked well and did allow people to park near the houses, and also allowed delivery lorries to pull in or workmen to be nearby, so overall I think it has been good. I would just like to access it occasionally with a transferrable permit depending which car I was using, or if we had a visitor.	
13	Town Centre	Request more "Pay as you leave" car parks so I can shop/bank/dine in Darlington without panicking about parking ticket running out.	

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13	Town Centre	Make parking bays slightly larger for families (buggies etc)	
13	Town Centre	Please bring back 3rd hour free parking - might encourage more spend in Town Centre.	
13	Town Centre	Not convinced there will be sufficient parking - with DfE workers and leisure/recreational centre open.	
13	Town Centre	Access to car parks to be improved (traffic management with junctions - ring road is nightmare).	
14	Cockerton	Wishes to be kept informed of progress on Parking Strategy.	
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17	Residents Parking	How do we monitor and manage the number of permits per zone? There are not enough spaces for the number of RPZ permits eg Wycombe Street.	
17	Residents Parking	Visitor permits would be useful eg Scratch card? Barnard Street/Winston Street car park - signage should be improved as permit holders only sign is not well placed.	
18	Residents Parking	Extend RPZ on Elmfield Terrace to cover the full length of the road.	
18	Residents Parking	RPZ scheme should be extended further out from the town centre to include more streets including Thornton Street, Essen Road and all side streets off Essen Road, Mowden Terrace.	
18	Disabled Parking	Make extra considerations for disabled parking.	
18	Residents Parking	Set up a residents panel from different RPZs to discuss ideas and give feedback on issues/problems.	
19	Cockerton	how can you justify a 40 thousand pound feasibility study on parking charges in Cockerton village. not satisfied with driving shoppers from our town centre you won't be satisfied until you do the same to our vibrant centre. if you want to see if it's feasible try asking the locals up here .. Yours angry ex voter.	

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20	Town Centre	<p>I avoid shopping in Darlington even though I live here. I object to paying £1 an hour for parking for the poor selection of shops we have and the ones we do have are small and limited choice. I would rather drive to Teesside park or Middlesbrough. We were at Middlesbrough last week and only paid £2 for all day - brilliant. Also our car parks are very tight to park in, we parked in the car park behind Boyes when my husband ran the 10k and when we came to leave we could hardly get out of the space cars were so tightly packed.</p>	
21	Town Centre	<p>I work in darlington town centre and i start work at 7am and finish at 5pm, it is currently costing me over £60 a week to park in your town car parks as its £1 per hour, is there any way of paying per week or per month, and getting a discount?</p>	
22	Cockerton	<p>I enclose a diary list of events at the Methodist Church, by which you will see the many and varied activities taking place each week in addition to the worship on Sundays and related meetings.</p> <p>Holy Family and St Mary's and Scouting are also very active, the Baby clinic on Fridays provides for new-borns and parents so together they provide for a wide range of ages.</p> <p>The 3 churches are strongly linked and share in various activities as well as worship together during Lent and enjoy walking and singing together. Very much a Community at its best.</p> <p>Cars bring people to these events – few cars are singly occupied as older or frailer people are given lifts. All groups are open for anyone to enjoy.</p> <p>All the activities are self-funded, making no demands on the civic purse or manpower.</p>	



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22	Cockerton	<p>Not being self-centred, many groups raise funds for charities and individuals help as volunteers in Hospital, Hospice and Charity Shops etc.</p> <p>I feel Darlington Council should feel very proud of Cockerton and its community achievements.</p> <p>1) To impose parking fees would only serve to penalise those who share their time and talents.</p> <p>2) To restrict parking times would deter some of those who need the facilities the most.</p> <p>3) Many are elderly and unable to walk and carry (say art equipment) from the shopping parking.</p> <p>4) They cause no mischief, add generously to quality of life and, I feel, deserve the encouragement and backing of the Council.</p> <p>Whatever may be raised by imposing parking charges is surely far outweighed by a happy healthy community spirit.</p>	
23	Cockerton	<p>I am a resident that lives on Cockerton Green, I will be unable to make the drop in sessions to discuss the parking strategy. I would like to voice my concerns.</p> <p>There are a lot of people who use Cockerton not only for shopping but for the school run to Cockerton primary and Holy Family school. The green also has two churches which hold numerous ceremonies. The Methodist church holds playgroups and regular events during the week, day and night. Putting charges on the parking will affect people wanting to use these facilities. As a resident i don't feel i should be made to pay for parking when there is a suitable car park in place for shoppers, if any charges should occur it should occur in that car park. As well as the visitors to the churches and parents collecting children, as resident i would like my family and friends to be able to visit me and park on my street as nearest residential parking is a fair distance from Cockerton Green.</p>	
24	Cockerton	<p>Please don't impose charges in Cockerton – you have already killed Darlington Town Centre with a policy that excludes motorists now you want to do the same to Cockerton.</p> <p>If the council had any sense they would reduce charges build more car parks and bring in more custom. I avoid Darlington despite living here. Please see sense and withdraw such a stupid idea before you bankrupt more business and reduce your revenues through business rates etc.</p>	

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25	Town Centre	<p>The car park I used to park in in Chestnut Street is almost empty most days. When charges were cheaper it was always full, but a lot of people who work in the town simply don't have £4 a day to spend on parking. The temporary car park across the ring road is, despite its terrible condition, always full. The charge there is £2.50. I think there is a message there. I am willing to pay £2.50, but would rather park further out and walk in to work than have to pay £4 a day. And a lot of £2.50s adds up to more than a very few £4s.</p>	
26	Cockerton	<p>Over the last 35 years the residents of the green have tried twice to have such a scheme to be implemented.  Now that these schemes have proved to be so successful, may we please ask again to be duly considered in this consultation .  Over this period huge changes have occurred to worsen the situation. One main point being that in the past your surveys have been conducted during daytime hours ,and the main parking problem occurs in the evening time because of inconsiderate parking of patrons using the Methodist church hall-it is just not fair to those of us that live here.  I would also like to bring to your attention the “rat race “action of many motorist that consistently use our south side road to beat the school run traffic. Could the road be made made one way, from east to west? With a reduced limit down to 5 mph , it certainly warrants it.</p>	
27	Residents Parking	<p>Just a quick follow up to the meeting we had with your colleague John Anderson at the stall in the Town Centre regarding the above permits. I haven't heard anything back yet from what I thought was a pretty proactive discussion. From my point of view I feel a disc parking permit to be displayed in the window of a trade vehicle together with an address segment would maybe suit in the interim prior to a more permanent solution. I have spoken to numerous other tradesmen working within the borough, most of them in a similar situation to mine, whereby we may be on an emergency call out or on a scheduled visit for under an hour. As you can imagine the £5 charge imposed on us we feel is very unreasonable. I would be grateful of your response and update of any forthcoming changes to our predicament. I would also be willing to attend a further meeting at the Town Hall with yourself and anyone else who may be able to implement a more helpful, common-sense approach to a difficult situation.</p>	
28	Cockerton	<p>I object to any pay and display in and around Cockerton area. This will result in killing businesses and Cockerton.</p>	

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28	Other	I would encourage more signs to indicate parking areas. Plus better lighting and maintenance at Cockerton car park behind the shopping area.	
29	Disabled Parking	I just wondered if there's a possibility of getting Darlington Borough Council to adopt personalised disabled resident parking bays, as other towns and cities have? My reasoning no doubt applies to lots of other locals and is brought about because there are many times where, if I'm away (even for a few minutes) and return after 1700 all the allocated resident bays are full of non-permit holders, the full length of the street and my only option is to leave my motability car on double yellows for the night.	
29	Disabled Parking	I HAVE A CONDITION CALLED 'Hereditary Spastic Paraplegia' and I don't generally manage to get up early each day so I end up having to stay up into the early hours in the hope of getting to move the car into a nearby bay because I dread getting a fine off the DBC wardens.	
29	Disabled Parking	The Council have been unable to help when I've called them previously (Nov 2012 ish). All that's needed is for DBC to allocate a number, keep simple records and use a bit of extra paint as with the prints attached.	
30	Cockerton	Any restriction of parking would adversely affect village trade. Any restriction around the Green will adversely affect attendance at 3 churches for Sunday Services, weekday weddings and funerals. Do not start parking charges on Cockerton Green/Walworth Lane.	
31	Cockerton	We would not support any form of parking charges around Cockerton Green. Particularly no residents parking permits. Make no changes to traffic flow around the Green - no "one way" sections.	
32	Cockerton	Some kind of residents parking needed urgently. Workers from the Businesses on West Auckland Road park from 6:30 am - 6:30 pm each day (up to 13 cars) plus the school teachers. Then users of the West Auckland Road Businesses park because of the restrictions on West Auckland Road - some are parked up to 4 hours.	
32	Cockerton	The Brown Trout flats and Flower Shop were supposed to have their own parking which was very unrealistic on the plans and is not enough. People will not pay to park they will just use our street. Most people do not use the car park if using the West Auckland Road businesses.	

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32	Cockerton	We also get the parents dropping their children at Holy Family who just abandon their cars and also at picking up time. Church goes need somewhere to park too so there would be even no spaces on Sundays.	
33	Residents Parking	I have 2 babies under 2. Due to non-residents parking on the street I find it difficult to park outside my house or park with my car in view. This means that a lot of the time one of my babies is left alone in the car out of view. This would be classed to some people as a despicable act.	
33	Residents Parking	Residential parking would be welcomed but annual cost wouldn't. Also how often would it be monitored and time limits? What about after hours?	
34	Residents Parking	We are owners of 3 properties in North Lodge Terrace, Darlington. As professional Landlords, we need to visit our properties for maintenance repair and sometimes dropping off or collecting large bulky items. Our tools are kept in our van and it makes us very annoyed when we visit and all the parking bays are full. We almost always need to park outside the property, and the system of ringing our van registration number into the Council parking office and explaining sometimes in detail just what job we are doing and then being told in their opinion it doesn't warrant allowing us to park outside the three properties we own.	
34	Residents Parking	The new system is very expensive as at £5.00 per visit it can cost us £30.00 per week if we are working full time on a large job. We feel aggrieved that as owners and Council Tax payers of two of our three properties we are not allowed to purchase a parking permit.	
34	Residents Parking	We are also owners of 3 properties in Victoria Embankment and if working or visiting our property we have to pay using the max 2 hours parking meters. Always restricting our job maintenance list. Other properties have tenants who are complaining to us about the terrible parking situation outside their homes.	
34	Residents Parking	Workers from both the Council and the Post Office park from early morning until after work, restricting residents from parking anywhere near their own front door. Also, parking on both sides restricts the road so much, fire engines can only negotiate very slowly as we found out when a fire broke out at our property. Parking permits should be issued to all residents at the bottom end and parking bays installed. Maybe at an angle with double yellow lines on the riverside.	

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34	Residents Parking	We also have the same problem when we need to visit to do repairs. Some type of Landlord pass is needed to stop the frustration to us and our tenants.	
35	Cockerton	I object to parking charges in Cockerton. I never have any problem finding a space and charges would affect trade in local shops. If long stay is a problem you could install time limits.	
36	Town Centre	We believe "Parking" is likely to cause people to be annoyed by, or lose heart in our Council and our local democracy. Please be very careful in everything you do, to minimise this. Please maximise opportunities to steer our central government influence/interference, and 'take' via taxation.	
36	Town Centre	We believe the integrity of our town centre should be protected. High parking charges/any parking charges undermine Town Centres, if public transport, affordable, is not available (which, lately has become the case here).	
36	Residents Parking	The 'mixed' zone N street in which we live works fine. Please do not be tempted to follow the wealthy down the route of "100% resident parking only".	
36	Cockerton	Cockerton could not survive, commercially, if parking charges were introduced. Please do not do so.	
36	Other	Disproportionate and illogical they may be, but emotions run high over parking. Please do try to appear sympathetic to "The ordinary towns person" in everything you do, in a parking strategy.	
37	Cockerton	I strongly oppose the proposal for "pay and display" parking on Cockerton Green. There has never been a problem parking on Cockerton Green and I have lived and shopped there for 45 years!	
37	Cockerton	There are 3 churches in Cockerton village and all are used on a daily basis, not just for church services on Sundays. There are art groups, children's nurseries, play groups, boys and girls brigades and Women's groups. Also regular church lunches and exhibitions. It would make life more difficult for members of these groups also the baby clinic which has used the Methodist Church for decades. People attending weddings and funerals would not want to pay for parking. It has not been necessary.	
37	Cockerton	Parents whose children attend the schools in Cockerton park their cars twice a day and this would be an extra financial burden on them. They won't want to pay £1 every time they take their children to school or pick them up.	

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37	Cockerton	The village is a lovely shopping centre with everything we need in our daily lives. The shop keepers do not need pay and display parking charges to deter shoppers. Please leave things as they are. "If it's not broken don't fix it."	
37	Cockerton	On street parking (pay and display) is not necessary in Cockerton, so please leave things the way they are. An estimated fee of £40,000 to conduct a feasibility study is an exorbitant amount of taxpayer's money and would be better spent elsewhere.	
38	Residents Parking	Provide parking outside each property - one permit per household with option to purchase visitor permit at reduced price - no parking at all in permit area without a permit to stop card parked after 6 in evenings all night until 8 am next day.	
38	Residents Parking	More resident parking spaces on North Lodge Terrace preferably one side of street dedicated to the residents only - visitor permits made available cap price of permits. 2 hr bay policed regularly - no parking in residents permit bays at all by non-permit holders (overnight).	
38	Residents Parking	2 hr bay and parking meter bay to be both metered parking or remove altogether and reduced parking fee to park on the road on the side of the park through the daytime.	
38	Town Centre	Reduce price for parking in car parks to encourage workers and visitors in town to use them and generate more income.	
39	Residents Parking	1. More residents spaces. 2. non-residents spaces: bunched; limited to 2 hours; in less favoured locations; permission for residents badged users to occupy. 3. Extend restrictions beyond 6 pm. 4. Visitor's permits? 5. Ring-fence revenue. See submission on behalf of South Terrace Residents - ??	
40	Residents Parking	You should consider issuing books of parking permits for use by visitors/contractors. Under current scheme, small businesses may refuse to go to certain houses because of high cost.	
40	Residents Parking	Installation of parking meters in non-residents area of Elmfield Terrace. Extension of double-yellow lines to prevent dangerous parking on the corner of Elmfield Terrace/Street.	
40	Town Centre	What about "Park and Ride" as in Durham?	

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41	Residents Parking	I live in Orchard Road and have issues with hospital workers parking outside for all day 8am - 6pm. I realise that we all need to park somewhere but it's unfair on residents. I also see School and doctors parkers.	
41	Residents Parking	I think that a short stay or residents parking permit type parking should be brought into action. This would stop long day parkers and restrict it to 1 or 2 hour slots.	
41	Residents Parking	Also there needs to be restrictions on corners and road ends, as parkers appear to try to squeeze on any end or small space without consideration for junctions etc.	
42	Residents Parking	Residents parking bays - parking into bay right on edge of drive creating an obstruction.	
42	Residents Parking	Harewood House buses obstructed by parts.	
42	Residents Parking	Recycling not collected because of residents parking. Tactile parking in middle of parking bay.	
42	Other	Lighting column 4654 not working, 4650/4651 enclosed by trees. Harwood Hill North outside DBC property.	
42	Residents Parking	Tradesman's permit scheme - £5.00 charge? Why can't council issue visitor tokens in a book?	
42	Residents Parking	Elmfield Terrace - unrestricted and areas are parked up by 8:00 am. Parking right to edge of road. More residents bays or time limited waiting.	
43	Residents Parking	Our house is on the corner of Hollyhurst road and a blocked off alleyway, which gives access to the side of our house. There are four residents in our household and 4 vehicles. We can put 2 cars on our driveway, but we have only one residents bay allocated to the side of our property. We haven't got allocation at the front of our house as it would restrict the entry to the hospital. I think there is room to put another bay at the side of our house. We have paid for 2 permits, but only have one space to use. Another space would make our lives so much easier.	

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43	Residents Parking	Also, I think that there is a need for a free permit or a paid permit for visitors. That is issued on an annual basis. I know there is the option of a £5 daily permit, but we don't always know when our visitors will arrive. I have some quite elderly relatives and they always struggle to park anywhere near our house. At the moment I have to move my car from the drive and hope I can find another space, so that they can then park on the drive. My only concern with this, is that I am then parking outside someone else's house so I am just adding to the problem. I think that the visitor's permits should have the name and address on, of the household to which they have been allocated. Otherwise I can see people giving permits to friends or people working at the hospital.	
44	Residents Parking	Address issues with residents parking.	Zone H Extend residents parking
44	Residents Parking	Existing residents parking unable to park because people using none parking zone set more zones.	Have pay and display zones around streets but allow resident to park with permits.
45	Cockerton	Most of Cockerton's parking problems are due to the fact that much of the parking is short term - school run, playgroup in the Methodist Hall, church services on Sundays, weddings and funerals, shopping in the village. Two of the suggested strategies for Cockerton would make the problem worse rather than solving it - namely parking meters and residents parking. Both are unnecessary and seem to be solely a way to bring in a money stream from Cockerton rather than being an effective way of solving the parking problems.	
45	Cockerton	Parking meters along the Green would be prohibitive for parents needing to park there twice a day and would discourage shoppers from coming into the village. Charging people attending funerals - how insensitive is that? Parking meters on West Auckland Road would again be a disincentive for people wanting to shop in the village. If motorists are overstaying the half hour parking there this can be solved by the regular presence of traffic wardens.	
45	Cockerton	Residents parking is not felt necessary by most of the residents who accept the occasional parking difficulties and can return the vehicles closer to home later in the day. If residents parking is introduced it brings in other questions like: What will they cost? What about families with more than one car? Few properties have off street parking. What about family coming to visit? What about tradesmen visiting during the day?	



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45	Cockerton	Cockerton Green - one way system round the Green - This is unnecessary and would not achieve anything. Most residents enter the Green from the same direction but will vary this if the road is blocked eg by a delivery vehicle.	
45	Cockerton	There are also several traffic management problems that impinge on parking in the areas. 1. Cockerton - problem getting out of supermarket car park - put a mini roundabout at the exit. This would provide an instant solution (like the mini roundabout did many years ago at the underpass between Alliance Street and Whessoe Road). This would encourage more people to use the supermarket car park, free up parking elsewhere to the benefit of both traders and residents.	
45	Cockerton	Cockerton Green - exiting from north west corner of the Green. If cars, or worse still lorries, are parked along the Newton Lane side of the Green visibility to the right is non-existent. A solution could be to put 10 yards or so of double yellow lines on Newton Lane.	
45	Cockerton	Problem of visibility at the exit from Prior Street onto West Auckland Road. Solution - get traffic wardens to enforce the use of the double yellow lines already there.	
45	Cockerton	Problem turning right from Cockerton Green onto Woodland Road. Solution - install a yellow box junction.	
46	Residents Parking	Feedback regarding your proposals for revised car parking strategy. Particular comments in relation to RPZ and the proposal to introduce pay & display and visitor permits. While the idea of visitor permits is a good one, what is the expected impact on existing availability of parking for current permit holders? Intention to extend the zones to cater for potential increased demand? Your document states that residents have issues about the lack of available space in unrestricted areas - up to those residents to purchase RPZ permits with the Council extending the availability of RPZ spaces to cater for the demand?. If the Council introduces P&D for (assuming) the current unrestricted areas, those residents will need to pay anyway?	

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47	Cockerton	<p>Parking in Cockerton. PLEASE DO NOT APPLY PARKING CHARGES TO COCKERTON. Most people only pay short visits - to the shops, the hairdressers, the travel agency, the betting shop, the post office, the bank, the fish shop etc. Of course, the local residents also have to park their cars, and those of their visitors. A 3-hour parking limit would probably suffice for the majority of visitors, and the village will continue to be alive, as it has been for the past 55 years which we have lived in the area, and as it was for very many years before that.</p>	
48	Town Centre	<p>As town centre retailer, I get tired of hearing my customer's complaints about parking charges. The major complaint is the over-zealous attitude of the parking attendants, sometimes actually hiding until the driver returns to their car in a panic, just to 'catch' them out!</p>	<p>Our council must take a serious look at their attitude towards motorist shoppers. Parking should have a certain element of 'cost free'. The shopper visiting Darlington seems to think that our council is trying to close the town centre totally.</p>
49	Town Centre	<p>Sincerest thanks for allowing our input regarding future parking implementations within Darlington Borough. Last February every business on Skinnergate was given the opportunity to comment on the future de-pedestrianisation of Skinnergate. 95% of businesses have been requesting vehicle access 24 hours a day since the last public consultation. Progress appears painfully slow. Pedestrianisation was worthy back in 1997 when the pedestrianisation scheme commenced. Not any longer with the decline of the High Street. Ultimately cars bring customers and the closer the cars can get to our businesses the more trade we will benefit from. Argos is the last High Street name brand left in Skinnergate. Argos management propose should 24 hour access be permitted the Skinnergate store would be upgraded to a "superstore" status as are their retail park stores. That is 8pm closing and the acquisition of the unit above Cash Converters for extra storage capacity. Box clothing is the latest victim of the High Street decline with its' closure due at any time. Can we push for the de-pedestrianisation of Skinnergate and allow parking as is currently occurring on Grange Rd. Best wishes. Steve Hunter (Yaeger Barbers) 79 Skinnergate. Darlington</p>	<p>As before. Please allow 24 hour access onto Skinnergate with parking facilities as with the Grange Road shops</p>

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50	Cockerton	I oppose the introduction of parking charges in Cockerton. I have a business there and imposition of charges would be detrimental to trade for all the traders. The Council should be promoting local businesses rather than making life more difficult for them.	
50	Cockerton	I would like to see more support from the Council for trade in the town rather than making residents feel it is more attractive to shop at out of town centres. Imposition of charges in Cockerton would amount to a shopping tax.	
51	Town Centre	Attractive hassle free parking is vital to the success of our town, and indeed any town.	It bothers me that people who visit town on Sundays often tell us that they are surprised that they have to pay to park as they assume that when not all the town is open for business the parking will be free. Once they discover (often to their cost) that the car parks on Sundays are not all free, they are then further bewildered by the fact that although some commercially owned car parks such as the one at The Cornmill are (sensibly) free on Sundays, that they need to pay £1 an hour on the DBC metered streets as opposed to £1 for all day in DBC car parks. In fact parking fines on Sundays are a growing source of income for councils, not just here but in lots of other places too. We still say to avoid confusion and help trade and visitor numbers on Sundays MAKE SUNDAY PARKING UNIVERSALLY FREE in Darlington every Sunday so that we can attract people to town EVERY weekend!

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51	Town Centre	Clear and easy to see and understand signage is a key issue and just as important as cost as the worst thing that happens is when people get tickets because of poor signage. This kind of fine is very bad for the image of the town.	
52	Disabled Parking	I hope that I have correctly understood that parking will remain free for up to 3 hours for blue badge holders. I am delighted about this, as any additional financial burden would mean that it would be easier to go to Teesside Park, rather than supporting my local town centre. I would like to see more on street disabled bays around the town centre to allow disabled people the opportunity to move around different parts of the town. I also think there could be at least 2 more disabled bays in each car park.	-
53	Town Centre	I agree there are sufficient parking spaces in the town centre, however they are of the wrong type. Surface car parks are wasteful of space, ugly and inefficient. There is scope for more limited short term parking on existing streets	Eliminate surface car parks altogether Find a developed willing to build and run one of two large multi story car p[arks in town centre in exchange for redundant surface car parks which could be replaced by high quality, yet affordable apartments.
53	Town Centre	Eliminate all roundabouts on the ring road and replace with simple traffic light schemes (keeping mature trees and green space on roundabouts. Turn one lane on both sides of ring road into angled on street parking (widening remaining lane and designing to allow vehicles to reverse from parking spaces safely)	
54	Cockerton	Action 6 - Pay and Display on Cockerton Green. I am completely opposed to Pay & Display on Cockerton Green. This will have a negative effect on the resident parking in the area as people will park in other parts of the village that are already regularly used by non-residents. There are times when events are on that parking is difficult for residents. This is acceptable at present as it is usually only difficult to park during village fetes/events and school term (drop-off & collection times). Pay & Display would only put added pressure on resident parking and may stop people coming to Cockerton altogether. Pay & Display in any part of Cockerton would kill the village and people would likely shop at the bigger supermarkets out of town with free parking.	Place a clear sign directing visitors to the Free parking behind the Co-op but. restrict the parking time to 3 hours.
54	Town Centre	Park & Ride for commuters and shoppers may help reduce pressure on town centre parking.	

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55	Town Centre	Parking charges should be minimal to attract shoppers to the town. I can park in Chester le Street for all day for £1.50. We need a multi storey car park at Darlington Memorial hospital and parking should be free!!	
56	Residents Parking	I agree residents parking works well on the whole but feel much more is needed to mitigate non-residents parking in certain areas!	I have just moved into Orchard road, part of this street is resident parking, but right outside my house is not. this means we are a prime location for hospital workers and parents on school runs. I have been living here for 1 week and have not once been able to park near my own house. I really feel the resident bay should be extended to outside my house too to avoid non-residents parking here. I have paid for a permit and appreciate parking is difficult but I feel it's completely unfair that anybody but me can park outside my house. for example a resident in the street has not renewed his permit so has been parked outside my house every day for a week now! also one man in particular parks outside every day for 1 hour waiting for his child to come out from school, when I kindly asked him if he would mind moving along so that our sky installation van could park outside to carry out his work he was rude and abusive and refused to help. I can't stress enough how much the street would benefit from extending the permit bays.

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57	Cockerton	<p>The issue of parking around Cockerton Green has been acerbated by the building of flats on the former Westfield site that do not have adequate parking for the number of dwellings (or on occasions the parking is not used as the gates are closed!) The influx of cars at school times and for church functions must be accepted as part and parcel of living on a village green. The suggestion of parking meters along newton Lane side of the green is only removing the problem to the residential side of the green which has limited parking anyway. Charging people to park will deter the use of small business on the village - larger supermarkets and retail outlets offer no charge to park. There is a large piece of land (the former drovers site) that has remained unused for many years and would be more suitably placed as a car park - this has been left to overgrow and become unsightly for many years. The adoption of parking meters and yellow lines within the village detracts from the ethos of the village. Some years ago the end of the green closest to shops was ash anyway - if there is any issue with parking (which in fairness most residents don't believe there is) why can this not have the grass removed and used as parking - this would also decrease the council costs in grass cutting an area which is infrequently used. The same could also be done with a small swathe of land outside of St Mary's Church offering nose in parking where there are currently bollards. There is also we believe an issue with businesses on West Auckland Road not using the parking to the rear of their properties which adds to any congestion elsewhere ie Prior Street thus moving the problems elsewhere. If the residential side of Cockerton Green became resident parking permit only how many permits and at what cost would a resident be able to have - most houses have more than one car per family nowadays.</p>	

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58	Cockerton	I would like to point out that the proposal to introduce on street parking charges will have a detrimental effect on the village. Cockerton village has retained its traditional characteristics and any parking charges will affect local business and the community which would be a great loss for the area. If local businesses cannot be sustained then residents in Branksome will be denied the facilities in Cockerton, and there are many families who rely on Cockerton shops and access to a library and post office etc who cannot afford costs of going into town.	I am aware that councils around the country are introducing parking charges as means to increase their revenue. Darlington relies very much on retail and visitors to the town for its economy and you state that 4000 off-street parking spaces and around 375 on-street spaces within close proximity of the town centre there is sufficient parking supply in Darlington to satisfy current demand. Cockerton Village could be left out of the parking strategy as there appears to adequate parking in Darlington already available
58	Cockerton	As above already adequate parking available in Darlington to meet needs of the town.	
59	Cockerton	Parking in Cockerton: if charges are to come into force it is a 'death knell' to the community of Cockerton. I understand many business owners have not been asked for their opinion. NO TO PARKING CHARGES IN COCKERTON VILLAGE	Resident parking should be safe guarded as has happened in other areas of the town, ie around The Memorial Hospital.
59	Town Centre	I think the Council should ensure safe parking in all car parks and maintain a higher standard surface. An insult to pay £1.00 an hour to park on very uneven surfaces.	
60	Cockerton	I have never been down to the village where I have failed to get a space for parking in or around the village area. I would expect if there were parking restrictions introduced on the green then there still would be the same amount of foot fall, but you would just move the parking to the local roads nearby, ie Stooperdale Road.	I would leave the system as it is. It is likely if a charge is put in place people will drive to out of town shopping centres rather than use the local facilities in Cockerton. If you are in a car it is likely you use Cockerton as a choice.

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60	Cockerton	Please don't kill off the village centre, which is currently the hub of the community, because it is not making the council money. What time would parking restrictions stop? There are various charity / youth groups that rely on short "drop off" parking. 2 schools and 3 churches on the green also rely on parking around the green.	
61	Cockerton	Parking on Cockerton Green I am totally against the charging for parking on Cockerton Green as I am a resident not too far away from the Green and the street where I live is always full of cars using it for shoppers, workers and doctors. This does not help when I am trying to park my own car near my resident in fact I have had to park it a couple of streets away. Granted there is not enough parking in Cockerton, but if you look at the street where I live, the doctors have parking but not all the patients use it probably due to laziness of people not wanting to park there, the Co-op on West Auckland Road, has a few parking areas but once again not a lot hence parking in my street. Certainly for the shops the workers do not use the car park behind the shops on the Green as we have certainly seen plenty of workers parking their cars in my street. If you start to charge for parking the knock on effect will be more people parking in the residential streets and causing a lot of chaos ( or should I say more chaos that it is now_	If you do wish to charge for parking you should also be looking at residential parking around the area to help the residents who also pay their COMMUNITY CHARGE and need your help. After all the council is for the COMMUNITY, or so I believe!!!!!!
61	Town Centre	I'm sorry but as for parking and roads around Darlington, the Council have not looked at anything properly. White Elephants are all Darlington is good for.	
62	Cockerton	Obj 1, Action 6 - Don't need to introduce pay and display to achieve a constant turnover of spaces; could achieve it by restricting length of stay instead. Introduction of pay and display may not benefit local businesses, as people may be reluctant to pay and display. One of the joys of Cockerton is that parking is free. I have never found it difficult to park in Cockerton. Obj 2, Action 11 - I think the introduction of monthly and annual options is a good idea. Obj 3, Action 16 - I don't think that pay and display should be introduced in RPZs. From observation, permit parking areas are often partially or completely empty in a number of different areas of the town and there is always space somewhere in the relevant RPZ area. Introducing pay and display will cost daily commuters at least £20 per week (based on £4 per day). This money will then not be available to spend in town centre businesses. Obj 3, Action 17 - introducing visitors permits in RPZs is a good idea.	Don't introduce pay and display in RPZs. Don't introduce pay and display round Cockerton Green.



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63	Residents Parking	Action 16 - allowing pay & display tickets for resident parking scheme zones: There is not enough of the zones in my area for residents to park in even with permits, let alone allowing more people to use this space. Residents should be able to park outside their homes (or at least on the same street!) when having to pay for the privilege in the first place.	I would want Action 16 to be removed entirely from the Parking Strategy, and more thought given on how to improve the provision of resident parking permits in near to town centre locations.
63	Residents Parking	It will eventually cost me £50 per car, per year, to just have the possibility of parking outside my own house, or even on our street. At present my wife & I are not able to do so all the time, even though we both have permits, as there is not enough provision for the amount of residents who have cars on our street (only about a third of our street is zoned for residents parking) - but I believe the resident permits should allow us to park more freely than at present.	

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I think the strategy looks good - and in particular that relating to increased parking to accommodate the development in the town centre. I think the charges of about £1 an hour are good and feel competitive. It might be good to reduce the charges in come car parks - perhaps offering an 'early bird' for people working in the town? A reduced rate for parking before 8 and leaving by 4? Or something like that? Might help control traffic in and out of town centre?

I am most interested in the resident parking as I live near the town centre and are part of a scheme coercing parking there. I think on the whole the scheme has worked ok - though I have to say there is not a massive difference now (other than more restrictions and fewer spaces) than before the scheme launched. That said I suspect things would have got worse with more and more people looking to park for free instead of using car parks in town - which would have made parking near home in the middle of the day impossible! I think the amount we pay is about right. In terms of the strategy. Not sure I agree with the logic of action 16. People can only park for 2 hours anyway? The problem is availability in some zones like ours (N) where there is a business next door with several staff and people coming and going all day and night and numerous rented accommodation over the road (with both lots of people being much less inclined to purchase a pass to park and therefore occupy the free spaces pretty much all of the time - which happen to be outside my house so I maybe park there once a week if I am lucky). There is also a bus stop which wipes out 5-6 potential spaces – do we really need that bus stop to have its own area to pull in? There aren't any others like it along

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64			<p>the street and not that many buses. If there were more resident places it would alleviate the problem we have with free spaces being occupied for days at a time - the record being 3 weeks!!! I don't want them to be pay and display or I will never be able to park there! Make them resident parking and charge in spaces elsewhere. I would also like people that pay for a permit to be able to park in the short stay for longer than 2 hours when they need to. I got a ticket for parking in one when I had no choice and thought that was really unfair. I agree re visitors – especially in holiday season when they have to leave their car streets away. Could there be online permits for visitors to book? Could I apply for one for them on their behalf or will you let them book their own? Agree on the parking for tradespeople</p>
65	Town Centre	<p>1. Sufficient town centre parking spaces to cope with the Mowden Hall influx (and the new Leisure complex) need to be created before they relocate into the town centre, bearing in mind that you are already going to lose 45 spaces behind the Town Hall, with a possible 300+ cars coming into the Town Centre!!!! More shoppers will not bother once they can't get a space.</p>	
65	Town Centre	<p>1, Middlesbrough have proved that a certain amount of free parking in the Town Centre brings people in. We are currently driving them away to Teesside Park and West Auckland where the new shops next to Tesco and opposite Sainsbury's is thriving - why? Free Parking. 2. Nowhere in the documents have I read that the aim is to ensure the viability of the Town Centre/Market shops, only how to raise money for the Council!!!</p>	

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65	Cockerton	1, Leave Cockerton alone - parking charges will kill the shops there.	
66	Town Centre	<p>Town centre parking charges are a major disincentive to shop in the town centre. If you have planned a day of shopping then it is not such a problem, but if you just needed a bag of carrots on your way home, why would you pay an additional £1 for the pleasure when you can get cheaper from one of the large supermarkets and not pay for parking (and not have to walk as far) Residents Parking Zones (combined with 2 hour parking areas) have reduced the availability of free parking for people working on the fringes of the town centre- this becomes another tax on employment and at typically £10 per week is a significant cost for low paid staff to bear. Public transport is not a very useful option for many people- I had to allow 45 minutes if I used the bus to get from my address to my previous workplace for a specific time. In the car I had to allow 20 minutes at worst (for a 9am start). Public transport also becomes very patchy late at night- finishing work at 10pm usually involved waiting for up to an hour for the last bus. And I only live 2 miles from the town centre. Cycling is also iffy due to the lack of useful cycle lanes- this has been made worse by the modifications to North Road (going into town you get stuck behind a bus, going North you get forced into the kerb by faster moving cars now limited to a narrow lane instead of the previous wide lanes.</p>	<p>Institute free parking for up to 2 hours at all town centre car parks with no free return allowed that day. Look at offering extended free parking (eg an extra 2 hours) for persons spending (for example) £20 or more in a single transaction in the town centre. Offer 4 hours free parking to paying customers at the Civic Theatre (this won't cost much, only really affects matinees and children's shows and would cost virtually nothing to implement- just print a dated and timed car park voucher with the tickets. Only really helpful with advance bookings so the same trick won't work very well at the Dolphin Centre)</p>

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Residents parking schemes- I've never been involved in one but I assume there are limits on how many vehicles any household can have permits for? Which becomes a bit irritating for householders living within the scheme Pay and Display in RPZs (Action 16) looks rather like a revenue generating exercise that will irritate the residents. Good luck with that one Action 13 and 14- very simple text to pay (reg number, car park reference, hours required) would be lovely. Also remember contactless cards for quick and simple payment. Action 15- see above regarding Civic Theatre customers. You could also refund some car parking fees for paying customers (the additional 2 hour charge) at the Civic Theatre, Dolphin Centre etc on production of the parking ticket (Morrisons in Eccles do this) Not included in the consultation is the issues arising from on street parking more distant from the town centre. As a result (I suspect) of more households with either 2 parents working or 1 parent and one or more adult children working, the number of cars resident in many streets is starting to exceed the number of parking spaces available- this is leading to some very antisocial parking (obstructing dropped kerbs leading to private off-street parking areas) and downright dangerous parking (vehicles parked adjacent to and sometimes on junctions, vehicles parked blocking most of the pavement on 1 side of the road since the street is only wide enough for 2 and a bit vehicles). Add to this vehicles which are really too long for the private off-street bay they are parked in and thus overhang the pavement by varying amounts- some effectively blocking the pavement. Since parking enforcement is now handled by the council, the Police are not at all interested and I've never ever seen a Council parking warden outside the town centre (paid parking) areas. So what are you going to do about it? I would suggest a bit of education first- send some of your wardens out of the town centre to see the horrors and leaflet the offending vehicles with reminders about what is and isn't acceptable and lawful in terms of on street parking (since many people profess ignorance on the subject of dropped kerbs, junctions, white lines, blocking pavements etc). And then after 3 months start having revenue trips outside the town centre. I was told that I could report parking issues to a phone number at the Town Hall- can I not just email you a picture of the offending vehicle? And on the subject of horrendous parking, why do you tolerate the numerous breaches committed by the users of the Life and Light Mission on Parkgate? On Tuesday nights and Thursday nights you will find any number of cars and vans parked on the pavement, on the double yellow lines and randomly scattered throughout the car park. Very irritating for customers (and staff) at the Civic Theatre and other businesses in the area who get ticketed for parking in a much more considerate

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Objective 3 - Residents Parking Zones. I live in RPZ K so my comments will be fairly specific to issues in this RPZ. The current system works well in deterring parking from town centre visitors and I have the option of parking near my home at most times while shops are open. There is a problem though in the evening caused by parking on Borough Road and Melland St from visitors to the Civic Theatre in the evening, and also to a more limited extent from Coaches in the afternoon when there is a school related show on (Horrible Histories for eg, or at any time during Panto season). The present RPZ is in force until 6pm and before this time, on most occasions, there is no problem - no more than 3-4 cars at once parked between Parkgate and Sanderson St. After 6pm on certain days (when the RPZ is no longer in force) the street can be full of cars - often 15-20 in the same area, and these are clearly not from residents, as within 15 mins of a theatre performance concluding this number will reduce to a maximum of 3 cars. Although some residents including myself have access to their own private parking (attached to their residence), there is still sometimes the need to park at the front of the property - particularly for unloading and other issues etc. Also, as my work schedule and many others does not fall within a 9-5 or similar timescale, it means that on some days I cannot park near the front of my home in the evening on return from work or food shopping trips, as it is nose to tail with Theatre patrons. There is also a lack of awareness of the local car parks (which are free after 6pm) causing additional parking on Borough Road that could be avoided. As stated before, the parking problems for residents in this zone from town centre shopping is minimal, as it always was but the parking problems into the evening from non-residents can at times (not every day) be significant, and this issue has never been properly addressed.

Some suggestions for consideration to solve the above problems are included below. Some may work in conjunction with each other while some could be used individually or instead of another option: 1: Increase the timescale that RPZ's in certain locations with specific problems like this one (not necessarily all of them) are in operation into the evening - to 8pm for eg - and increase the enforcement patrols into these times to make it work - as this will not be necessary in all areas, costs should be limited. 2: Place signage on Parkgate (from both directions) directing cars to the car parks on Park Place, as I don't believe there is any signage at present. 3: In relation to tickets purchased for the theatre, both online and in ticket centres, make reference to the following statement or similar wording "Please use the car parks on Park Place (free after 6pm), and do not park on Borough Road or Melland St". If this were printed on the tickets or any additional literature currently issued with tickets/bookings, costs could be minimal in implementing this. 4: Communicate with Coach operators ensuring their drivers do not park on Borough Road or block the road when dropping off patrons. Often they can park on the street for the duration of the performance and

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67			can often also leave their engines running, causing significant unnecessary noise.
68	Cockerton	Parking in the Cockerton Green Area If the feedback offered by businesses is complaining about footfall being poor, I would suggest that introducing a parking charge will only make the situation worse. If someone is getting charged for parking would they be liable to visit the town centre rather than Cockerton as the choice of shops is larger in the town	If the footfall needs to be increased I would suggest that short stay parking without a charge is introduced of say 2 hours duration. A penalty system could be considered outside the allocated time period.
68	Cockerton	Since I started driving in 1977 I have seen punitive measures taken by all manner of government bodies in what I consider to be fund raising schemes. Surely the fact that we pay road tax, council tax, excise duty on fuel etc. etc. is sufficient to allow us to use the roads, and park on them? The village green is used through the summer by local charitable organisations for fund raising events. Participation in these events for volunteers means parking on The Green is a pre-requisite. Is special dispensation to be made for these events or is the Council planning on inflicting charges on these organisations?	
69	Town Centre	Is it possible to end the confusion on Sunday parking with regards to the cost of on street & off street parking. It's fine for Darlington residents but not visitor's.	Try to harmonise the differing costs of Sunday parking.
70	Town Centre	In the long term, parking in Darlington through Multi storey parks may hold the number of vehicles but it won't alleviate the congestion we have on the entrance roads to the town at peak hours. We are unfortunate in the fact that all roads meet in the town centre with only a southern bypass to feed that side of town Current policies on Web site.	what the council needs to do is to reduce the amount coming into the town. Park and Ride? with x town facilities. The other problem is the cross town routes, from the A68 and A167 across to the A66 can take 1/2 to 3/4 of an hour during peak times. I don't know what can be done to link these roads and bypass the north side of the town.



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70	Town Centre	Parking is not too bad for the town, multi storey would help but then it's the congestion at peak times on the roads themselves that is the problem, we have had some accidents where the town became totally gridlocked and that goes for roadworks as well, Cockerton and North Road being the last two occurrences. I still think reducing the traffic would go a long way to a cleaner air and safer environment in town.	
71	Town Centre	Car parking is too expensive and is costing revenue as private car parks are taking business. The cost of car parking is making Darlington un attractive to visitors. This in turn is reducing the viability of businesses in the town which in turn reduces the amount of rates gathered by the council. Reduced car parking charges may actually increase council revenue. To charge for car parking at areas such as Cockerton will be the death of many struggling businesses.	Please bring back the 3 hours for price of two. This was very popular. It will also bring in more revenue as DBC car parks will be more competitive against the privately run car parks. Do not bring in charges to any areas currently with free parking.
71	Town Centre	It is short sighted based on in effect taxing car users. What is lost is that people are simply deserting Darlington as a shopping town. People do not have to shop in Darlington.	
72	Town Centre	I have lived in Darlington all my life but now rarely shop in the town centre, not because I can't afford the parking charges but out of principle. Once you could park in the centre for an hour, free. Since the council took over it has put yellow lines or parking charges everywhere. I would prefer to pay the extra in fuel and have better shopping options at the Metro Centre, with free parking.	Return to some limited free town centre parking. It's not just parking, this has to go hand in hand with general traffic congestion on the main roads and ring road caused by poor traffic light management.
72	Other	I get the feeling it's all part of Darlington councils on going anti car strategy, even though most motorists are going to be tax / rate payers with disposable income to spend.	

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73	Town Centre	<p>I would like to say I have no issues with car parking charges and agree with charging. I do not like and will not use multi story car parks as the spaces are not realistic in size. I would rather pay more and park in a space without fear the person next to me will dent my door. Also it seems to be important to keep jobs in Darlington, rightly so. Yes in an idea world we would all get the bus to work, but reality is there is not enough seat/standing space on the bus and they are expensive, not always available at the correct times, etc. So back to the car parks, for people to stop parking down residential street maybe there could be a season ticket for Monday to Friday for parking at a reduced rate. It would get those who use residential parking to pay for parking and give a saving to those who already use car parks. For example £10 per week = £520 for a season ticket.</p>	
74	Residents Parking	<p>Residents parking is an absolute farce, Why do we as resident's have to pay to be able to park outside our homes. We pay enough in road tax/council tax to be able to have this "luxury", This luxury isn't even policed. There aren't any visible signs of enforcement walking the streets. Which would make it a feasible option, The last time i saw a member of the "enforcement team" in our area was when they were out with a tape measure, measuring a car in the street to see how far it was parked away from the curb, is this a good use of time ? I think not, I'm sure there is a better focus on given tickets out as we all know that it isn't in the job description absolutely frowned upon..</p>	<p>Enforce tickets in all areas where tickets should be regardless of who parks there, IE. the car park next to the Cricketers, on a weekend i know for a fact this isn't policed/enforced due to who parks there.. I was once told by Sue Gillingham that travellers own this car park and that they are allowed to park there free of charge on a weekend ??? is this true? Also why do residents in the west end have to buy there permits, when Hundens lane etc, get there's for free, I Don't think this is Equality at all and defiantly not value for money.</p>
74	Other	<p>Stream line the service is there really any need for there to be 3 supervisors in the office when one of these sits and plays solitaire, when the amount of guys walking the streets had to be streamlined as they weren't being cost effective ? 1 supervisor is being paid the same as 2 people on the street, and who "makes " the company the most amount of money? certainly isn't the supervisors !!!</p>	

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75	Residents Parking	<p>I would appreciate, as a resident, visitor parking passes so if I have friends and family visit they can park their car near to my house without worrying about its safety/ parking tickets. When I lived in Oxford you could get temporary passes from the council where you wrote the date and displayed them in the car so they allowed people to temporarily park their cars but couldn't be used to avoid paying for a resident's permit. You could also limit the number of passes people could have in a certain period/ how many could be used at once to make sure people didn't take advantage and block up parking spaces for other residents.</p>	<p>Possibly give people up to 2 hours free parking in the town centre with the option to pay if you are parked for longer. This would appease angry shoppers who don't like paying and also stop commuters from taking up all the car parking spots. Perhaps also trial the system Southampton council is running where it has introduced an Oyster-card like system so people don't end up paying more than they should because they don't have small change on them. This should also be quite popular and would reduce the number of parking fines handed out by people who risk leaving their car without paying if they don't have change on them. You could perhaps offer discounted passes to people who work in Darlington so they could park Monday-Friday at a discounted rate in certain car parks. This would fill up car parks that are often half empty and provide additional revenue to the council.</p>

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76	Residents Parking	Possible multi-storey car park south of town centre fringe - where is this? We need more info to comment further. Residents Parking Zones - agree with idea of visitor permits depending on cost (eg, my Dad aged 81 visits several times a week and has limited mobility but not blue badge holder). Many of the local residents have 2 cars per household but only permit for 1 car because not needed midweek and can park in free parking other times - we would not want to be penalised for having 2 cars! We don't want pay and display in Langholm Crescent - it will feel like we are living right in town and it will affect the feel of the area. We do want consideration from non-residents in where they park and how much noise they make.	Introduce visitor permits - both one-off visitors and regular visitors permits. Extend size of residents parking zones to take account of changing any free-for-all spaces to not free since residents with cars will be affected by that ( I cannot always find a free space in residents parking despite having a permit). Introduce a weekend permit for residents who only need to park during the day in the area at weekends as out at work Monday to Friday.
76	Town Centre	Introduce 2 hours free in some car parks as in Middlesbrough to attract shoppers to the town.	
77	Town Centre	As a Town Centre worker I am concerned that the proposed multi storey car park will not a) be built in time b) be of the required capacity to cope with the loss of the other Town Centre car parks (bus station, rear of town hall). Given that the new cinema/retail/hotel and new office block will create much more demand for short stay (cinema/leisure) and long stay (office block), I am concerned that there will be insufficient spaces and these will all be of a short stay nature. This leaves Town Centre workers with a lack of parking and potentially further distance to get into work. I suggest a) that the Town Hall car parks should not be de-commissioned before the new multi storey is operational. b) adequate long (daily) parking provision should be made in the new multi storey.	

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78	Town Centre	Since the alterations to car parking around the market place I find it is usually impossible to park my car when visiting the indoor market and neighbourhood shops. I have blue badges but these spaces are usually full. As a result I only visit the town centre once a week as I find it very difficult to park in the Town Hall car park and walk uphill to the market.	Marked bays on all disability spaces would help. There is space for 4 cars in these areas but due to poor parking there are usually only three parked cars. Also, the ends of the bays could be straightened providing even more space. I know that the council want to keep the market square free for entertainment/ displays etc. but opening this to car parking on days that it was not being used for events would not only ease the parking situation but would also be a huge source of income in the present financial situation.
78	Other	Most parking problems are caused by thoughtless or ignorance drivers - not a lot you can do about that!!	
79	Cockerton	On street pay & display at Cockerton Green. I was horrified to read that this is proposed - is the council trying to kill off another part of Darlington with parking charges. They have already done it to the town centre. Cockerton has struggled to fill its vacant shops but at last most are occupied. This proposal could end all that	Do nothing at Cockerton
80	Cockerton	Don't even think of parking charges around Cockerton Green. Few parkers there go to most shops, they use free parking behind the shop parade. Restrictions already apply in W Auckland Road - enforce those better to improve shop footfall.	Forget charge introduction around Cockerton Green.
80	Disabled Parking	Charge all blue badge holders for all parking in all places whilst allocating specific bays for their use. Free blue badge parking is so abused.	

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81	Cockerton	Action 6 - on street pay and display in Cockerton. I believe it will reduce the footfall within Cockerton and have an adverse impact on retailers. Action 10 - car park and on street charges. Too high and affecting Darlington's competitiveness with other shopping/leisure centres. Action 12 - time limit short stay car parks to increase turnover. I believe this will discourage people from shopping in Darlington if they have to 'watch the clock'.	Action 6 - no on street pay and display in Cockerton. Action 10 - reduce the car parking charges to encourage shoppers to come to Darlington. Action 12 - no time limit on short stay car parks. If people want to spend all day in Darlington and are prepared to pay then let them.
82	Town Centre	Far too expensive compared to other local towns ie Middlesbrough Northallerton, etc. Also the majority of the car parking spaces are far too narrow to allow easy access to and from your vehicle (even a small car) without causing damage to either mine or others.	To align your charges with other towns, to encourage people to visit and use our local shops. Also if you only want to pick up or return an item without having a long walk you still have to spend at least £1.00 for an hour when you don't need to. I am aware that you can park for 30 minutes but this is on the other side of town. Change the bays to allow easier access to and from your car without being worried that you will either cause damage to others or have damage done to your car.
82	Town Centre	I wrote to the council a few years ago regarding the size of the parking bays and how they differed??? The spaces in the middle of the car park ( the one opposite Marks & Spencer's ) are 7ins narrower than the bays around the sides.. I was told that they conformed with E U regulations which bays do these apply to. I would love to hear your views on this. Darlington Council charge the most for car parking than any other local town and you cannot park with any confidence that you will not damage either your own or other vehicles. I prefer to travel a little further and get cheaper and more space.	

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83	Residents Parking	Residents' Parking Why does Darlington Council find it so difficult to work out a strategy whereby people affected by residents' parking are able to apply for/purchase vouchers to enable visitors to park for a short period near their home?	I would like to be able to obtain vouchers to enable family and friends to visit me without having the worry and concern about finding them places to park. This is not something which would happen every day as my family don't live close by but not having one day in the week when people can visit without the problem of parking is ridiculous. I have asked people up and down the country who live in parking zones and their councils seems to have worked out a workable strategy.
83	Residents Parking	There doesn't seem to be a strategy in Darlington - just "let's hit the easiest targets", ie. people living within the resident's parking zones. Apart from taking away the one day in the week, Sunday, when visitors could park, then putting on the £5 charge for workmen who have to access our homes, the annual parking fee for our own vehicles has risen over the past 2 years from £25 per annum to £40 without any prior notification.	
84	Town Centre	I would like to address the point of parking charges within Darlington and how disgusted I am, when comparing them to surrounding towns such as Stockton and larger towns such as Newcastle. This strategy states, that charges have been compared to surrounding towns, however, I believe that whoever has carried this research, must have only concentrated on the 1 hour charges. It is not correct to consider that Darlington has fair charges, when comparing to Stockton which is at 50p for up to 2 hours, and even car parks in the very centre of Newcastle are charged at 70p per hour. How can Darlington council justify charging £2.50 for two hours (a recent new change I noticed in the car park behind Barclays Bank!)? I can understand charging slightly more than Stockton, based on the better standard of shops, however, more expensive than Newcastle? I find this ridiculous and I really despise having to pay these charges and now find myself shopping outside of Darlington town.	Reduce car park charges.

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85	Town Centre	I live in Heighington and bank in Darlington town centre (business and personal accounts). During visits to the bank to pay in and withdraw (10 minutes) we have to pay a minimum of £1.00 for an hour parking in the streets around the bank. We make around 4 trips each week and either leave immediately (£1 for 10 min parking) or spend a small amount of time in the local shops (reduces turnover of car parking spaces). Fractions of hours should be available (eg 20/40/60 mins). This would facilitate more frequent turnover of spaces and encourage us not to move our banking to Durham. Parking meters in Durham build up the time you pay to park as you add coins (eg 10p = 15 mins etc..) this is a much fairer way and encourages turnover of the spaces and no need to give change. We pass through Cockerton on our journey to town, frequently stopping to use the shops and other facilities. Introducing charges for parking in Cockerton would discourage us from stopping to shop.	
86	Cockerton	Charging to park on Cockerton Green is a ludicrous idea. My street is full of Cockerton school teachers , workers and shoppers so many a time myself and neighbours can not park near our homes .People will certainly not pay to park in the car park or the road side of the green because they do not now and its free so it will make it even more of a nightmare for us who live in Cockerton	Resident parking would help or give us a decent chance of parking near our homes
86	Town Centre	Town centre car park charges in my opinion are good value but I did not realise the on street parking was full price on Sundays	
87	Town Centre	Since the introduction of street parking in Grange Road, Duke Street area I have not popped into town or used Skinnergate for brief trips or heavy items. There needs to be an increase in 2 hour slots around the immediate vicinity of town including Duke Street, Grange Road and around North Lodge park, Gladstone area.	Increase the amount of free 2 hour slots, enable parking to be free after 3.30pm or 4.00pm to pop into town after school or at end of day. Free parking on Sundays in all car parks.



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88	Town Centre	My comments relate to lack of short term free parking and off duty taxi's taking up free spaces.	I would like to see short term( i.e half hour) free parking as close to town centre as possible in order to do the one-off tasks i.e banking, collection of goods, collect prescription which only take a matter of minutes, without having to pay. I also am concerned at the number of off duty taxi's taking up valuable free parking spaces in North Lodge Terrace. which I believe is the nearest free parking area to town.
89	Town Centre	I do not understand why parking charges commence at 8.00am when the majority of shops do not open until 9.00am. I am sure that would get more people shopping for a longer period. People could have breakfast in the town up to 9 and then start paying as they should, once they are shopping. The current arrangement provides no incentive to go into town earlier, especially with so many cars in the town.	More visibility is required on traffic management within the town centre to avoid possible serious incidents. I can think of two areas, behind Queen Street and in Skinnergate near Ladbroke's where people illegally park every day without any control from what I can see. More parking controls or signs need to be implemented to make these two areas in particular more safety from both drivers and pedestrians.
89	Cockerton	Parking charges in Cockerton would be a disaster and force people into the town centre where there is more on offer or into retail parks. Cockerton has worked hard to fill all shops etc and people use parking here for quick visits to the food outlets or chemists for example. People would not want a parking levy placed on their fish and chips or Chinese etc.	

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90	Cockerton	Cockerton pay to park. is a stupid idea taking trade from the shops. parking has always been free. if you introduce this u are going to have to put on residential parking in the streets as nobody is going to get parked round about. It is not fair to residents as the ones going shopping are going to use nearby streets like moorlands road and Garthlands Road to park. which some do already. causing residents not able to park outside their own home which we pay plenty council tax for.	make streets residential only parking. don't charge to park it will affect the shops in the long run.
91	Town Centre	It should be free parking, there should be no charges people bring money into the town.	
92	Cockerton	Objective 1 Optimise parking supply within the right locations within the Borough Objective 1 Optimise parking supply within the right locations within the Borough There are currently no parking restrictions in Cockerton but businesses and residents have suggested there are parking pressures caused by cars parked around Cockerton Green. Although there is a free car park behind the parade of shops in Cockerton many workers, shoppers and visitors park around the Green – the introduction of pay and display parking around the Green would encourage a constant turnover of footfall, benefitting local businesses. Action 6 Investigate feasibility of on street pay and display parking in Cockerton centre 6a) Analysis of the parking issues in the Borough identifies parking problems, including lack of turnover around the Green, in Cockerton.	the reason why there is no turnover is that it is actual residents that are parked! do you want me to park elsewhere so someone else can park their car when they pop to the shops? On street pay and display parking is not required! This is a money making exercise! I note that you say that residents have said there are parking pressures but no-one has asked me! The parking pressures are caused by each household having at least two cars and only a finite parking capacity!
92	Town Centre	I feel that the proposed changes will do nothing to encourage increased footfall and will actively discourage visitors. In addition it will encourage the actual residents to shop elsewhere where the parking is either free or has an incentive e.g. Middlesbrough new free 2hours.	
93	Cockerton	As a resident of Cockerton Green, I wish to point out that most of the residents houses do not have back entrances and have no alternative but to park in front of their properties. I would also like to say that the car park behind the main run of shops is often not full ,and is also free of charge and yet shoppers still use the road in front of the green as an easy place to park .	I personally would like resident permit parking, and am sure shoppers would soon use the car park.

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94	Cockerton	<p>Parking on Cockerton Green:- I cannot understand the reasoning behind any thoughts of introducing parking pay and display in Cockerton. I totally agree as a regular visitor to Cockerton with the points raised by shopkeepers as highlighted in today's Northern Echo (Tuesday 3rd September 2013). I believe enough damage has been done by reducing the Library opening hours to footfall without adding additional dis-incentives to any car owners visiting to do a quick shop rather than drive into the town centre. Is the Council trying to isolate Cockerton from being the thriving village we have known for the past 48 years</p>	<p>Leave well alone. It would appear the current charges are a constant concern to shopkeepers in the town centre, where whatever the Council think is making motorists think twice before visiting to do any shopping.</p>
94	Cockerton	<p>I note a figure of £40,000 is quoted to conduct a feasibility study into introducing on street parking charges. I would suggest that could go a long way to funding more worthwhile projects such as maintaining a Library service at Cockerton, which I understand is once again is up for review.</p>	

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95	Town Centre	<p>Action 1 Development of a multi-storey car park within the Feethams area to mitigate against loss of current supply and accommodate increased demands. It is not clear if the £6m required to build this car park is funded by the council or through the Feethams development itself. If the Feethams development will require additional parking then the developers themselves should contribute (in part at least) to the cost of building the multi-storey. Where has the £6m figure been obtained from? Sainsbury's car park has been created using a simple deck. Could a similar approach be adopted - which must be relatively cheap.</p> <p>Action 8 : Investigate additional on street car parking in Skinnergate and Duke Street. There is enough on street parking on Duke Street already. Skinnergate is an essentially a pedestrianised street and should be left as such. The exit from the Abbots Yard car park presents a conflict between pedestrians and vehicles already and on street parking on Skinnergate would worsen his situation.</p> <p>Action 10 - The current charges of £1 per hour or £4 per day do not provide enough options for parking.</p> <p>Action 12 - I assume that this is to prevent workers using the car parks restricting the availability of parking for shoppers?</p> <p>Action 13 - pay on foot should be implemented wherever possible, alongside a sensible pricing strategy.</p> <p>Action 15 - Isn't this part of Distinct Darlington's remit anyway?</p>	<p>Action 1 - Ensure funding is through Feethams developers themselves.</p> <p>Action 8 : Omit this action altogether.</p> <p>Action 10 - I recently visited Newark-on-Trent, and the car park I used there had a charge of 10p for 10 minutes, with pay on foot payment / pay on leaving, which meant that you weren't charged for more time than you needed. This seemed like a sensible price point. Perhaps half an hour free, and a fixed charge for over 4 hours would provide a sensible balance.</p> <p>Action 12 - Clarification of which car parks are being considered.</p> <p>Action 13 - pay on foot / pay on leaving should be implemented alongside a sensible pricing strategy.</p> <p>Action 15 - Distinct Darlington's website states "Access – Businesses in Darlington Town Centre want to make car parking more accessible and affordable for visitors. This will be achieved by Distinct Darlington Ltd through parking promotions" DBC should therefore not be contributing to their costs.</p>

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96	Cockerton	Charging for parking in Cockerton - there is not really a major parking problem in Cockerton. It is busiest at school drop off and pick up times but that is inevitable with 2 schools so close together. Introducing charges will mean people do not visit and use the facilities in Cockerton as much. Businesses already struggling will suffer even more. When Capita and the DfE move from the site on Staindrop Road the businesses will lose trade and parking charges will make the matter even worse. Charges on the green will move the cars to the residential roads and have a greater impact on residents who will find it harder to park near their homes.	
97	Cockerton	With reference to proposed pay and display on Cockerton Green I believe it will make parking impossible for parents attending both Holy Family and Cockerton Schools. Lots of parents who are going onto work have to bring children in cars and can not afford to pay every day to take their children into school. It will make even more people try and park around prior street which is an accident waiting to happen due to no Lollipop person being employed at the bottom of Holy Family School bank in Prior Street.	
98	Cockerton	I object to Action 6 which proposes pay and display in Cockerton. The introduction of this would undoubtedly kill the village. You have already removed the toilets, made the library part time and with the disruptive roadworks going on, why are people going to pay to shop there. If they have to pay, they will just go into the town causing more congestion. There are already empty shops in the village, you are going to kill this village off as no-one will pay the charges.	Do not bring in pay and display to Cockerton Village. In its day it was a vibrant place to be, as it had everything you could possibly want from a village but you can slowly see it dying. You have already made significant changes to the village by making the library part time and the current roadworks are also having a massive effect on trade. Paying to park there is ludicrous. If people can't get in the Co-op park then they are not going to be prepared to pay on the green. If the residents are complaining, they need to think about how the loss of their village is going to affect their house prices!!!!

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98	Cockerton	I am very excited about the town centre development but the council is going too far with the budget cuts. This government says we are all in this together. Are we heck as like! Save some money and stop buying the ludicrous amount of flowers you buy each year to win a competition and distribute money where it's needed. If you kill that village, in an area where there are high numbers of elderly people, you are ruining their quality of life. No-one is going to pop to the post office or pop to the hardware store and have to pay for the privilege of doing so!!!	
99	Town Centre	What a load of old tosh, the council won't be happy till all the town is boarded up. Parking charges should be dropped or relaxed altogether. Who wants to pay too look about Darlington vast selection of charity and pound shops.	First two hours free like Middlesbrough. Cheaper parking in general. Parking spaces wide enough to get modern cars in.
100	Town Centre	I believe as a home owner living in George Street I pay my taxes and council tax and feel very strongly that we should not have to pay to park our cars in front of our own houses half of our street is resident parking and I think that's how it should stay as I worry as I have lots of family who visit and there would be no where to park if the full street would become this.	More parking at a reasonable rate in the town centre and more parking facilities would mean less parking within our neighbourhood. The post office staff are the worst for doing this.
100	Residents Parking	we pay enough money out each month and many other families are now facing tight budgets so charging us to park our cars on our fronts is not on, as our road in George street is already crumbling away due to bad weather and I have been onto the council and they say there is no money in the budget for this to be done so this has already got residents mad as it is damaging our cars. Also older members in the area who don't have a car should be allowed to get permits so family members can call and see them.	
101	Residents Parking	I am extremely supportive of the following actions 11, 17 and 18.	I live in a RPZ which I duly pay for and have experienced difficulties with visitors and work men. Anything that can be done to mitigate this would be helpful.

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102	Town Centre	<p>I have a shop in the Skinnergate/ Duke Street/Post House Wynd area. I am not convinced that allowing cars to access the area during the day is a good idea. At present there is plenty of nearby car parking in Abbots Yard and behind Duke Street. Please bear in mind that the prime movers pressing for this change are generally anti-DBC and anti-BID and are by nature a pessimistic moaning bunch, generally right wing, pro-car, anti pedestrian and anti-bike. They will always try to find someone else to blame for their poorly performing businesses! At the moment families can mill about in Skinnergate free from worries about cars (and on that point, could we please have effective enforcement to stop selfish motorists turning right out of Abbots Yard and driving along Skinnergate in the middle of the day?). If cars are allowed into Skinnergate everyone will be pinned to the pavements and the area will be less attractive and less shopper-friendly. And while I'm here, could you please paint a white line or an effective double yellow line on Skinnergate across the top of Post House Wynd. Unthinking drivers park there in the evening, blocking access to the Wynd to shopkeepers with out-of-hours deliveries and emergency vehicles. There have been two fires in Post House Wynd over the past thirty years that I can remember and blocking access to fire, police and ambulance in this way is dangerous. In fact, I don't know why you have allowed this situation to develop, especially when you went round the Borough just a couple of months ago renewing the yellow lines. Oh, and one more thing, could you install some cycling bays in the heart of the town centre, rather than on the fringes? At present thoughtless cyclists often lock their bikes to the top of the handrails on the High Row steps, which makes the rails inaccessible for disabled and elderly people. Why is no action taken against these cyclists?</p>	
103	Town Centre	<p>Multi , high rise parking.... should be situated within the Ring Road of the Town. A very good place for a new building would be the present car park behind Boots . Plus, approaches in and out of these buildings needs to be wider , the one on Crown street is too narrow and twisty, like a lot of these places . There should be , for safety , different 'in &amp; out' entry / exits .</p>	<p>Paying for parking in Cockerton Green is a mistake ... as it wouldn't make any difference to present parking , just another 'money bags' for the Council ! Why not , if you want more parking in Cockerton - build a new one , on land behind Cockerton Club, the site of the old Drover's Inn .The land is going 'spare' and is also VERY overgrown.</p>

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103	Town Centre	Parking, in Town, should be cheaper overall, to encourage more shoppers , and Sunday's free everywhere in Town. The Town's Market Square stands idle most of the year , and should be used for parking at most times, unless engaged in a specific 'event'.	
104	Cockerton	There is NO need whatsoever for parking charges to be brought in here. Once again your cash cow raises its head!	
104	Town Centre	You have already had a good go at killing footfall in the town centre. Sick to death with you lot wasting tax payers money and ruining this town.	
105	Town Centre	Price Parking in Darlington is too expensive. If you want to increase footfall parking has to be cheaper. I can park in Middlesbrough for free for 2 hours or £1 for all day with a 5 min walk to the centre. I can park at Teesside Park for free. If Darlington wants to compete it must reduce parking charges	
106	Cockerton	Proposals for charging for parking at Cockerton Green. Careful consideration of current parking problems in streets around Cockerton centre. I live in Moorlands Road adjacent to Cockerton shopping area and we already have major problems with parking in our street both with shoppers and visitors to Doctors surgery short term and longer periods workers from shops etc on West Auckland Road. Any scheme to charge for parking in Cockerton is going to make parking worse not better in my street and others in the vicinity. You are just going to make people park in surrounding streets even more when they are visiting or work in the area. This would make parking for residents even more difficult and not just in my street but others also including Cockerton Green.	Option 1 If you intend to pursue this part of your strategy it is essential you review the effect on local residents and instigate new resident parking zones to prevent this money making exercise making parking in Cockerton even worse than it already is. Option 2 would be to abandon any thoughts of charging adjacent Cockerton Green as there isn't a problem with parking there at the moment.
106	Town Centre	Although I understand raising revenue is a major issue, looking after local residents should be number 1 in your priorities and should underpin your strategy. Multi storey car park is essential for Feethams development and is a no brainer for the town	
107	Town Centre	Close car parks, build new bus station instead and implement a park and ride scheme like Durham	



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108	Town Centre	<p>I don't understand why the council has as a goal encouraging turnover in short stay car parks. I fail to see how this will help traders. At present I am fortunate to live close to the town centre but when I didn't I hated having to guess how long I would be. This often curtailed my shopping trip which HURTS retailers. I much prefer schemes elsewhere where one can pay on exit of the car park. Even if this isn't possible due to the cost there must be better alternatives such as allowing people to extend their stay with a card or mobile.</p>	<p>As above "I much prefer schemes elsewhere where one can pay on exit of the car park. Even if this isn't possible due to the cost there must be better alternatives such as allowing people to extend their stay with a card or mobile." I can buy many items by paying via mobile phone, I don't see why this can't be done for parking.</p>
108	Town Centre	<p>I do think Darlington is losing out to other locations because of the cost and inconvenience of parking. If I lived away from the town centre it is just as easy (and free in many cases) to drive somewhere else nearby. If there were some way to link the council financially to retailers in the town this may focus their efforts in terms of parking somewhat. I am not sure if this is strictly relevant to parking, but in terms of public transport the buses coming through the town simply doesn't work. There isn't enough room for them and pathways are blocked by people waiting for buses. There simply MUST be a better way.</p>	
109	Town Centre	<p>There is no reference at all to the parking needs of those who work in the town centre</p>	<p>Identify affordable long stay parking The current £4 per day is a significant cost to many shop worker and others on low pay-£20 per week Offer long term Monthly/Year parking contracts for those who need to use their car to get to work. Pass on the savings in administration and money collection to reduce parking costs. The result will support the town centre economy and divert some of those who are using street parking</p>

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110	Residents Parking	Re the proposal to introduce pay and display parking in non-restricted areas of RPZs - can you clarify whether residents with a valid permit for that RPZ would be exempt from pay and display charges. If that is the case, I welcome the proposal but if not it will create more problems for residents as often the only available restricted spaces are located some distance from the resident's property and it surely cannot be right to expect residents to pay twice to park close to their homes.	
111	Residents Parking	I am concerned about the proposal to introduce visitor parking permits for residential parking zones. A visitor parking permit scheme would be open to abuse, and possibly be used by some households within these zones to simply use the permits for second cars, or given to friends and family so that they can park in these zones when visiting the town centre. I would prefer that households continue to be restricted to one permit per house. If visitor permits are introduced then they should only allow visitors to park in unrestricted bays within these zones.	The rules governing visitor permits in residents only parking zones should be considered on a case by case basis. Visitor parking should only be allowed in unrestricted bays - households should continue to have priority in these zones over visitors.
111	Town Centre	Generally seems to be a sensible and comprehensive approach to parking in the town centre area and maintains a good balance between the need to provide parking and encourage people to travel into the town centre by sustainable modes.	
112	Residents Parking	We have received your letter inviting comments on residents' parking zones, and would like to take this opportunity to suggest an alteration to one of the two areas designated in Harewood Hill.	
112	Residents Parking	There is at present a space designated in front of No 1 Harewood Hill, which when used, as it rarely is, makes turning into the Hill from the Terrace extremely tight, even for a car, and impossible for larger vehicles, caravans, boats or trailers. The houses , 2, 3 and 4 all have their own off street parking places or garages, or both, so the need for the immediate houses is catered for, and a change such as I suggest should not cause any difficulty for my neighbours. However, the lines designating the space do indicate that, even out of the designated times, when parking is permitted, that it is an acceptable spot for parking, and it would, I feel, be much better all round if they were removed. In addition, any car parked at any time in Harewood Hill has to stand half on the pavement to allow passage for other vehicles and the lines as painted would suggest that parking entirely on the roadway would be acceptable, which it is not.	

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113	Town Centre	<p>I wanted to draw your attention that during recent consultation with residents and users of Darlington Civic Theatre which closed on Sunday 13 October, that a large number of comments were made about the difficulties in parking for people using the theatre, this includes disabled parking and general parking. The cost of parking for daytime performances was also identified as a barrier to attending. The Civic Theatre is about to submit a major HLF bid to renovate and improve the Civic Theatre and synergies with the parking strategy will be crucial for us as we move forward. I hope you will think about theatre users (each performance can be attended by up to 900 people) within the strategic plans.</p>	
114	Cockerton	<p>Further to the consultation held at Cockerton Library on Thursday last 3rd October I would wish to register my objections to any form of metered parking on West Auckland Road and Cockerton Green.</p>	
114	Cockerton	<p>Any changes in parking arrangements, particularly around The Green, will be to the detriment of the traditional village atmosphere which has existed for many many years. Whilst a small number of residents have complained about parking outside of their homes, and I do sympathise with them, but would point out that this is no new situation and was present when they purchased their homes and something they should have considered.</p>	
114	Cockerton	<p>Any ingress into the green area to create residents only parking must not be allowed and any changes incorporating parking charges will be to the detriment of local businesses, churches and schools. People who park in Cockerton by and large are there for very short duration; to shop, collect school children and go.</p>	

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114	Cockerton	I feel that certain alterations could be made to the existing car park located at the rear of the Co-Operative Supermarket to make it more user friendly. These alterations could be in the form of chevron angled parking to facilitate easier parking. Snow clearing and gritting during inclement weather and safer access from this car park as the traffic on the road to be accessed builds up due to pedestrian controlled crossing lights and the traffic on Woodland/West Auckland Road blocking access at the mini roundabout. Further problems are created by drivers using the mini roundabout to do "U" turns. This practice is not only very dangerous but defeats the object of improving traffic flow.	
114	Cockerton	In general terms there are no parking problems in Cockerton but improvements as set out above would be of great assistance to all the residents.	
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