



RYDE TOWN COUNCIL

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Cllr. Ian Ward
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26th November 2018

Dear Mr Ward

I am writing on behalf of Ryde Town Council to inform you of the Town Council's views with regards the IW Council's proposals to change the current arrangements involving on-street parking in Ryde. Although Ryde Town Council has not received any plans from the IW Council regarding parking you have asked for our comments prior to formulating a new on-street parking strategy.

Ryde Town Council have been inundated with letters, emails, phone calls and visits from locals wishing to register their dissatisfaction with the informal proposals regarding the on street parking changes for Ryde.

The RTC Planning Committee was given delegated powers by Full Council to comment on parking matters in Ryde, they met recently and recommended the following comments should be submitted for your consideration.

1. There should be no additional sites for on-street parking charges in Ryde.

Ryde already has year round on-street parking charges on the Esplanade whilst other Island Towns benefit from summer only parking charges.

2. All streets within the Ryde Town Centre Boundary which have on-street parking restrictions should become single zone.

Any street which is made up of multiple zones, in terms of parking restrictions, should be treated as 1 zone. These include, but not exclusively, Union Street, George Street, Lind Street, and Melville Street. This will prevent drivers from moving from place to place in the same road and free up more space for short term visitors seeking the various services available in Ryde. In addition it could increase the revenue generated in your IW Council carparks.

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3. There should be more provision made for Park and Ride schemes in Ryde.

The committee felt that the existing Park and Ride facility at Ryde St Johns fails to keep cars from entering the centre of Ryde where congestion is greatest. The idea of a carpark nearer to Smallbrook with a new station for trains and buses was favoured.

4. There should be no extension to the charging regime at Appley Car park.

Overnight charges at Appley Car Park were felt to be unacceptable. They would have a detrimental effect on the park, beach users and the businesses that serve the area.

5. There should be no overnight parking charges on any streets in Ryde.

Overnight charges on streets in Ryde would have a detrimental effect on shops and businesses which open late.

As a result of item 2 above, Ryde Town Councillors are concerned that RTC staff would have to park further out of town to attend work each day and waste time going back and forth to their cars. Many of them are essential car users and are carrying out tasks for the IW Council devolved services which, until recently, were carried out by IW Council Officers.

The Clerk has made representations in the past regarding RTC's staff being included in the IW Council's parking scheme, up to now without success. RTC staff do not use the Lind Street carpark due to the high cost and so have been avoiding charges by parking in various streets in Ryde whilst at work. If RTC's staff were included in the IW Council's parking scheme IWC would receive more income from parking than they do at present.

Yours Faithfully

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