

**To Members of the Cabinet Executive**

Councillor Terry Richardson (Leader)	– Leader of the Council
Councillor Maggie Wright (Deputy Leader)	– Finance, People & Performance Portfolio Holder
Councillor Cheryl Cashmore	– Health, Leisure, Climate and Economic Development Portfolio Holder
Councillor Nigel Grundy	– Neighbourhood Services & Assets Portfolio Holder
Councillor Les Phillimore	– Housing, Community Safety and Environmental Services Portfolio Holder
Councillor Ben Taylor	– Planning, Transformation and ICT Portfolio Holder

Dear Councillor,

A meeting of the **CABINET EXECUTIVE** will be held in the Council Chamber on **WEDNESDAY, 27 NOVEMBER 2024** at **5.30 p.m.** for the transaction of the following business and your attendance is requested.

Yours faithfully



**Gemma Dennis**  
**Corporate Services Group Manager**



## **AGENDA**

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Disclosure of Interests from Members  
To receive disclosures of interests from Members (i.e. the existence and the nature of those interests in respect of items on this agenda).
3. Minutes (Pages 3 - 10)  
To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 4 November 2024 (enclosed)
4. Public Speaking Protocol  
Requests received by the Protocol deadline to be reported by the Senior Democratic Services Officer with details of the Agenda Item to which they relate. (Such persons entitled to use the Protocol attend for the purpose of making representations, answering questions or giving evidence relating to the business of the meeting and the time allocated to each person is a maximum of three minutes unless extended at the discretion of the Chairman).
5. The District of Blaby (Off-Street Parking Places) Order 2024 (Pages 11 - 66)  
To consider the report of the Environmental Services Manager (enclosed).
6. Corporate Action Plan 2024-25 Mid-Year Progress Report (Pages 67 - 86)  
To consider the report of the Business Systems, Performance & Information Manager (enclosed).

## **CABINET EXECUTIVE**

Minutes of a meeting held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Narborough

**MONDAY, 4 NOVEMBER 2024**

### **Present:**

Councillor Terry Richardson (- Leader of the Council) (Leader)  
Councillor Maggie Wright (- Finance, People & Performance Portfolio Holder) (Deputy Leader)

Cllr. Cheryl Cashmore	- Health, Leisure, Climate and Economic Development Portfolio Holder
Cllr. Nigel Grundy	- Neighbourhood Services & Assets Portfolio Holder
Cllr. Les Phillimore	- Housing, Community Safety and Environmental Services Portfolio Holder
Cllr. Ben Taylor	- Planning, Transformation and ICT Portfolio Holder

### **Also in attendance as Observers:**

Cllr. Nick Brown (Scrutiny Chairman)

### **Officers present:-**

Louisa Horton	- Executive Director - Communities
Sarah Pennelli	- Executive Director - S.151 Officer
Katie Hollis	- Finance Group Manager
Caroline Harbour	- Environmental Health, Housing & Community Services Group Manager
Anna Farish	- Environmental Services Manager
Narinder Diocee-Aujla	- Interim Accountancy Service Manager
Nicole Cramp	- Democratic & Scrutiny Services Officer
Isaac Thomas	- Democracy Support Officer

### **1. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS FROM MEMBERS**

No disclosures were received.

### **2. MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 16 September 2024, as circulated, were approved and signed as a correct record.

### **3. PUBLIC SPEAKING PROTOCOL**

No requests were received.

#### 4. **QUARTER 2 BUDGET REVIEW 2024/25**

Considered – Report of the Finance Group Manager.

Other options considered:

None.

##### **DECISIONS**

1. That the financial performance against the budget for the quarter ending 30th September 2024 be accepted.
2. That the forecast contribution of £499,486 from General Fund balances be approved.
3. That the irrecoverable debts be authorised to be written off.

Reasons:

1. It is good practice that Members have oversight of the Council's financial performance at regular points during the financial year.
2. To recognise movements in the call on reserves and balances to date, along with potential variances in establishment costs and key income streams that may arise between now and the end of the financial year.

#### 5. **SCHEDULE OF CHARGES 2025/26**

Considered – Report of the Finance Services Group Manager.

Other options considered:

Not to review the fees and charges. However, it is considered appropriate that, where possible, charges should be set at a level necessary to achieve full cost recovery.

##### **DECISION**

That the Schedule of Charges for 2025/26 be approved.

Reason:

To ensure that the fees and charges for 2025/26 are formally set and approved.

6. **QUARTER 2 TREASURY MANAGEMENT UPDATE 2024/25**

Considered – Report of the Finance Group Manager.

Other options considered:

None, this report is a requirement of the 2024/25 Prudential Code.

**RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL**

That the latest position in respect of treasury activities, and the prudential indicators, are accepted.

Reasons:

1. The regulatory framework governing treasury management activities includes a requirement that the Council should, as a minimum, receive quarterly treasury monitoring reports in addition to the forward-looking annual treasury strategy and the backward-looking annual treasury report. Whilst quarters 1 and 3 do not need to be formally reported to full Council, there is an implicit understanding that they should be adequately scrutinised by Cabinet Executive.
2. This report fulfils the requirement above and incorporates the needs of the Prudential Code to ensure adequate monitoring of capital expenditure plans and the Council's prudential indicators. The treasury strategy and prudential indicators for 2024/25 were contained in the report approved by Council on 27th February 2024.

**7. QUARTER 2 CAPITAL PROGRAMME REVIEW 2024/25**

Considered – Report of the Finance Group Manager.

Other options considered:

None.

**RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL**

1. That the report be accepted.
2. That the latest Capital Programme for 2024/25, totalling £8,435,559, be accepted.

Reasons:

1. To ensure that the Council has adequate resources in place to meet its capital expenditure commitments.
2. To reflect additions or other changes to the Capital Programme that have occurred in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of the year.

## 8. **ENVIRONMENTAL CRIME FIXED PENALTY NOTICES**

Considered – Report of the Environmental Health, Housing & Community Services Group Manager.

Other options considered:

The FPN amounts can be kept at their current level. However, the maximum levels were increased by central government with the expectation that Councils would look to create a stronger deterrent against committing environmental crime offences.

### **DECISIONS**

1. That the proposed revised fixed penalty notice (FPN) amounts for specified environmental crime offences be approved.
2. That delegated authority be given to the Group Manager for Environmental Health, Housing & Community Services, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder, to make any changes to fixed penalty notice amounts and early repayment discounts moving forwards via the Schedule of Charges.

Reasons:

1. Environmental Crime has a negative impact on the local environment and have a financial for the authority to remedy this impact.
2. Fixed Penalty Notices provide a proportionate approach to be able to deal with offences in an expedient and cost-effective way.

9. **ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH, ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES & COMMUNITY SERVICES ENFORCEMENT & COMPLIANCE POLICY**

Considered – Report of the Environmental Health, Housing & Community Services Group Manager.

Other options considered:

It is a legal requirement to have considered the implications of enforcement and to take steps to ensure consistency of approach and compliance with the Regulators Code of Practice.

**DECISIONS**

1. That the Environmental Health, Environmental Services and Community Services Enforcement and Compliance Policy 2025 – 2028 be adopted.
2. That delegated authority for minor changes to the policy be given to the Group Manager of Environmental Health, Housing and Community Services in conjunction with the Portfolio Holder.

Reasons:

1. To ensure best practice and consistency of approach to enforcement across the District.
2. This policy is required to be revised regularly to ensure that it reflects the most up to date changes in legislation and good practice.



**10. REVOCATION AND DECLARATION OF AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT AREAS**

Considered – Report of the Environmental Services Manager.

Other options considered:

It would be possible to retain current AQMAs. However, this does not follow the advice and guidance set out by Defra in relation to AQMAs. The guidance states “For revocation this should demonstrate that air quality objectives are being met and will continue to do so”. In the AQMAs where revocation is proposed the Council have confidence that the improvements will be sustained due to a number of years of monitoring demonstrating compliance with the objective.

**DECISIONS**

1. That the revocations of the following AQMAs as recommended by Defra, due to the ongoing compliance of the Air Quality Objectives for a number of years, be approved:

AQMA 1: A5460 Narborough Road South as recommended by Defra.

AQMA 2: M1 corridor in Enderby and Narborough

AQMA 3: M1 corridor between Thorpe Astley and Kirby Muxloe

AQMA 4B: Enderby Road, Whetstone.

2. That the declaration of AQMA 7: Lubbesthorpe Road, Braunstone Town as advised by Defra under section 83 (1) of the 1995 Environment Act, be approved.

Reasons:

1. For the proposed revocations: Monitoring has shown that the Air Quality Objective for Nitrogen Dioxide has been met in all areas for a number of years.
2. For the proposed declaration: Local Authorities have a duty under section 83 (1) of the 1995 Environment Act to designate those areas where the Air Quality Objectives have not been met, where people are likely to be regularly present, as an AQMA. Monitoring has shown that the Air Quality Objective for Nitrogen Dioxide was not met in this area in 2022.

**THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 5.55 P.M.**

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## Blaby District Council

### Cabinet Executive

<b>Date of Meeting</b>	27 November 2024
<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>The District of Blaby (Off-Street Parking Places) Order 2024.</b>  This is a Key Decision and is on the Forward Plan.
<b>Lead Member</b>	<b>Cllr. Les Phillimore - Housing, Community Safety and Environmental Services</b>
<b>Report Author</b>	Environmental Services Manager
<b>Strategic Themes</b>	All Themes: Enabling communities and supporting vulnerable residents; Enhancing and maintaining our natural and built environment; Growing and supporting our economy; Keeping you safe and healthy; Ambitious and well managed Council, valuing our people

#### 1. What is this report about?

- 1.1 To report consultation feedback following the Notice of Proposal for the District of Blaby (Off-Street Parking Places) Order 2024.
- 1.2 To seek approval to proceed with the publication of the Notice of Making for the District of Blaby (Off-Street Parking Places) Order 2024.

#### 2. Recommendation(s) to Cabinet Executive

- 2.1 That Cabinet consider the responses received during the Consultation.
- 2.2 To approve the publication of the Notice of Making for the District of Blaby (Off-Street Parking Places) Order 2024.

#### 3. Reason for Decisions Recommended

- 3.1 That Cabinet review the consultation responses detailed in Table 1 of this report.
- 3.2 There is a statutory process to be followed to introduce any changes to the way in which the Council regulates its car parks.

## 4. Matters to consider

### 4.1 Background

The District of Blaby (Off-Street Parking Places) Order 2024 Notice of Proposal went out for consultation on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2024, following approval from Cabinet and Scrutiny on 16<sup>th</sup> September and 8<sup>th</sup> October, respectively.

This is a statutory 21 day consultation period where members of the public are invited to comment on the proposed changes to the Parking Order. The consultation concluded on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2024. The results of the consultation are summarised in Table 1 below.

In total, there were 88 responses to the consultation.

- Not mentioned in any of the consultation responses received were: the two Experimental Orders, the EV charging bays and the removal of the Parish owned car parks.
- The proposal to introduce Season Tickets at Weavers Court, Johns Court and Enderby Road Car Parks received comments in support of this proposals.
- All responses received had some mention regarding the proposals at Bouskell Park Car Park.

The main objections received were:

- Car Park charges may discourage users of the park which may have a detrimental impact to resident's physical and mental health.
- Vehicle displacement may cause parking obstructions and the potential for an increase of road accidents, particularly on Freer Close.
- Concerns around effective use of Council money.
- Some parents from the local primary school raised concerns around congestion and impact on school drop off.

Table 1- Summary of respondents views:

Issue of concern	Discourages use of the park	Vehicle displacement	Waste of money	School run parking	Other	Supports Proposal	Total
Number of Comments	40	28	7	4	8	1	88

Most respondents to the consultation rejected the idea of introducing parking charges at Bouskell Park Car Park in its entirety, however some responses suggested alterations to the proposal as opposed to completely rejecting charges:

- 17% of respondents suggested allowing the first 1-2 parking hours to be free before charges apply
- 3% of respondents suggested removing parking charges on Sundays
- 3% of respondents suggested only charging between 9am and 3pm
- 1% of respondents suggested reducing the fees introduced.

Several respondents also asked for free parking for disabled users. The 3 hours free parking for disabled users with a valid Blue Badge and time clock was already proposed to be included at Bouskell Park Car Park, in line with the Council's other pay and display car parks.

This matter was considered at length by Scrutiny on 8<sup>th</sup> October, the key points raised and debated at this meeting were consultation, impacts on off street parking, enforcement and concerns around charging.

#### 4.2 Proposal(s)

Whilst the proposal to introduce charges is not a popular one with respondents of the consultation, the number of responses received is small compared to previous car park consultations and number of residents consulted. For example, in 2022 there was a consultation of the Blaby District Council Car Parking Strategy and The District of Blaby (Off-Street Parking Places) Order 2022. This consultation received 438 responses.

The Parks and Open Spaces Strategy 2024-2034 and Car Parking Strategy 2022-2027 support the introduction of parking charges at Bouskell Park Car Park, and therefore it remains appropriate to continue with the introduction of the Parking Order.

#### 4.3 Relevant Consultations

Whilst not a consultation the Notice of Making will be publicised once a decision on the Parking Places Order is finalised. This is statutory and takes place prior to the introduction of the District of Blaby (Off-Street) Parking Places Order 2024.

#### 4.4 Significant Issues

An EINA was completed prior to the Cabinet Meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2024. No significant issues have been identified relating to Human Rights, Human Resources, Equalities or Public Health Inequalities. Legal implications regarding the making of an Order are contained within the reports.

## **5. Environmental impact**

- 5.1 A Net Zero and Climate Impact Assessment (NZCIA) has been carried out and no adverse impacts identified. Overall, the changes proposed in the Parking Order will have a positive Net Zero and Climate Impact.

The proposed provision of Electric Vehicle chargers within the district will encourage the use of greener vehicles.

The increased provision of season tickets may encourage behavioural change in relation to transport choice and will improve processing efficiency.

## **6. What will it cost and are there opportunities for savings?**

- 6.1 There are costs associated with the statutory process of introducing a new Parking Order and introducing charging within a new Car Park:

- Notice of Making advertising - £5,000
- New machine - £3,000
- Signage - £3,000

These upfront costs will be covered from existing budgets and external funding sources.

## **7. What are the risks and how can they be reduced?**

7.1

Current Risk	Actions to reduce the risks
The District of Blaby (Off-Street Parking Places) Order 2024 is not implemented.	Approve the Order to allow for the proposed changes to be legally implemented and car park enforcement to be delivered across the Council owned car parks.
Introduction of parking charges at Bouskell Park may have an impact on displacement parking.	The County Council are already investigating potential mitigation for the on-street impact.
Introduction of season tickets may impact the number of available parking spaces in the car parks.	It is proposed to limit the number of season tickets available in each car park.

## **8. Other options considered**

- 8.1 There is the option to make no amendments to the current parking places order, however this would not allow for effective enforcement where experimental orders have been in place. Failure to introduce charging at the Bouskell Park Car Park would not be in line with the previously approved Parks and Open Spaces Strategy and Car Parking Strategy.

- 8.2 The Notice of Making is a legal requirement to allow changes to be made to the operation of car parks within the district.

**9. Appendix**

- 9.1 Appendix A – Consultation responses  
9.2 Appendix B – Notice of Making - The District of Blaby (Off-Street Parking Places) Order 2024

**10. Background paper(s)**

- 10.1 The District of Blaby (Off-Street Parking Places) Order 2024 Cabinet Report – 16<sup>th</sup> September 2024  
10.2 Call in of District of Blaby (Off-Street Parking Places) Order 2024 Scrutiny Commission Report- 8<sup>th</sup> October 2024.

**11. Report author's contact details**

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# Appendix A – Consultation responses

Issue of concern	Discourages use of the park	People parking on the street	Waste of money	School run parking	Other	Supports Proposal	Total
Number of Comments	<b>40</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>88</b>

Number	Date received	Main Issue of concern	For/ Against	Summary of comments	Full Comment
1	16/10/2024	Discourages use of the park/ coming to Blaby	Against	Discourages use and concerns over parking on the streets	I am writing to state my objection to the introduction of car parking charges at Bouskell Park. People do not mind paying for a large park e.g. Bradgate Park, but Bouskell simply isn't big or 'grand' enough for people to be prepared to pay to go there. It is an 'every day' kind of park that people expect to be free. The result is - a reduction of people using the park (which would be a huge shame) and also people parking on the streets nearby which will cause issues for residents.

2	16/10/2024	People parking on the street	Against	People parking on street, school parking & lighting may cause anti-social behaviour	We certainly don't or didn't need the parking improvements at Bouskell Park Blaby & the prices the council want to charge are outrageous. This has ruined the parking scheme for parents that park & walk to local schools as there's no parking in the area for them so instead they block people in their drives since the building work started the park has been empty. We definitely don't need floor lighting for kids to gather round at night & smoke drugs & shout & drink. What are you thinking Blaby District Council? Why not sort the real issues out in Blaby? You could start with the flooding then the rd that cars race up & down then the grass verges on Welford rd the list is endless.
3	16/10/2024	Waste of money	Against	Money needs to be spent on more important things such as flooding, ruins a conservation area, discourages use	<p>I'm response to the parking consultation, I wish to comment, specifically about the proposed charges at Bouskell Park. I believe the proposed introduction of parking charges at the park is morally wrong. My understanding is that the park was donated to the council at minimal cost, for the enjoyment of the local population. A park is a place that the council should be encouraging people to visit, rather than charging them to visit. The costs of upkeep of the park should come from the council budget, paid for by tax payers. I've already objected to the proposed changes to the park access, but was surprised to see that the changes to the carpark, installation of parking machines, and the installation of lighting is considered to fall under permitted development, when the park is in a conservation area. The installation of such machines is certainly not in keeping with the area.</p> <p>It's disappointing to see that work has already started to "improve" the car park. The level of work proposed was not required. The £400,000 cost is extortionate, and could be put to much better use by our council! Flooding issues are one such area, or better still, the ludicrous closure of the BMX track at Huncote. This track was of national importance, yet you'd rather spend the money on unnecessary carpark works. The council is voted in to represent the interests of its residents. This is not in the interest of the residents and has created much anger and ill feeling, and will be remembered when the time comes to vote.</p>

4	16/10/2024	Discourages use of the park/ coming to Blaby	Against	Discourages use, waste of money and parking on the streets	Just want to add my voice to the number of people objecting the parking charges at Bouskell Park. This park is a community hub and encourages people to get out and walk with their dogs. If it's an issue with people parking all day there since the outrageous increase of the parking in Blaby car parks then just make a no return within 2 hours sign and stick it up. Just outside of the carpark there is plenty of space to park outside residents' houses for free which is what is going to happen if you introduce charges. This will congest the resident areas and not solve anything. It's such a waste of money to install these and discourages people getting active, we're a positive community if you want more funding then stick a box by the park that helps fund the maintenance of it and I'm sure you'll get donations. People will walk their dogs elsewhere if you introduce this and it will kill the buzz of the park. It's also a negative for older residents that need to drive to walk their pets in open areas. Also, why open it up for consultation when you've already began work?
5	16/10/2024	People parking on the street	Against	Discourages use and parking on the streets	To whom it may concern, I am email to raise concerns regarding the car parking charge at Bouskell park, Blaby. I am a resident on [REDACTED] and have raised issues regarding parking on double yellow lined areas as well as speeding. I am concerned that the parking will deter people from visiting Bouskell park, and park on a busy main road which is already having issues with parking and traffic. Please could I ask the following questions, • what was the reasoning for car park changes? • what is the expected price per day you hope to achieve to cover costs of renovation? • Have you considers the implications to residents?, you already have traffic wardens will they be more traffic wardens? •Have you reviews current traffic issues on this road?
6	16/10/2024	Discourages use of the park/ coming to Blaby	Against	Discourages use of the park and should be online survey	Hi,First of all, it's extremely disappointing you have done a consultation which requires emails and not an online survey. Blaby district council constantly states how getting out for walking is important for our mental health and wellbeing but yet you try to restrict us from visiting parks and open spaces. I do not agree with the parking charges at Bouskell Park. My second concern is how you are analysing your results by asking for comments by email. Seem very backwards.

7	17/10/2024	People parking on the street	Against	Parking on the street and Discourages people to come to Blaby	To whom it concerns, I wish to raise my concern about the plans to introduce parking charges at Bouskell Park. I think these plans will be detrimental to the area and cause congestion on the main road and side roads as people attempt to park in free off street parking bays. I also think it will cause a decrease in business to Blaby itself. Lots of people use Bouskell Park to walk their dogs or see it as a safe open space to take their children. People will just go to other areas or parks that offer free parking instead. This will reduce footfall within Blaby and affect local businesses. I hope that these views will be taken into consideration.
8	17/10/2024	Discourages use of the park/ coming to Blaby	Against	Discourages people to come to Blaby, Street parking and School run	Hello, Please see my comments attached! I don't use Bouskall park for parking so my opinion is not in a biased manner! Why? Is it to claw back money back into the council? Again if so why? It's a small village, shops shutting left right and centre - why would you then put a paid parking area in place! It's a local spot to walk to school which gets kids to school in a safer manner- parking / school/ danger is a constant argument ! People use it to walk in and out of Blaby because you've made that area so isolated with parking restrictions therefore they are getting exercise - reducing costs on nhs for obesity - getting their steps in and improving less traffic in the area. People use it for the dog walk and walks - again why minimise that possibility! I think you're really trying to isolate Blaby with the parking and restrictions when actually it's a small village , with small and limited local offerings! Efforts should be concentrated on getting people into the village, building a community and generating self sufficient incomes That benefits all not a wheezy car park charge that will keep people out! Is that there is no imagination to grow a community project or no brain capacity to think of better ideas then car parks and charged? I'd be questioning who are in these jobs and why they can't come up with better, more innovative , social impacting, community growing ideas?? Thank you
9	17/10/2024	Other	Against	Against the cost of the car park improvements	I wish to object to the proposed introduction of parking charges at Bouskell Park, Blaby. I further object to the money being spent on the car park upgrade. This is a pleasant place to visit for a quiet and relaxing time. Being cost free is contributory to that. If charges are introduced I will not pay them so will either Park in a nearby street or not visit the park any more. I do not understand why this is being considered. There must be a cost involved in running such a system which is unlikely to be covered by charges levied if others feel the same as myself. I understand that a considerable amount of money (£400,000 ?) is being spent on the current car park upgrade. I presume that I, along with others, have

					contributed to this? I do not understand how you can go ahead with such a project without consulting the contributors?
10	17/10/2024	People parking on the street	Against	Parking on the street	I'd like to register my objection to the proposed charging for use of the car park. I happened to walk along Frear Close this morning and was shocked at the number of cars parked on the road, surely these can't all belong to the residents. Heaven forbid an emergency vehicle needing to gain access to the Close. Thank you.
11	17/10/2024	Discourages use of the park/ coming to Blaby	Against	Pricing people out using the park,	It's an absolute disgrace that you should be pricing people out of access to green spaces. Whoever proposed this should be ashamed of themselves.
12	17/10/2024	Discourages use of the park/ coming to Blaby	Against	Parking on the street and Discourages people to come to Blaby. Charges won't cover costs.	I am not in agreement to charging for carparking in Blaby. The residential streets are already clogged up with cars trying to use the village shops and employees. This is because they are trying to avoid the costs and the hassle of the charges in the village car parks. I do not feel that these charges after the set up costs including the cost of the payment machine and for an enforcer will anywhere near cover the costs. I feel that it will stop a lot of people using the park and coming to Blaby. If the fees are imposed then 2 hours free would be the minimum that should be allowed to enable people to enjoy the park
13	17/10/2024	Waste of money	Against	Waste of money, parking on streets.	What a waste of money, no body is going to drive and pay to park at the park. This will just cause congestion and people parking in residential areas. Try listening to the members of public and spend money on things like sorting the flooding in areas around blaby Sent from my iPhone

14	18/10/2024	Discourages use of the park/ coming to Blaby	Against	Discourages people coming to the park and Blaby.	I am strongly objecting to the proposed car parking charges for the park. It totally goes against the premis of parks being open places for everyone to enjoy freely. In this era of large shopping malls being free to access, charging for car parking in small towns is slowly killing them. The council should not rely on our parks and local shopping areas to top up their coffers.
15	18/10/2024	Discourages use of the park/ coming to Blaby	Against	Discourages use of the park, thinks charges should be reduced	Good Morning, I believe this is the correct method to comment on the proposed car parking charges coming to Bouskell Park. I think if you are going to introduce car parking charges it should be a reduced fee to what has been proposed. I went there all the time as a child and went through the woodlands and did a big lap on my bike, conker collecting etc and i think it's sad that introducing such car parking charges would limit families being able to create such memories. Not only this, but I came on a weekly basis with my daughter when I was on maternity leave to walk round and explore the park with her which helped me mentally and physically and it helped a lot that I wasn't being expected to pay for the parking there either.
16	18/10/2024	Discourages use of the park/ coming to Blaby	Against	Discourages visiting the park and goes against values	I am writing in opposition to the introduction of the proposed parking enforcement measures to be introduced in Bouskell Park. Bouskell Park is widely used by couples, families and dog walkers. If parking charges were introduced, it would deter them from coming here and seeing the natural beauty the park brings. Introducing such charges goes against your vision of Blaby being a great place to live, work and visit. I understand your need to make money and balance your budget but a blanket charge of 7 days a week 8am-6pm is unreasonable to local residents and your council tax payers. Although times are financially difficult, you do have a healthy General Reserve balance, I ask that you re-think the charges. Maybe consider one hour free parking and/or do as Hinckley & Bosworth BC do and have free parking after 3pm. This would stop people parking here all day but is a compromise to the local community.Kind regards
17	18/10/2024	Discourages use of the park/ coming to Blaby	Against	Discourages visiting the park and parking on the street	I am writing in respect of the proposed parking charges for Bouskell Park. As greenspaces are increasingly developed into residential housing its important that access to the remaining park's and greenspaces remains free and accessible to residents in the Blaby District Council area. Its often cited that exercise and walks in nature are beneficial for peoples physical health and mental wellbeing. My concern would be that charging to park and access these spaces could act as deterrent to people using the park and less people would use the park. Additionally those that do not wish to pay for parking are likely to see free on street parking instead and may potentially cause traffic headaches for those living

					<p>in the local area. I currently live on [REDACTED] and I am well aware of the impact of on street parking issues when there is insufficient parking for popular sites.</p> <p>There are already a number of car parks in the Blaby town centre that charge I don't see the benefit of adding a further car park. If the intention is to re-coup the costs of the work that is being undertaken then perhaps the costs of the works should be reconsidered.</p> <p>Best Wishes</p>
18	18/10/2024	Discourages use of the park/ coming to Blaby	Against	Discourages people coming to Blaby and the park, cost and affect on mental health	<p>I am writing this email to let you know that I am against the proposed charges at Bouskell Park, Blaby. There were many reasons why I chose to buy a house in Blaby, the park being one of them. During Covid, I was very isolated and where I was living was not accessible to many. Here, my friends can come to the park, walk their dogs, and park with ease. (No room on my driveway) . I would walk with them. This improved my mental health and a step towards my physical health! I have lived here now for nearly 3 years and not once have I seen the park too full to park, or people staying overly long. [REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED] although it's used well, it is not overly crowded. The people did not ask for improvements and to start charging, will just drive people out of Blaby. Money is tight for a lot of people and even £1 can effect people's pockets. If they drive to Blaby, they will start parking on the streets and Welford Road is a dangerous road as it is. If people use other parks, they won't be paying either? I do not see how any council can possibly recoup this money and I already cannot afford my council tax . Thank you for taking time to read this. A concerned Blaby resident</p>
19	18/10/2024	Discourages use of the park/ coming to Blaby	Against	Cost- will use a different park	<p>I regularly use this carpark to walk my dog and the charges mean I would have to find another park. So disappointed in the council's choice</p>
20	18/10/2024	Discourages use of the park/ coming to Blaby	Against	Reduce number of visitors to Blaby	<p>As someone who has recently moved to the area, I would argue against introducing parking charges to Bouskell Car Park. From FAQs, it suggests the funding secured to improve the space has not been directly from council's budget. If my understanding is correct, the statement of needing to recover these funds is invalid and misleading. Furthermore, it is likely to reduce the number of visits to the area, which will impact local businesses as it's only a short walk way from a variety of shops (e.g. the fish and chip shop etc). Should it remain free, with more parking available, more people will visit</p>

					Blaby's high street. I would argue that would generate more value than parking charges. Blaby isn't exactly a tourist destination - and the people that will be impacted the most will be the locals who will already be contributing to the areas upkeep via council tax. I would highly recommend that the charge is reconsidered - unless the council can evidence the value with data and accurate analysis of it.
21	18/10/2024	Discourages use of the park/ coming to Blaby	Against	Fed up of being charged, wont use the park anymore and waste of money,	I personally think it is disgusting charging for parking. I have recntly had 2 hip operation separately done and the park helped my well being. If you charged I would not be able to visit this park.Car parking is now being used has a tax.I do not know what you are doing to the car park but there is nothing wrong with it, it's just another waste of money. A consultation means you are going to introduce this new tax so I do not know why you are having it. I'm fed up every street I get out my car now you are trying to get income out of me to park my car.Now I am being charged to help my recovery walking around a small park.Well we'll absolutely fed up car user.
22	19/10/2024	School run	Against	school parking and money spent on refurb of car park	To whom it may concern, As per your request to consult I am writing to this email to express my concern over the so called improvements to the Bouskall Park Car Park. Firstly, and I cannot emphasis this point of frustration strongly enough. How is it a consultation on the works when they have already started? It seems that the decision was made to introduce the car park and to allow charging without any consideration of the public desire, need or requirement. Secondly [REDACTED] we have been advising parents to use the car park to allow for children to be dropped off. Since the school has increased in size we have see substantial increases in traffic to surrounding areas at school times. Thai will obviously increase as we increase school numbers each term year for a further 3 years until we reach capacity. Charging parents at school drop off and pick up when Bouskall is empty seems entirely like an opportunistic intent. Are parents expected to pay 2 times per day over the school term? I would very much like to understand how this formed part of the wider planning consideration and parking review of the council? Thirdly, the proposed works have been costed at £400k. As someone who has worked for the past 20 years in commercial landscaping across the UK and on local projects [REDACTED] supporting many other public and commercial projects, I am struggling to understand how a car park in a park such as Bouskall has been designed to such an extent it requires such



					<p>substantial investment. Can I request to see the design, supporting consultation that arrived at said design, bill of quantities and the tender returns for this project? Can I also request the working in relation to which point you expect to see the proposed parking charges to return revenue to support the wider park as per previous publications from the council stating the revenue being a main driver in supporting the running of the park? Finally, whether the council's intent or not, the manner in which these works have been conducted, the complete lack of engagement with the local community and then the perceived rush to follow some sort of process after the event has only added in creating frustration, upset and suspicion. I have never known a public project be given the go ahead so quickly before. I would therefore request the information showing the timescale and documentation provided for such works to proceed. Regards</p>
23	19/10/2024	Waste of money	Against	<p>Car Park strategy is wrong and waste of money. EV charging is too expensive and 1 hour should be free at all car parks</p>	<p>The lack of charging at Blaby council staff car parks is hypocritical and unfair. Permits should be charged for with the revenue used to support the wider strategy. Narborough is adequately serviced by public transport so providing free staff car parking whilst implementing an over the top charging policy for residents is unfair and inconsistent.</p> <p>The map showing Enderby Leisure Centre omits the new extension and part of the existing car park - why? Is this part of a predetermined decision for Carlton park and the golf course. To charge for a leisure facility such as a park in Blaby is a disgrace. You are making the district an unattractive place to live, putting cost on to leisure, health and wellbeing. I object to the charges. Other revenue generating ideas should be sought. 1 hour free parking as a minimum should be offered in all car parks to encourage wellbeing and stimulate economic activity in our town and village centres. Around Narborough where I live, you should look to the Queens Road area of Leicester who have a customer friendly approach to parking while managing commuter parking. The area is vibrant and prosperous. As an EV car owner I can with authority say that the EV charging points in any local Blaby District car park are useless to me as it's cheaper and easier to charge at home. EV owners will generally only charge their car away from home on long journeys plus of 200 miles and will seek a charging capacity of over 50kw. Any less is too slow and would be over night only. I've yet to see a single car charge in a district car park. Suggesting you are wasting money and missing revenue, which is a concern to me as a council tax payer. I look forward to my feedback being addressed within the final orders.</p>

24	19/10/2024	Discourages use of the park/ coming to Blaby	Against	Telling us to get healthy then charging for it.	You absolute CLOWNS, couldn't make this up. You have the government advertising that your local GP is going to give you a prescription for 45 mins of nature a day, ie going out for a walk in green space areas, then you idiots think it's a good idea to charge people to park in Bouskell Park. Well done in your efforts to fleece us and make us all less healthy. You can stuff your parking charges, I'll go for a walk with my dog elsewhere. When have you ever listened to the people in the district on any consultation, never. You should spend all your time and efforts making the blaby district a better place for us to live, not continually coming up with ideas to charge us. What's next, we'll have to pay extra to get our bins emptied on top of our council tax. As a council you are a joke. When are you going to start your WOKE drive and waste more of our money.
25	19/10/2024	Discourages use of the park/ coming to Blaby	Against	Discourages use of park, Blaby and street parking	I am writing with comments regarding your plans for charging in Bouskell Park. I have a list of points below which show my feelings on the proposals and will also reflect the feelings of many older members of our community who do not use modern technology or are unable to contribute to this consultation. 1. While the finished work will undoubtedly look nicer than before, if you had asked the community do you want this done but there will be charges levied to use the new facility then my view would have been to leave the work undone and free to use. 2. The charges imposed off car parks in Blaby have led to a reduction of people using them and have impacted on the number of village residents using shopping and services in the village. Car users can get to Fosse Park in less than 10 minutes where we can access a wide range of shopping and refreshment outlets with no parking charges. Your proposals will have the same impact on potential users of the park. Why pay to park when I can go the area around Jennos, Fosse Meadows, and walk for upto 3 hours free of charge. Since their introduction I have not used a car park in the village. If I want to use village shops then I try to get a 30 minute slot on the road. This limits my support of local businesses because if I can't get a free space I go home or shop elsewhere. The number of available spaces in Aldi has dropped dramatically because shopper park there and do a village task at the same time. These same factors can be applies to charges for leisure parking charges. 3. The introduction of charging will impact on the number of users which does nothing to promote the health and well being of village residents, something that the council says it wants to support. 4. Like in the villlage car parks a large percentage of the cost will be used to pay for the enforcement of the charges. In effect we are paying not for facilities but for a person to enforce you unnecessary rules. 5. People will not be willing to pay, I certainly would not. This will lead

					to greater parking on roads around the park. The effect of this being a nuisance and pollution on local residents as well as a congestion and narrowing of the roads with potential safety issues which go along with this. 6. This ridiculous notion that people would accept not being able to pay charges with cash. There is a substantial proportion of village residents who do not use credit or debit cards and are unable or unwilling to use an app to pay. No parking charge should exclude payment by cash. 7. The role of the council is to improve and support residents. This is what our council tax should be used for. This plan while a great principle, will more likely lead to less use of pretty looking facilities and further damage Blaby amenities. 8. In times where national government is making life for many elderly residents immensely hard you are adding to their burden. We pay a lot in council charges and if nothing else then residents within a mile of Bouskell Park should be given a free parking permit. Alternatively 2 hours free parking should be offered to all before charges apply. To me I rather than improve life for village residents it feels like the council are slowly strangling it.
26	19/10/2024	Discourages use of the park/ coming to Blaby	Against	Discourages use of park, Blaby and street parking	To whom it may concern, I would like to oppose parking charges at any parks. These are green spaces that should be available to all residents. They help with mental health issues and also great spaces for people to exercise- keep fit and healthy. Also the neighbouring school benefits from the parking. As someone who passes the area frequently- I feel the school parking is dangerous enough without adding additional cars parking on the surrounding streets. I cannot believe how out of touch this council is and I hope it will make the correct decision. This money would be vital in so many other areas.
27	19/10/2024	Discourages use of the park/ coming to Blaby	Against	Discourages use of park/ Blaby, street parking and pollution increase	I am writing in response to the proposed introduction of parking charges on Bouskell park. I am not in favour of this for the following reasons: 1) The current push to encourage good mental health by getting people to exercise and get outdoors is totally at odds your proposal. Your proposal is in every sense clearly a disincentive to travel to the park. 2) It will encourage parking on nearby roadsides, creating traffic hold ups and delays outside local houses, The clogging of driveways and nearby roads created by parents dropping off and picking up children from the local school is bad enough without adding to the problem by removing free access to parents wishing to avail themselves of 10 minutes free parking. 3) As well as access to the carpark being restricted to those who can use a payment card or phone to pay it discriminates against those who cannot do so. What alternative do you propose to offer to people who do not have a card or phone app? 4) It will discourage use of nearby local shops, I for one would rather drive the short distance

					<p>to Fosse Park, and have free parking rather than pay. Obviously if we all do this you will be creating a pollution hazard, with increased exhaust emissions. 5) Some people use the car park more than once a day eg dog walkers , people dropping kids off at school, arriving by car. Your proposal takes a narrow view of those likely to use the park, there are many and varied users and not every will be willing or able to pay multiple times per day. If charging is introduced I will no longer be visiting the village as I believe it will remove the advantage of shopping locally, and I will be going to other nearby places which have free parking. Yours sincerley</p>
28	21/10/2024	People parking on the street	Against	Residents shouldn't have to pay for the parks/ vehicle displacement	<p>To whom this may concern</p> <p>I am writing in relation to the current consultation to introduce parking charges to Bouskell Park once the works on the car park are completed.</p> <p>I wholeheartedly object to this proposal and think it is an ill thought out plan which will not raise funds for the maintenance of the new car park (as intended). Public opinion on this proposal is low and most residents will boycott the parking because the size and scale of the park does not warrant a charge, this is not Bradgate park, it takes ten minutes to walk around. Instead users of the car park will park on neighbouring roads and cause disruption at peak times. The car park was rarely full anyway and used mainly by dog walkers who are elderly and cannot walk far, or dogs that are elderly and cannot walk far. Other users are parents of Thistly meadows pupils who are engaging with the park and stride initiative and helping keep traffic outside the school to a minimum they use it for probably 20 minutes at a time, which under new proposals will cost £1.40 per day. All this policy does is penalise local residents and it is not “enhancing the visitor experience “, this was not asked for by residents and is hugely disruptive and costly and looking at how busy the car park was before these changes (not very) I struggle to see how this parking scheme will raise the funds anticipated.</p> <p>Please reconsider and do not penalise the local residents and users of this green space.</p> <p>Yours sincerely</p>

29	21/10/2024	People parking on the street	Against	People will park on the streets, should be free for a couple of hours and there should be a cash payment option	<p>Hi</p> <p>I appreciate the need to improve the car park. However i feel it will encourage street parking locally, causing a nuisance. Lots of people enjoy this space with their dogs. I feel it should be free for a couple of hours but a higher rate for longer periods to discourage people who park all day whilst at work. There should also be a cash option to pay.</p>
30	22/10/2024	People parking on the street	Against	Parents would park on the street, / Council tax should cover the parks without extra charges	<p>I object to the proposed charges for the following reasons: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parents use the car park as a base to walk their children to Thistly Meadow School. I see this as a positive thing to do. Charges would deter the parents from this action and tend to cause the cars to be parked on the busy Hospital Lane and surrounding roads. I see this as a negative thing to do and would direct the council's attention to the scene outside Greenfield Primary School in Countesthorpe at starting and leaving times where there is no local car parking to speak of.</li> <li>• Bouskell Park is an amenity provided for the use and well-being of the local population. It should remain free to park there to encourage people to take exercise. Not everyone is able to walk or to cycle to the park. Parking charges as proposed will deter people from using the park. Do we not already pay council tax to pay for council services which should surely include the upkeep of the local environment including parks?</li> </ul>

31	22/10/2024	People parking on the street	Against	People will park on the streets, the park should not incur a cost	<p>Hello</p> <p>I am writing to you to express my objection to the unnecessary proposed Bouskell Park, Blaby Proposed parking enforcement measures.</p> <p>I also feel upset that there was no public consultation prior to work being carried out to alter the car park with UK Shared Prosperity funding which residents should have had a say as to where it was to be spent.</p> <p>This is a small community park which is used by many members of the Blaby community. I feel that car parking charges will encourage people to park on residential streets in the local areas to avoid payment. This will create unsafe walking on pavements and driving conditions where there are no double yellow lines. Currently people use the park on a regular basis to keep fit and enjoy nature and not to go shopping as has been suggested. This car park is the jewel in the crown for Blaby residents which should not incur a charge to enjoy.</p> <p>Parents &amp; school children use the car park to access Thistly Meadow Primary School in a safe way on foot (as there is no parent parking), without having to cross the road.</p> <p>Please pass my objection on when reporting on residents feelings on this matter.</p>
32	26/10/2024	School run	Against	Should offer 30 mins free for dog walkers/school run	<p>I think that no charge should be made for the first 30 minutes of parking. This will allow parents driving children to school to park and walk their children to Thistley Meadow. It will also allow regular dog walkers enough time to circuit the park. It will however stop people parking there all day to avoid paying on the other car parks.</p>
33	28/10/2024	Discourages use of the park/ coming to Blaby	Against	Season Tickets good idea / Bouskell charges and Sunday charges	<p>Proposals to continue with the reintroduced parking season tickets at John's Court and Enderby road car parks Blaby is a good idea. It will encourage residents to spend more time in the village with its shops and facilities.</p> <p>Proposals to introduce parking charges at Bouskell park not a good idea. It would be a backward step. There are no facilities there such as toilets, playground areas or shops. Park uses with cars would just become cash cows for BDC.</p> <p>I also notice that charging on a SUNDAY in Bouskell park is proposed. Does BDC really want to create a situation whereby residents can park anywhere in Blaby on a Sunday without incurring parking charges EXCEPT Bouskell park?</p>

34	28/10/2024	Discourages use of the park/ coming to Blaby	Against	Discourages use of park / cars will be displaced to the roads	<p>I write in respect of the proposed implementation of charges for Bouskell Park Car Park. I am very much against this proposal for the following reasons.</p> <p>The majority of visitors to the park are there to walk their dogs, they do this on a daily basis. People of all ages do this and for some of the more elderly the only way to do this is by driving to the park. The cost implication for them will be massive especially as we are in the middle of a well documented cost of living crisis. For many dog walkers this is an opportunity to meet up with others and probably the only interaction they get for the day if they work from home (as I do). When the charges are implemented visitors are more likely to park on the surrounding streets, as a local resident this is going to cause safety issues for cars that travel way too fast down Welford Road and for pedestrians as inconsiderate people will no doubt park on the pavements as is the case at present. I understand that to maintain our beautiful 'jewel in the crown' Bouskell, that funds need to be raised therefore I and many others would like to see one hour free parking. This would enable dog walkers to walk their dogs and parents to park and walk their children to school safely without added cost implications.</p> <p>I really am hoping that you take into consideration the views of residents as we weren't consulted on the changes to the car park.</p> <p>Kind regards</p>
35	30/10/2024	People parking on the street	Against	Displacement of vehicles onto Freer Close	<p>As a resident of [REDACTED] Blaby, I wish to object against the proposed parking charges at Bouskell Park.</p> <p>My concern is that any parking charges will only encourage Bouskell visitors to park their vehicles for free, in Freer Close or nearby roads where there are no restrictions. We already have a number of Bouskell visitors parking their vehicles in Freer Close, especially when there is an event on. Along with parking by local shop workers and people doing their shopping in Blaby village. Having an increase in numbers will only result in both road and pavement safety problems for the residents of Freer Close.</p> <p>I appreciate that living near to the centre of Blaby will attract people to park their vehicles wherever for free. Therefore, charging for parking will only result in the majority of visitors looking for free parking elsewhere. Unless parking restrictions are implemented locally for the residents, Blaby car parks will remain generally unsupported thus resulting in loss of revenue.</p>

36	01/11/2024	Other	Against	Parks/Leisure should remain free	I object to the charges that the council are trying to place on Bouskeell park in Blaby This field was given to the people of Blaby by mr Bouskell who lived there for many years with his wife and son To charge people to use this park would go against his wishes , and we pay enough taxes at this time to cover the work being done at this time He left it for the public ,to be used by the public , i have lived in Blaby for many years quite near to bouskell park , so please no charges leisure-
37	01/11/2024	Discourages use of the park/ coming to Blaby	Against	Discourages use of park, public transport already limited	<p>Subject: Objection to Proposed Car Parking Charges at Bouskell Park</p> <p>I am writing to formally express my strong objection to the proposed introduction of car parking charges at Bouskell Park in Blaby. As a local resident and frequent user of the park, I believe that implementing parking fees will have a number of negative effects on both the community and the accessibility of this cherished public space.</p> <p>Bouskell Park is a vital part of our community, providing an accessible and family-friendly space for people of all ages. Introducing parking charges risks discouraging families, older residents, and those with limited financial resources from enjoying this public facility. Additionally, many park visitors may choose to park in surrounding residential streets to avoid the charges, leading to congestion and inconvenience for local residents. Moreover, I am concerned that parking charges may disproportionately impact those who rely on their cars due to limited public transportation options. For many, visiting the park is one of the few accessible outdoor recreational activities, and additional costs could serve as an unnecessary barrier to entry.</p> <p>In light of these concerns, I urge Blaby District Council to reconsider the introduction of car parking charges at Bouskell Park. I believe that there are alternative ways to generate revenue or fund the park's maintenance that would not restrict public access or negatively impact the community.</p> <p>Thank you for taking my concerns into consideration. I hope that Blaby District Council will prioritize the interests of the community in making this decision.</p> <p>Yours sincerely,</p>
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39	01/11/2024	Discourages use of the park/ coming to Blaby	Against	4 hours free should be offered/ people need to exercise more/ vehicles will be displaced	<p>Dear Sir.</p> <p>I wish to submit my comments regarding a new parking strategy across the District.</p> <p>Bouskell Park.</p> <p>In a world where people are being constantly encouraged to exercise more and improve their physical health , your proposals fail to appreciate that the vast majority of cars parked at Bouskell park belong to people using the park for exercise and recreation.</p> <p>by applying charges you are simply denying people the opportunity to use the park for this purpose on a regular basis.</p> <p>Many walking groups meet at the car park before going for lengthy walks.</p> <p>This car park should remain free.</p>

					<p>However, if you do apply charges, then the first 4 hours should be free to continue to support the community that use and enjoy the park.</p> <p>Other comments</p> <p>I would argue against raising the parking charges across the District. Our shopping centres are already in a significant decline, additional charges just compound that decline and reduce footfall. Not to mention the displacement of parking onto the side streets, especially by drivers who work in the shopping centres.</p> <p>Another serious concern is the plan to phase out cash. a lot of drivers, especially the elderly, don't have these parking apps and rely on cash.</p> <p>I personally went to pick up a person from Narborough Railway station recently. I found I could not park as it was all paid for by a phone app that I don't have . No cash accepted. The Council should be trying to support the community and local business. Unfortunately it seems that parking is just another income stream to be squeezed and also a way to save money by passing on the payment management to external operators.</p> <p>Please implement a policy that supports the whole Community, not just the Council.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
40	01/11/2024	People parking on the street	Against	Displacement of vehicles onto Freer Close	<p>To whom it may concern.</p> <p>Re: Car parking charges on Bouskell Park.</p> <p>I am a resident [REDACTED]</p> <p>I have an objection to the proposal to implement car parking charges on Bouskell park, due to the impact on the surrounding area of additional cars parking on Freer Close trying to avoid the charges, this is already causing hazards at peak times with the car park currently closed.</p> <p>[REDACTED], I already struggle reversing out of my garage due to parked cars giving poor visibility, limited space to manoeuvre and now with the increased volume of parked cars, turning cars I am struggling to access and leave my property at peak safely times.</p> <p>Due to the impact of the additional cars parking I am extremely concerned and object to charges in the car park.</p> <p>Yours sincerely</p>

41	02/11/2024	Other	Against	Park not big enough to warrant charges / penalising parents and residents	<p>&gt; To whom this may concern</p> <p>&gt; I am writing in relation to the current consultation to introduce parking charges to Bouskell Park once the works on the car park are completed.</p> <p>&gt; I wholeheartedly object to this proposal and think it is an ill thought out plan which will not raise funds for the maintenance of the new car park (as intended). Public opinion on this proposal is low and most residents will boycott the parking because the size and scale of the park does not warrant a charge, this is not Bradgate park, it takes ten minutes to walk around. Instead users of the car park will park on neighbouring roads and cause disruption at peak times. The car park was rarely full anyway and used mainly by dog walkers who are elderly and cannot walk far, or dogs that are elderly and cannot walk far. Other users are parents of Thistly meadows pupils who are engaging with the park and stride initiative and helping keep traffic outside the school to a minimum they use it for probably 20 minutes at a time, which under new proposals will cost £1.40 per day. All this policy does is penalise local residents and it is not “enhancing the visitor experience”, this was not asked for by residents and is hugely disruptive and costly and looking at how busy the car park was before these changes (not very) I struggle to see how this parking scheme will raise the funds anticipated.</p> <p>&gt; Please reconsider and do not penalise the local residents and users of this green space.</p> <p>&gt; Yours sincerely</p>
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43	02/11/2024	Discourages use of the park/ coming to Blaby	Against	Parks should be free / displacement of vehicles	<p>I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to express my strong objection to the proposed implementation of parking charges at Bouskell Park.</p> <p>Bouskell Park serves as a vital green space for our community, offering a place for recreation, relaxation, and social gathering. Introducing parking fees could deter visitors, particularly families and individuals who rely on this space for their well-being. Many local residents appreciate the park as a free resource, and charging for parking would disproportionately affect those who may already be facing financial constraints and in reality would generate little profit.</p> <p>Moreover, I believe that the introduction of parking charges may lead to unintended consequences, such as increased roadside parking in nearby residential areas, which could disrupt the local community and create safety concerns. Already this week with the parking being closed I have seen parking on the main road causing huge disruption on the walk to school.</p> <p>I urge the council to reconsider this proposal and explore alternative funding options that would preserve the accessibility of Bouskell Park for all community members. Thank you for considering my views on this important matter.</p>
44	02/11/2024	Waste of money	Against	Dsplacement of vehicles/will not generate income	<p>To whom this may concern</p> <p>I am writing in relation to the current consultation to introduce parking charges to Bouskell Park once the works on the car park are completed.</p> <p>I wholeheartedly object to this proposal and think it is an ill thought out plan which will not raise funds for the maintenance of the new car park (as intended). Public opinion on this proposal is low and most residents will boycott the parking because the size and scale of the park does not warrant a charge, this is not Bradgate park, it takes ten minutes</p>

					<p>to walk around. Instead users of the car park will park on neighbouring roads and cause disruption at peak times. The car park was rarely full anyway and used mainly by dog walkers who are elderly and cannot walk far, or dogs that are elderly and cannot walk far. Other users are parents of Thistly meadows pupils who are engaging with the park and stride initiative and helping keep traffic outside the school to a minimum they use it for probably 20 minutes at a time, which under new proposals will cost £1.40 per day. All this policy does is penalise local residents and it is not “enhancing the visitor experience”, this was not asked for by residents and is hugely disruptive and costly and looking at how busy the car park was before these changes (not very) I struggle to see how this parking scheme will raise the funds anticipated.</p> <p>Please reconsider and do not penalise the local residents and users of this green space.</p> <p>Yours sincerely</p>
45	02/11/2024	Discourages use of the park/ coming to Blaby	Against	Will not generate income / people will not use the park	<p>Sorry to see charges introduced. Not sure these results in a positive cost/benefit analysis taking into account cost of installation, maintenance and parking warden. Beyond this the alienation of the users and the great deterrent to use. Already spoilt shopping making it less attractive with car park charges. Assuming machine even working. Only use Aldi and their car park otherwise shop elsewhere to avoid parking cost and inconvenient machines. Please leave as it is rather than spending money to punish users.</p>
46	03/11/2024	People parking on the street	Against	Vehicle displacement	<p>We feel parking charges at Bouskell park would cause parking problems in other areas of the Village i.e. on Welford road and Freer Close.</p>
47	03/11/2024	People parking on the street	Against	Vehicle displacement	<p>As we want to encourage people to the Village we feel carparking charges would create problems by people parking on side streets nearby.</p>

48	03/11/2024	People parking on the street	Against	Vehicle displacement/discourages use of the park	<p>I'm concerned about the proposal of introducing car park charges at Bouskell Park for a number of reasons.</p> <p>Firstly, it will increase parking on roads in Blaby near to the park as there will be people who would prefer not to pay for parking, this will increase traffic congestion in the area. This situation may lead to raising risks of accidents and also general frustration to locals.</p> <p>Secondly, as we all know there are many benefits accessing a park for walks and relaxing, etc. The benefits are for physical and mental health and general well-being. The charges would discourage people accessing the park who don't live in walking distance to the park and require using their car.</p> <p>Thirdly, disabled people and people with mobility problems will need to park to access the park and may be discouraged to use the park at all.</p> <p>Fourthly, people may just not access the park as regularly as they would like, because of the accumulative costs over a number of days per week.</p> <p>Yours Sincerely</p>
49	03/11/2024	Discourages use of the park/ coming to Blaby	Against	Green spaces should be free/displacement of vehicles	<p>Hi,</p> <p>As a resident of [REDACTED], I do not want parking charges introduced for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- open, green spaces should be free for all to use, at all times. Parking charges may mean people drive further to walk for free, causing a negative environmental impact</li> <li>- charging for parking will encourage people to park for free on surrounding roads</li> <li>- parking in said roads, may cause congestion or increase the risk of accidents</li> <li>- the argument I saw alleging shoppers will use the car park is unfounded, however, walkers may be more likely to visit a local shop after their walk if parking is free. If parking is charged for they will be more likely to leave Blaby and shop elsewhere</li> </ul> <p>Please do not bring in the parking charges to Bouskell park.</p>
50	03/11/2024	People parking on the street	Against	Displacement of vehicles / discourages visitors to Blaby	<p>I wish to put forward a strong objection to the proposal to implement parking charges at Bouskell Park.</p> <p>Blaby has suffered already from parking charges being implemented over the last few years and if, as I do, you live anywhere near the centre of the village, the roads have become a free car park between the hours of 8 and 6. Not surprisingly this is already happening in the roads near Bouskell Park. When visiting a friend in [REDACTED] last week</p>

					<p>there was not an empty space to be found anywhere to park. My friend had actually had her drive blocked on Sunday morning by a car visiting the park.</p> <p>People visit the park often twice a day to walk their dogs and stay for half an hour at a time, they are not going to spend £1.40 a day to do this, and for some families who want to stay for longer they will just go elsewhere.</p> <p>We ,as Blaby residents, already pay for the maintenance of the park in our council tax and I feel it is unnecessary and an unfair step to now impose further costs. Blaby needs all the help it can get to attract visitors, shops are closing all the time and not reopening or are taken over by Turkish barbers.</p> <p>We need to encourage people to enjoy open spaces and exercise, not fine them for doing so.</p> <p>Please reconsider this poor decision, and consider the implications for the residents of Blaby.</p> <p>Yours sincerely</p>
51	04/11/2024	People parking on the street	Against	Displacement of vehicles	<p>I wish to object to the idea of parking charges in Bouskell Park, Blaby. Living in [REDACTED], we already have cars parking on the road, on the pavements and even in front of the drive when park users decide to do so. This also happens with people who are too mean or, perhaps, too poor (!) to use designated car parks in the centre of Blaby, The introduction of charges in Bouskell Park will only mean further congestion and inconsideration in [REDACTED] by people who use the Park (a lot of them dog owners) and further inconvenience to those of us who live here.</p> <p>Please abandon this poorly thought through scheme.</p>
52	28/10/2024	Other	Against	1 hour free parking should be offered	<p>Blaby Parish Council strongly objects to the proposed parking charges planned for Bouskell Park.</p> <p>Should charges be implemented, Slaby Parish Council would like the following proposals to be considered.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 hour of free parking</li> <li>• 3 hours free parking for blue badge holders.</li> </ul> <p>Yours sincerely</p>

53	28/10/2024	Waste of money	Against	<p>More important things to do in Distirict / street parking will be an issue</p> <p>Submitted as a hand written letter:  Dear Madam,  As daily users of the park and as residents of Blaby, from what I understand the sum of over £400,00 designated for the work is from central government funds with no contribution from BDC. I would suggest this work is just a way of generating money at the expense of the public.  As people have said, the consultation process is the wrong way round. There are numerous things money could have been spent on to benefit the Blaby community. These include dealing with the regular flooding in the park near Blaby Hall, improving the pathway into the wooded area. Clearing ponds and drains to reduce flooding, improved access to the park &amp; greater maintenance of the tree and surrounding hedges. In a wider context it is fundamental that funding is allocated to LCC to deal with the constant flooding in Blaby every year for the benefit of businesses and residents of Blaby. The main is that there are far more important issues to deal with than improving the car park, most regular users would tell you what issues.  There will be issues with off-street parking that cause traffic &amp; highways issues. There will be greater congestion and potential for accidents near to the school with a greater pressure on parking. We note that from your various press releases the work takes between 12 &amp; 16 weeks. Two things to note, we have noticed work is not taking place on a daily basis and there appears to be no monitoring of the work. Secondly, could you not have set a date in the contract that takes into account the weather. If regular work is not taking place now it is likely to be further delayed once the weather deteriorates.  You state the car parking income is to be used to 'maintain &amp; enhance the park' there has been no mention of any planned enhancements. Nigel Grundy in his statement says 'The Open Spaces Strategy reinforces the importance of green spaces for communities and wildlife'. This planned action contradicts this statement as people may be restricted in their usage by economic necessity. This is particularly important from the perspective of the obesity &amp; mental health crisis we have in this country. One local resident commented 'The Park has been a life saver for me'. If charges are introduced why is there no cheaper season ticket option unlike all the other car parks in Blaby.  This issue highlights BDC's approach to planning. If you include the farce of the 'Little Glen' development, the uproar regarding the Blaby Golf Centre development and the ill thought out massive proposed development in Countesthorpe. All of these things have</p>
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					<p>one thing in common, a lack of understanding of the needs of the local population. Whilst we are all aware of the financial issues regarding local government, BDC seems to be operating with minimal consideration and scant regard for the residents. This is compounded by the fact that the relevant representations of BDC are never available in the public domain to explain their decisions.</p>
54	04/11/2024	People parking on the street	Against	Vehicle displacement	<p>Hi,</p> <p>I believe that if you introduce a parking fee, no matter how small, for parking at Bouskell Park people will be parking on the streets around it. This will cause issues for residents who are already having to deal with people parking there to avoid the car parking charges in blaby.</p>
55	04/11/2024	Discourages use of the park/ coming to Blaby	Against	People will not visit the park, this will be detrimental to Blaby	<p>Dear Councillors,</p> <p>You are voted into your position to work on behalf of the public and not for your own personal agenda.</p> <p>We are forever being told to "get out and move more" yet this proposed plan is certainly going against this advice. It is proven that walking is not only good for keeping healthy but also very good for everyone's mental and emotional well-being. Being a weekly user of the park I am one of the many people who enjoy everything that it offers and with the car park currently being closed you can see exactly what will happen, as many people will stop using the park, choosing to park on nearby roads. If you care to take the time to get out of your plush offices and drive to Freer Close you can see the congestion and trouble this is already causing for residents.</p> <p>When I come for my walk, we meet in the car-park, often walking several miles, around the park and local back roads, before heading to a local coffee shop and spending £20 on coffee and cake. Valuable income for one of the many coffee shops. Can you afford for Blaby Town centre to become even quieter? Since losing Waitrose, Blaby has become a ghost town, full of hair salons/ barbers and charity shops. If you want to encourage people to come to the centre and spend money in the local shops, then do NOT introduce parking charges. It makes no sense. The income that it may raise will be dwarfed by the</p>

					<p>amount of money the shops will lose, as I am not the only one that will take my morning walk elsewhere, possibly down at Fosse Park along Aylestone Meadows.</p> <p>If you introduce parking charges, it is another nail in the coffin for Blaby.</p> <p>Regards</p>
56	04/11/2024	School run	Against	Shouldn't have to pay to do the school run	<p>I'm sending this email to say my views on parking charges at bouskell park Blaby</p> <p>So I drive to school run as I literally have to go straight to work I park at bouskell for the school drop off and pick up This stops drives being blocked It's helps safety of children</p> <p>And it does the children good to have that little walk to school By putting in charges parents from the school are going to struggle more on where to park and this I find very upsetting</p> <p>We are parking at this car park to help the nearby residents and then this happens I feel more paying is wrong Why should I pay to park just to drop my children to school It's just a money grabbing service Sent from my iPhone</p>
57	04/11/2024	Discourages use of the park/ coming to Blaby	Against	Park should be free for users	<p>My objections and representations will be as bullet points</p> <p>I see no positives to parking charges apart from jumping on the same band wagon to make money, to create the odd job for parking meter attendant, and monies vanishing into the abyss</p> <p>Take away ....a place of sanctuary for many</p> <p>Take away ....a peaceful no worry area to absorb times and moments to quietly reminisce and gather memories for many</p> <p>Take away ....an area to meet friends free of parking meters to console the sad , to tell stories to those who need a cheery time to laugh together without being timed.</p> <p>Take away ....the colourful beauty of foliage and fona for those of artistic tendency either to paint or make stories of past present and future without clock watching</p> <p>Take time away.... for Healing this requires time, not an alarm clock</p> <p>Take away time.... for those who are slow to move, (the elderly )</p> <p>Take away time.... to dismount wheelchairs, pushchair , mobility aids.</p> <p>Take away.... For the time to ponder and reminisce</p> <p>Take time away for our dog training time and doggie socialising , because of clock watching</p>

					<p>Take away free time.... , for long summery picnics during our summers , for our children</p> <p>Take away time.... for our children to play and explore the beautiful nature of Bouskell park , explanations, descriptions all take free caring time .... Not to have the restraints of clock watching</p> <p>Take away time.... for a therapeutic time for those recovering from illness or operations, re-cooperations cannot be timed</p> <p>Take away time.... to slowly read and observe our newspapers and books</p> <p>Take away time .....from others who catch buses to spend time on Bouskell park, they travel from other surrounding villages to find peace of Bousekell park</p> <p>This also encourages many to shop in Blaby after their time spent meandering on our beautiful open space free from parking park .</p> <p>All of my above statements are on behalf of 'The Many' who pride ourselves to have the great pleasure of our Beautiful Bouskell park and surroundings .</p> <p>You are resurfacing the car park surface, but you are duty bound to make safe the ground for parking, it was a danger waiting to happen with its unkept treacherous pot hole edges</p> <p>Blaby is a totally valued area loved by many . Please think hard and take into consideration of the detrimental effect this will be felt by many residents .</p> <p>Your sincerely</p>
58	05/11/2024	Discourages use of the park/ coming to Blaby	Against	Park should be free for users	<p>Dear planning, I am responding to your notice to possibly introduce parking charges. I believe strongly that everyone should have access to outdoor spaces for wellbeing purposes, without the burden of costs.</p> <p>This is an ideal park for wheelchair users, due to pathways.</p> <p>Volunteers got together (for free) to help uncover archaeology to add interest, to the parks history.</p> <p>People use it as a safe place to walk.</p> <p>Its a place to meet a friend and somewhere to picnic.</p> <p>We all have to pay to park to shop, in Narborough and Blaby; even if you just need a birthday card or to buy a news paper or to buy an ice cream; can you not just allow people at least 1hour free parking to enjoy a walk in the park? Perhaps a nominal fee for the the</p>

					<p>2nd hour or a max of 2hrs to keep those drivers tempted to leave their car there all day away?</p> <p>We need to encourage people to walk and to get out and about, please dont penalise people for doing so.</p> <p>I believe parking on the road will increase as everyone will want to avoid charges; especially if they are a frequent user and that could prove too much.</p> <p>Some shops have already closed in Blaby and businesses struggle. The BDC should be encouraging people into the center and to spend, supporting local businesses. I'm sure park users also spend money locally!</p> <p>Why dont you hold special events there, which could raise money in other ways?</p> <p>I object to parking charges per se.</p> <p>Regards,</p>
59	05/11/2024	People parking on the street	Against	Vehicle displacement	<p>During the work on the car park it has been closed and Freer Close has become the park car park. Sometimes cars on the pavement on both sides of the road! This makes it difficult for access and dangerous for prams pushchairs and mobility scooters. I live on [REDACTED]</p> <p>If charges are made for the car park, the public will be reluctant to pay and continue to park on Freer Close.</p> <p>Please reconsider parking charges before there is a serious incident, perhaps some temporary parking restrictions will help in the short term.</p> <p>Regards,</p>
60	05/11/2024	Discourages use of the park/ coming to Blaby	Against	Discourages use of park / vehicle displacement	<p>Dear BDC</p> <p>I am writing to you with our objection to the intended car parking charges at Bouskill park Blaby.</p> <p>We are live in Blaby and are regular walkers along with our dog at this park.</p> <p>We and others considered ourselves fortunate to have this facility to excersize ourselves and our dog and meet up with our friends, and quite happy that the considerable rates we pay support this park.</p> <p>However the intended parking charges you want to put in place are unconstructive and unfair to users of the park, resulting in , more off road parking, less users of the park affecting their right to excersize and possibly their mental health.</p> <p>The work is totally unnecessary as the car park was adequate as it was and never full, why you feel it necessary to widen the entrance is beyond comprehension as it is more than</p>

					<p>enough for cars and vans.</p> <p>We hope you will listen to all of the objections and allow common sense to prevail and not put these charges to be put in place.</p> <p>Yours sincerely</p>
61	05/11/2024	Discourages use of the park/ coming to Blaby	Against	Park should be free for users	<p>Dear Sirs</p> <p>This park was purchased by Blaby District Council from the Bouskell family in the 1990's, as open space for the "people of Blaby district".</p> <p>I enjoy my walk around the park but at [REDACTED] years old, I do need to drive a short journey there when taking the dog. If a charge was to be made I would have to give this up, which effect mine and [REDACTED] all round wellbeing.</p> <p>Therefore, I object profusely to the proposed car park charge, Blaby District Council receive enough Council Tax from myself to cover parking.</p> <p>Yours sincerely</p>
62	05/11/2024	People parking on the street	Against	Vehicle Displacement	<p>Please accept this email as an objection against proposed parking charges on Bouskell Park.</p> <p>As a resident of nearby [REDACTED] I see people who work in the village park on this and surrounded roads all day, every day. This problem has increased since the Bouskell Park car park works started so I am in no doubt that introducing charges will exacerbate the issue.</p> <p>It is my understanding that car park improvements have been funded through UK SPF so money is not required for the works to be carried out.</p> <p>Regards,</p>
63	05/11/2024	People parking on the street	Against	Vehicle displacement /reduces footfall in Blaby	<p>I absolutely disagree to implement parking charges at Bouskell park.</p> <p>This is for the following reasons</p> <p>1) people will not use the car park anymore and street park. I live in [REDACTED] and congestion is already an issue due to Wigston road car park become a pay and display. People will park around here and make there way to Bouskell via the field gate at church road or mill lane.</p> <p>2) Blaby has been reduced to a barber /charity shop since all the other parking charges have been enforced. I remember blaby being a vibrant village. Footfall as reduced so</p>

					<p>much due to the charges that the best shops have move on. Take note of Fosse Park where parking is free? The car parks are full and the area is thriving. Remove the charges and bring people back</p> <p>3) your creating a ghost town. Pushing more people away with this scheme</p> <p>4) Considering there is no money around how can you justify spending all this amount on a more than adequate car park. There are so many other projects that would benefit the residents and visitors to blaby</p> <p>I welcome your response</p>
64	05/11/2024	Discourages use of the park/ coming to Blaby	Against	Discourages use of park	<p>Dear Sir/Madam,</p> <p>I would like to register my objection to the proposed charges for parking at Bouskall Park. I feel this a ludicrous idea! If you want people to use the park why charge for parking? People will choose to go elsewhere which would have a detrimental effect on the shops in Blaby.</p> <p>Also, I am sure that people will end up parking in the surrounding streets which will be problem for those living around it. I can imagine people parking on Welford Road and causing traffic chaos, possibly leading to more accidents when people (especially children) cross this road.</p> <p>Please reconsider this proposal.</p> <p>With thanks</p>
65	05/11/2024	Waste of money	Against	Parks should be free	<p>I object to car parking charges at our local parks. Also the move to cashless payment which excludes our more vulnerable members of the community.</p> <p>I object to Bouskell Park and Fosse Meadows being used as revenue generating assets. It appears to be already have been approved years ago as per Parks Open Space Strategy. However, Appendix A stated approved subject to Business Plan. Where is this?</p>

66	05/11/2024	Waste of money	Against	Will not generate income/ vehicle displacement/ reduced Blaby footfall/ resident health	<p>I would like to object to the proposed parking being introduced at Bouskell Park in Blaby, for the following reasons:</p> <p>Firstly, the proposed financial benefits will not materialise. Similar claims were made when charges were introduced at Blaby's other car parks, and the revenue ended up being much lower than expected. People simply went elsewhere or parked on the streets. Secondly, people parking on the streets will create needless disruption for residents. Thirdly, it will put people off visiting Blaby, having a knock-on effect on local businesses (just as your earlier car park charges did). Fourthly, the UK has a huge ill-health problem. Getting exercise in local parks should be encouraged, not penalised. This is especially true in that the poorest people in the UK have, on average, the worst health. Fifthly, the car park is used by people dropping their children off at Thistly Meadow School and picking them up. These people will end up being pushed into parking on busy roads at rush hour, creating traffic problems and increasing the risk of a child being ran over.</p> <p>Best wishes</p>
67	05/11/2024	Discourages use of the park/ coming to Blaby	Against	Other ways to generate income/ discourages people to Blaby	<p>Good evening, hope you are all well.</p> <p>As part of your Car Parking consultation with the residents within BDC, could you kindly address the issue charging genuine shoppers using St Johns Car Park Blaby. Whilst I appreciate there needs to be other ways BDC has to raise much needed funds personally for me it does put myself and many others I know off shopping in Blaby due to enforced charging (unless of course you shop at Aldi). Therefore would it be possible to have consultation with the likes of Iceland, Greggs Savers, Dominos Pizza etc that if you spend X amount they will reimburse the parking charge? (Iceland used to do this)</p> <p>Alternatively on the boundary of the car park why don't you use this as advertising space whereby you can rent out x amount of meters and private/national company's can use this to advertise their products (am sure this could be very lucrative for the council).</p> <p>Kind regards</p>
68	06/11/2024	People parking on the street	Against	Vehicle displacement	<p>Good Morning,</p> <p>I am writing to you today concerning the proposed charge of parking at Bouskell park. I am a resident of [REDACTED] and have been for almost 7 years. The key concern I have is the already increasing number of cars parked on our cul de sac. I have a [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and multiple times since the car park has been closed, I've had to walk down the</p>

					<p>middle of the road with my pushchair as people are choosing to park inconsiderately, blocking the pavements. Many residents already have a vehicle that must be parked on the road and it's creating an influx of additional traffic. I believe that incurring a fee to park will only add to this issue.</p> <p>I am aware that cameras were fitted recently in the street for a very short period of time - I am hoping that this small amount of evidence will not be used to sway the decision either way.</p> <p>The peak time for the traffic increase will be the Summer. Many families attend bouskell park to play games, walk their dogs and have picnics during these months and I already see the impact of increased traffic parked on our road during these months, without the parking fee being introduced.</p> <p>There are [REDACTED]. Please can you consider the safety and practicalities of residents before imposing the new charges.</p> <p>Regards,</p>
69	06/11/2024	People parking on the street	Against	Vehicle displacement	<p>Hi,</p> <p>I hope this email finds you well.</p> <p>I am writing this email to share my views on the detrimental impact putting in place parking charges at Bouskell Park will have on the local roads.</p> <p>As a resident of [REDACTED], the concern that imposing parking charges will have on the parking on this street will be massively impacted. The street is already busier than ever with the charges in Blaby that have already been imposed as we are one of the closest 'free parking' streets there is to the centre.</p> <p>Parking on this street unfortunately has been and continues to be done in an incredibly selfish way. Unfortunately this is not something that we can directly influence apart from offering appropriate free parking. Double parking on both sides of the road causes concern that emergency vehicles would not be able to access the street and also blocks pavements.</p> <p>We are a through road for schools, families to access the park and as a mum-to-be, there would be many times that I would have to push my baby in the road as access on the paths has been overtaken by cars.</p> <p>Please do consider the impact on the local residents, the street will continue to be abused for free parking until it is full and only then will people choose whether to pay to</p>



					<p>park.</p> <p>If you must put parking charges in place, please consider offering an hour or two for free so that anybody in the community can enjoy the local green space without having to pay for the experience or park dangerously on an already busy residential street.</p> <p>Many thanks, I hope you take into consideration the huge impact this decision will bring.</p>
70	06/11/2024	People parking on the street	Against	Vehicle displacement	<p>Good morning</p> <p>I am very concerned about the charges to be proposed at Bouskell car park.</p> <p>I live on [REDACTED]</p> <p>I've noticed already a lot of people parking inconsiderately as well as blocking the pavements, which means walking in the road for pedestrians.</p> <p>Also when driving into [REDACTED] from the main road is difficult when another car is trying to drive out.</p> <p>Surely the public should be allowed to walk their dog or take the family for a walk in the park without the paying charges. It's going to cause so many problems with cars finding other places to park their cars.</p> <p>We are very concerned how this will affect parking and driving to our homes.</p> <p>Regards</p>
71	06/11/2024	People parking on the street	Against	Vehicle displacement/ waste of money / won't generate income	<p>Hello BDC,</p> <p>I am writing to object to the proposed charges being introduced at the above park. I live just off [REDACTED] and foresee many regular users just parking on local streets. This in its self is not an issue as most users of the park would probably park considerately on public roads. What consideration has BDC made on this point?</p> <p>I would like to appreciate how the costs are calculated for parking charges? Or are they just in line with local car parks.</p> <p>Main question, how long does BDC consider it would take to recoup the £440,000 spent on this, as well as keep the level of maintenance to the park (well kept so thank you for this)?</p> <p>Best regards,</p>

72	06/11/2024	Discourages use of the park/ coming to Blaby	Against	Discourages visitors to Blaby / parks should be free	<p>Morning</p> <p>I'm contacting you regarding the proposed parking charges at Bouskell Park in Blaby and I find it very disappointing that you are even considering charging for this.</p> <p>A number of people visit Bouskell Park every day for exercise but also for social reasons and they've already told me that they won't be paying to park especially as many of these are elderly and living on reduced income. As a local council you should be encouraging people to visit Bouskell Park for health and wellbeing reasons. I also believe that the parking charges will lead to more vehicles parking on the surrounding rounds as already happens due to the parking charges on other car parks.</p> <p>Personally, I will not be paying to use Bouskell Park so I will either park elsewhere in Blaby or I will go somewhere else altogether but when I visit I will often go to the local cafes e.g. the Nak'd Barista, Jennos etc so again those shops will see lower footfall.</p> <p>This is slightly off-topic but I now don't visit Blaby as often as I did in the past and this is partly due to the parking charges. For example, last week I wanted something from the DIY shop but I couldn't find a free parking space so I carried on to Broughton Astley and used the DIY shop there – free parking! Another time recently I wanted to go to Savers in Blaby but again I couldn't park so I purchased what I wanted on Amazon instead. As most of my visits to Blaby now are just to visit one shop, maybe 10 minutes at the most, I don't want to spend time paying 70p for parking for just a short visit.</p> <p>Unfortunately the people who make these decisions don't seem to have a great deal of business sense and are unaware of the long-term implications that parking charges have on the local economy especially as we have Fosse Park nearby which offers free parking. If you just offered 30 minutes free parking I believe this would result in more footfall in Blaby and greater prosperity in the long-run.</p> <p>Blaby is not such an attractive place to shop ever since Waitrose left and we now have charity shops, nail bars, "Turkish barbers" (a problem in other towns I know) but why not try to encourage people to visit Blaby instead of trying to push them away? At Christmas you offer free parking so you obviously realise that the charges affect peoples' behaviour.</p> <p>Regards</p>
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73	06/11/2024	Other	Against	<p>First hour should be free/ charges should be between 9 and 3</p>	<p><b>Re Bouskell Park – Proposed Implementation of Parking Charges</b></p> <p>I am writing to express my concerns with regard to the proposed implementation of parking charges on Bouskell Park.</p> <p>I appreciate that Blaby District Council have a car parking strategy for car parks within the Blaby District however to set a precedence on a recreational park is not something that I feel should be considered.</p> <p>I am realistic and after witnessing the Scrutiny meeting that took place at the Council Offices I believe the charges will take place but what I am requesting is that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The first hour should be free</li> <li>• The charges would ideally be between 9 to 3</li> <li>• Disabled parking should be free</li> <li>• Free parking on Sunday</li> </ul> <p>I believe this request can be supported as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recreational use is vital for the wellbeing of residents both in the immediate vicinity of Bouskell park and for those who live further afield and require transport to access the park.</li> <li>• Bouskell Park is a unique park and cannot be compared to other parks in other neighbouring villages hence why people travel and I think a free hour is not unreasonable to offer.</li> <li>• If charges are implemented I feel those who have been parking for free for long periods of time will start to park on local streets to avoid paying the charges and this will generate a whole new problem for the council to deal with at some significant cost. I have photos that have recently been taken demonstrating dangerous and thoughtless parking that I can provide as evidence of my concerns if required.</li> <li>• I support the idea that people i.e non-residents of Blaby should not be parking on Bouskell Park and then to walking to the village to work all day, or catch the bus into town however, as the most local resident to the park I don't believe this is the case [REDACTED]</li> </ul> <p>[REDACTED] The feedback from the freedom of information request demonstrated that there had been 6 formal complaints in the last few years and they were with regard to the state of the car park, flooding, lack of disabled car parking availability and no availability for normal drivers. This is not sufficient evidence to support charges and nor was the review in Feb/March.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elderly and disabled residents drive to the park on a regular basis and it is unreasonable</li> </ul>
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					<p>for them to pay charges while they seek an hour of respite from what could be an isolated existence and in some cases these residents have no outside area at their own residences.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In some instances dogs require transport to the park due to their own restrictions but they still require recreational access to the park.</li> <li>• Parents park on the carpark for a short period of time at school drop off and pick up times to avoid congestion outside the Thisley Meadow School and the surrounding streets and free parking for an hour or ideally charges only between 9 to 3 would mean this could continue to do this. The other advantage of this initiative is that families could enjoy the park before and/or after a school day. The encouragement of family outdoor activity is paramount for the physical and mental wellbeing of children and I am sure the Council and Government supports this.</li> <li>• There is a large community of dog walkers that use the park especially before 9 and after 3 who would all benefit from restricted hours of the charges.</li> </ul> <p>I hope this request could be seriously considered and discussed by the Consultation Panel as it would have a detrimental effect on all the residents young and old, those who live within the immediate vicinity of the park and especially those who have to travel to enjoy Bouskell Park and its extensive surroundings. As an initiative that is not replicated in the Blaby District but maybe extended to other parks and recreational areas in the future, I really if wellbeing of all residents. A poor precedence will have an adverse effect on the use of all local parks in the future for little monetary gain and affect the wellbeing of residents who will not use the park for what it was originally intended.</p> <p>Yours sincerely</p>
74	06/11/2024	Other	Against	Vehicle displacement / parks should remain free	<p>Dear Blaby District Council.</p> <p>Bouskell Park was secured in the 1990's as a recreational space for the village of Blaby and its residents. As such the residents of Blaby should have free access to the park land without being charged. Park walks are a valuable form of recreation, for health and well-being for the local community.</p> <p>While I have no objections to improvements to the car parking at Bouskell park in principle, I must strongly object to the idea of introducing parking charges to use this recreational area.</p> <p>If charges of any amount were to be introduced at Bouskell park, the good people of Blaby will park anywhere but the car park, causing more problems in the area and making</p>

					<p>the car park improvements unnecessary and thus a complete waste of rate payers' money.</p> <p>Council officials have a duty of care to manage the community facilities for the benefit of the community. The opposite will happen if Parking charges are introduced. Us residents pay our rates for access and use of local facilities like parks, so it wrong to charge us again to use them.</p> <p>To encourage park users not to use the unnecessarily improved car park by applying charges, must be considered bad management of rate payers' money by the council. Procedures do exist to deal with councils that miss manage public money.</p> <p>I would expect the council to conduct its self in a manner which is to the best interest of its residents and rate payers. It would seem that this is far from the case with recent proposals from Blaby District Council.</p> <p>Yours Sincerely</p>
75	06/11/2024	People parking on the street	Against	Vehicle displacement / 2 hours should be free	<p>To whomever it concerns,</p> <p>I would like to raise my concerns about introducing car park fees to the car park at Bouskell park. I feel that a free two hour with ANPR cameras to govern this and fine those that stay longer is a better way forward.</p> <p>If you charge to park, people will park along the main road causing visibility issues and safety concerns for crossing.</p> <p>It will drive many people away from this park to go to others that do have free parking. A two hour free park allows people to enjoy the park but prevents people miss using the car park to do other daily tasks such as work and park for free.</p> <p>I feel the council should reconsider the charging plan to allow equity for all to use this space for free.</p> <p>Regards</p>
76	06/11/2024	Discourages use of the park/ coming to Blaby	Against	People won't use park/vehicle displacement	<p>I am writing to make my objections to the proposed introduction of parking charges at Bouskell Park.</p> <p>The park is a vital and well used green space, providing a great place to take exercise and improve mental health for people of all ages. I walk in this park frequently since moving to the area and have made many friends by doing so. To introduce charges will deter many people from being able to use the park, therefore having a negative effect on the community's wellbeing.</p> <p>It will also encourage people to park on nearby residential roads, causing potential</p>

					<p>problems for local residents. Welford Road is already a busy road and just one parked car causes congestion.</p> <p>I hope you will take my comments into consideration.</p> <p>Yours sincerely</p>
77	06/11/2024	Discourages use of the park/ coming to Blaby	Against	1 hour free parking should be offered	<p>I believe the council are making a poor decision with implementing car park charges at Bouskell Park.</p> <p>For many years we have been encouraging residence both within the district out of the district, visit our district and what we have to offer. By implementing the charges you will either put off these visitors or just force them to park on the roads.</p> <p>Whilst I understand the council wishes to make car park cost neutral it should not be done at the detriment of the as described crown jewel of car parks in the district.</p> <p>I believe the council should consider a period of free parking up to 1 hour. This will allow the genuine use of the park to still carry out their visit.</p> <p>Kind regards</p>
78	06/11/2024	People parking on the street	Against	Vehicle displacement	<p>Dear Sir/Madam</p> <p>I am writing to the council with regards to the proposed parking charges on Bouskell Park. I am a frequent user of the park and can walk from my house and will not be directly affected by the charges. I would like to bring to the council's attention that I have heard conversations from park users that they will not be paying for the car park. Instead they will be parking on nearby streets for no cost.. this leads me onto the issue with parking on Freer Close. There has been an increase in people parking on the Close. I have seen people in mobility scooters and people pushing pushchairs using the road as some cars are parking on the pavements particularly at the bottom of the Close. [REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED] it can be challenging entering the road at times and negotiating between parked cars. I would have concerns if emergency vehicles needed to attend an address as the vehicles are larger and may be unable to access a person needing their services.</p> <p>Could the council reconsider charging for using Bouskell car park as I anticipate car drivers will use roads like Freer Close and nearby roads to park, rather than pay.</p> <p>Regards</p>

79	06/11/2024		For	Charges are a good idea	<p>Dear Sir / Madam,</p> <p>I would like to leave comments regarding the Off-Street Parking Places Order in respect of the new renovated car park at Bouskell Park.</p> <p>I would support the proposed car parking charges because:-</p> <p>It will help ensure the car park is used by those wishing to use the park rather than those taking advantage of free spaces that they for other purposes.</p> <p>It's fair that those that benefit from the use of the park and the parking pay for that pleasure like many other public parks.</p> <p>The fees paid by the people that park there will help maintain the new work rather than it be burden on those that don't.</p> <p>Lastly (and to be frank), the cost of the parking is in line with other car parks in Balby and is not excessive.</p> <p>Kind Regards</p>
80	06/11/2024	People parking on the street	Against	Vehicle displacement	<p>Dear Sir/Madam,</p> <p>I am a resident of [REDACTED] and am writing about both the proposed car parking charges at Bouskell Park and the excessive and irresponsible parking that has, and no doubt will continue to be, an issue on [REDACTED]. My specific points are:</p> <p>1.I have already found that on 2 /3 occasions it has been extremely difficult to get out of or into the Close due to the number of vehicles parked. My specific point regarding entry to the Close is that the double yellow lines are often ignored or indeed do not go up the Close far enough to enable safe entry into the Close when cars are parked on both sides.</p> <p>2.Whilst to date I am not aware that any of the neighbors have had their driveways blocked [you may have had such e mails however], the very layout of the Close means that once cars are parked anyone driving up or down the Close will literally have to weave left and right to avoid cars parking on alternate sides.</p> <p>3.More significantly, any [larger] trade vehicles or public vehicles [ambulances, fire engines etc] would find access impossible. To me and indeed some of the 'older' residents nearby this is potentially a very significant Health and Safety issue.</p> <p>4. Linked to the above is the increasing difficulty to use the footpath areas for both wheelchairs/pram users and mobility users.</p> <p>4.The closure of the car park at present, during the winter months when it it would be least used, is also telling; I am commenting on issues that I can see currently affecting the Close. During the warmer summer months I can anticipate that the problem will be</p>

					<p>much worse as visitors will look at any way possible of avoiding paying car park charges. 5, Bouskell Park is rightly lauded as a 'gem' in Blaby village - it is very well used by all and should be accessible at the point of use to all. The proposal to charge goes against everything that I feel has been positive from the council and is something that should be reconsidered and reversed.</p>
81	06/11/2024	Discourages use of the park/ coming to Blaby	Against	Discourages use of the park/ vehicle displacement	<p>Dear Blaby District Council,</p> <p>I am writing to express my concerns regarding the proposed introduction of parking charges at Bouskell Park following its renovation. While I appreciate the council's efforts to enhance the park's facilities and create a welcoming space for the community, I believe that implementing parking fees would have several unintended negative impacts. Firstly, Bouskell Park has long been a valuable recreational area where families, dog walkers, and individuals can enjoy the outdoors without financial barriers. Charging for parking risks discouraging regular visitors and reducing accessibility for families and individuals who may already be facing economic pressures. Free public parks are a critical resource, offering a space where people from all walks of life can engage with nature and promote their well-being. Introducing fees might deter local residents from visiting as frequently, ultimately reducing the community value the park provides. Furthermore, charging for parking may lead to increased congestion in nearby residential areas, as visitors attempt to avoid fees by parking on adjacent streets. This could not only inconvenience local residents but also create potential safety issues in terms of traffic and pedestrian access around the park.</p> <p>While I understand that maintenance and improvements come with costs, I encourage the council to consider alternative revenue sources that would not directly impact park visitors. Options such as local sponsorship, grants, or community fundraisers could help cover expenses without compromising accessibility.</p> <p>Thank you for considering my perspective on this matter. I hope the council will take into account the importance of keeping Bouskell Park as an open and accessible space for everyone in our community.</p> <p>Yours sincerely,</p>



82	06/11/2024	Discourages use of the park/ coming to Blaby	Against	Discourages use of park/costs are rising for people too much	<p>I am writing in regards to the decision to implement a fee to use the carpark at one of our local and ever dwindling green spaces.</p> <p>It's deeply saddening and concerning to hear that yet again, the greed of a council is impacting it's local residents ability to use an area to stretch their legs, exercise dogs, allow children to safely play outdoors, breathe in fresh air away from vehicles on the road and ultimately clear their minds.</p> <p>While we are in a height of a mental health crisis across the UK and 'go for a walk outdoors' is on the list of advice people are given on the waitlist for professional help, it feels bizarre to me that the council would want to charge people for wanting to use a walking area when they need to arrive by car.</p> <p>Blaby council have already put the nail in the coffin with village centre carpark charges, to the point I refuse to visit unless it's at the free Aldi carpark. A real miss for local business, but I like many others, will not give a penny more to the extortionate greed of this shortsighted council.</p> <p>It's also worth noting the disappointment from local residents when I had to strike off Bouskell park from my list for a local ladies walking group that I run, the criteria is very simple: Nearby, set path to follow &amp; free parking. This is very discouraging against the narrative that encourages people to get out and about to participate in exercise - especially the older generations who rely on such groups to socialize.</p> <p>Lastly I will mention the lingering feeling that the only purpose for these charges is to kill off the number of visitors to this park, in turn building a case against maintaining its use as a park and before we know it - there will be a planning application for an absurd number of houses or warehousing I've no doubt.</p> <p>I hope you can consider my reason for such a strong objection.</p> <p>We appreciate there's no money in the kitty at the moment, but it's the same for local people where purse strings are extremely tight as it is, without paying to get fresh air. Daylight robbery at its finest.</p> <p>Thank you for taking the time to read my email.</p> <p>Regards</p>
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83	06/11/2024	People parking on the street	Against	First hour should be free/ charges should be between 9 and 3	<p>Dear Sirs,</p> <p>RE: Consultation - Parking Charges Bouskell Park, Blaby LE8 4FS</p> <p>I am writing to express my concerns and alternative suggestions, regarding the proposed parking charges for Bouskell Park in Blaby.</p> <p>Whilst I accept Blaby District Council has a car parking strategy for car parks within the Blaby District and needs to recover running costs, I do not believe there should be short-term parking charges on car parks for recreational parks. I believe residents and visitors should be encouraged to use the parks for recreational activity, to promote good health and well being. I also believe that, if the proposed charges for short-term parking are introduced it may reduce the use of the park and increase the amount of on-street parking, causing potential disruption to the flow of traffic and potential increased risk of accidents.</p> <p>My suggestions and reasons are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The first hour of parking should be free</li> <li>• The charges should ideally be between 9:00 and 15:00</li> <li>• Disabled parking should be free</li> <li>• Free parking on Sundays</li> </ul> <p>If the first hour is free it should continue to encourage those who use the park for regular exercise, or take their dogs for a walk twice a day. It will also help with parents, or guardians who park their car and walk to take or collect their children to Thistly Meadow Primary School .</p> <p>Another suggestion would be just to have charges between 9:00 and 15:00 which would allow early and later afternoon walkers, or parents and guardians to use the park twice per day at school start and finish times. This would also reduced the costs associated with enforcement.</p> <p>I believe there should be no charge for those users who are disabled.</p> <p>If there were no parking charges on Sunday it would again encourage greater use of the park on Sundays and reduce the costs associated with enforcement.</p> <p>I do accept that parking for free whilst not using the park and avoiding charges at other car parks is not fair.</p> <p>I welcome the opportunity for this consultation.</p> <p>Yours faithfully</p>
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84	06/11/2024	Discourages use of the park/ coming to Blaby	Against	Parks should remain free for users	<p>Hello</p> <p>I am writing to say I strongly disagree to the parking charges but postponed at Bouskell Park.</p> <p>This is a open green space and should have free parking for everyone to use, I take my disabled mum here to get her out for some fresh air and the parking charges will just be yet another added expense.</p> <p>I beg you to re consider bringing in parking charges at Bouskell Park.</p> <p>Thanks in advance.</p>
85	06/11/2024	Other	Against	Vehicle displacement/parents will struggle to drop off/pick up children	<p>I am writing to put forward my objection to the planned parking charges the District Council are wanting to impose on the car park at Bouskell Park.</p> <p>Whilst I appreciate the need to widen the car park entrance for the modern car and understand that a grant has been used to modernise and widen the parking space, I wholeheartedly object to the unnecessary charges the BDC wish to impose. I can only assume that you do not reside in Blaby, or you would be more sensitive to the uproar this news has created in our community. Bouskell Park was gifted to the residents of Blaby many many years ago by the owners of Blaby Hall. It is a little peace of tranquil heaven in the middle of a forever growing community. And it is very disappointing and upsetting to see that BDC fail to see this as the gift as it was intended, but rather as another means to make money.</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>By imposing such charges, you will be hitting the most vulnerable and elderly of our community. The park is frequented by not only elderly members but by many care workers and their vulnerable clients. It's perfectly set up to provide a safe environment for these vulnerable community members to get exercise and fresh air without the added stresses of a financial burden.</p> <p>I also appreciate the frustration you must be feeling that the parking charges imposed in the village have failed to return fruition and is most probably costing the BDC however I can assure you, people are not using the park car park to park and shop... I haven't seen anyone wheel a trolley to the car park after a big shop at Iceland and Aldi. What's the point when you have a free car park attached the Aldi. What the parking charges in the</p>

					<p>village have done is drive people away - and this is very apparent when you look at the reduced footfall in the village day on day and the number of shops that have closed as a result or reduced capacity such as the chemist.</p> <p>All that your parking charges will do is drive people out of the car park and onto the neighbouring roads, or worse still, away from the park itself. There's currently no restricted parking along Welford Road and Freer Close. We have seen the chaos the closed car park has created on our roads over the short number of weeks the car park has been closed (and this is during the winter period and with many people probably thinking the park is closed). This will only be exasperated during the warmer months. Freer close has become a car park, in some days it has been impossible for local residents to find parking spaces. I have attached a photo of the road in a dreary Saturday afternoon. Imagine this along Welford and other neighbouring roads. And if the intention is for the BDC to alter restrictions along Welford and freer to deter this - firstly I would question whether this was a fair, necessary spend of tax payers money, and then ask why should residents pay the price for the councils unnecessary need to squeeze more money from the community. Why should we not be able to park outside our own houses??</p> <p>The parks car park is used by the local primary school parents, supporting the park and stride scheme that is promoted by local authorities and school. Where the car park is situated provides a safe route for the primary children to walk (aged 4-11 year olds). And by charging you are shifting parents away from this safe space to local residents streets, which are already heaving with traffic and are becoming a hazard. Thistly Meadow has doubled in size over the last year or so, which has of course doubled the amount of traffic on our roads.</p> <p>I believe the reason for considering parking charges is due to complaints about parking (freedom of information showed that a grand total of 4 complaints were made about parking over a 2 year period) and the need for the park to be more self sufficient. The grant is paying for the modernisations that have already started so the only costs would be maintaining which are already budgeted for and we pay for through our taxes and for any unnecessary upgrades such as electric charging point (which is not only an unnecessary spend of tax payers money where the majority of community do not drive an</p>
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					<p>electric car and in any case would pay for themselves in due course).</p> <p>The parking charges are not wanted at Bouskell. The charges will have a devastating effect to the users of the park. It's not as if there are other amenities on the park that would warrant the need for people to visit and spend, such as a cafe or a boating lake or fishing. You are effectively wanting to charge people for stretching their legs and getting some fresh air... it is greedy and heartless...</p> <p>As put forward if parking charges would want to be imposed, there should at least be some sort of compromise such as the first hour for free. This would show empathy for our most vulnerable. What has hurt the community is the sheer lack of consideration to consult Blaby resident PRIOR to work starting - it is back handed and entitled and unfortunately does not win respect.</p> <p>I truly hope the BDC careful consider the pleas of the community - this has really upset us all. We feel you have tarnished the most beautiful asset of our village...</p> <p>Please provide confirmation that you have received this email. I am more than happy to elaborate on any of my points above.</p> <p>Regards</p>
86	06/11/2024	Discourages use of the park/ coming to Blaby	Against	Parks should be free/waste of money	<p>Dear Sir/Madam,</p> <p>I wish to object to the proposed parking charge at the renovated Bouskell Park in Blaby. As a local resident, I am firstly disgusted at the amount of money which has been spent on a refurbishment which was objected to by local residents, and the exorbitant costs of such refurbishment which could have been put to better use elsewhere.</p> <p>I am now very disappointed that there is a proposed parking charge, which is again rather exorbitant for using it. I appreciate that the car park may have been a little small at times, but there have also been a number of other times when the car park was virtually empty. I would really like to promote local businesses and buy local, but the introduction, and then steep price rises have almost made it impossible to shop and/or 'take leisure' in Blaby - I will invariably now go to Fosse Meadows, because the parking is free, but this is not good for the environment or the local economy.</p>

					<p>I ask that you defer from charging for the newly 'upgraded' car park at Bouskell Park, and instead promote the concept of buying local, supporting the local economy and encouraging people to 'leave the car at home'.</p> <p>Kind Regards,</p>
87	06/11/2024	People parking on the street	Against	Vehicle displacement	<p>We are very concerned that you are going to charge for parking at Bouskelll Park .</p> <p>We live [REDACTED] which is a nightmare whilst the car park is closed and we know this situation will continue if you impose charges.</p> <p>Access to the street is very dangerous and cars are blocking the pavements as the road is narrow .</p>
88	06/11/2024	School run	Against	School parking	<p>Hi,</p> <p>I would like to raise my objection against the proposed parking charges at Bouskall Park Blaby.</p> <p>This car park is used daily by parents taking their kids to school and the charges will mean even more congestion at school times than there already is.</p> <p>Regards,</p>

**NOTICE OF MAKING**

**THE DISTRICT OF BLABY (OFF STREET PARKING PLACES) ORDER 2024**

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN – Blaby District Council proposes to make the above mentioned order in exercise of its powers under Sections 32, 33, 35, 35a and 38 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and Parts I, III, IV, V and VI of Schedule 9 to the Act, the Traffic Management Act 2004, all regulations and Orders conferred by the 2004 Act and of all other enabling powers, with the consent of the Leicestershire County Council in accordance with Section 39(3) of the Act and after consulting the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 of the 1984 Act and the Area Traffic Commissioner under Part V of Schedule 9 of the 1984 Act, hereby makes the following Order:-
2. The general effect of the Order is to:
  - Revoke The District of Blaby (Off-Street Parking Places) Order 2022.
  - Invoke The District of Blaby (Off-Street Parking Places) Order 2024.
  - Revoke the Blaby District Council (Narborough Station Ticket Office Car Park) Experimental Order 2023 and formalise the restrictions into this Order.
  - Revoke the Blaby District Council (Enderby Road Car Park) Experimental Order 2024 and formalise the restrictions into this Order.
  - Incorporate EV Charging Bay restrictions at Enderby Leisure Centre and Huncote Leisure Centre.
  - Introduce Season Tickets at Weavers Court Car Park and Enderby Road and Johns Court Car Parks.
  - Introduce a charging regime at Bouskell Park Car Park to contribute to making the Council owned car parks and open spaces financially self-sustaining.
  - To remove the car parks which have been gifted to Parish Councils (St Michaels Court and Long Street Car Parks in Stoney Stanton and Central Street Car Park in Countesthorpe).

## SCHEDULE OF CHARGES (SCHEDULE 1)

Name of Car Park	Charged Hours	Scale of Charges during Charged Hours
Station Road Car Park, Narborough	8am to 6pm Monday – Saturday (inclusive) Including Bank Holidays	All day – £6.00 Up to 20 minutes – FREE in designated short stay red parking bay Minibus bays – FREE parking with valid permit maximum stay 3 hours Season Tickets – £500 per annum. Residents Permits – not available. Return prohibited within 3 hours Maximum 3 hours stay within designated green electric vehicle charging bays during charging hours. Charges apply for electricity
Narborough Station Ticket Office Car Park	All times	Permit Holders Only in blue hatched area Free parking in Disabled bays with valid Disabled badge & clock. 2 free 20 minute only bays
Weavers Court Car Park, Narborough	8am to 6pm Monday – Saturday (inclusive) Including Bank Holidays	Up to 1 hour – £0.70 Up to 2 hours – £1.00 Up to 3 hours – £1.50 Up to 4 hours – £3.00 Over 4 hours – £6.00 Season Tickets – £500 per annum. Residents Permits – £85 per annum subject to residence qualifications. Return prohibited within 3 hours. Maximum 3 hours stay within designated green electric vehicle charging bays during charging hours. Charges apply for electricity
Enderby Road & Johns Court Car Park, Blaby	8am to 6pm Monday – Saturday (inclusive) Including Bank Holidays	Up to 1 hour – £0.70 Up to 2 hours – £1.00 Up to 3 hours – £1.50 Up to 4 hours – £3.00 Over 4 hours – £6.00 Season Tickets – £500 per annum. Residents Permits – £85 per annum subject to residence qualifications. NHS Permits – £350 per annum. Return prohibited within 3 hours. Maximum 3 hours stay within designated green electric vehicle charging bays during charging hours. Charges apply for electricity
Leicester Road Car Park, Narborough	8am to 6pm Monday – Saturday (inclusive) Including Bank Holidays	Up to 1 hour – £0.70 Up to 2 hours – £1.00 Up to 3 hours – £1.50 Up to 20 minutes – FREE in designated short stay red parking bays Season Tickets – not available. Residents Permits – £85 per annum subject to residence qualifications. Return prohibited within 3 hours. Maximum 3 hours stay within designated green electric vehicle charging bays during charging hours. Charges apply for electricity
Bouskell Park Car Park, Blaby	8am to 6pm Monday – Sunday (inclusive) Including Bank Holidays	Up to 1 hour – £0.70 Up to 2 hours – £1.00 Up to 3 hours – £1.50 Up to 4 hours – £3.00 Over 4 hours – £6.00 Season Tickets – not available. Residents Permits – not available. Return prohibited within 3 hours



## PERMITTED WAITING PERIODS (SCHEDULE 2)

**No Season Tickets or Residents Permits are permitted in the below car parks unless otherwise stated.**

<b>Name of Car Park</b>	<b>Date and Time of Operation</b>	<b>Maximum Waiting Time</b>
Enderby Leisure Centre & Golf Course Car Parks, Enderby	8am to 6pm Monday – Saturday (inclusive) Including Bank Holidays	6 hours – return prohibited within 3 hours. Maximum 3 hours stay within designated green electric vehicle charging bays during charging hours. Charges apply for electricity
Huncote Leisure Centre Car Park, Huncote	8am to 6pm Monday – Saturday (inclusive) Including Bank Holidays	6 hours – return prohibited within 3 hours. Maximum 3 hours stay within designated green electric vehicle charging bays during charging hours. Charges apply for electricity
Jubilee Park Car Park, Enderby	All times	In line with seasonal opening hours
Fosse Meadows Car Park, Sharnford	All times	In line with seasonal opening hours

## PERMITTED WAITING PERIODS (SCHEDULE 2)

**In Operation at all times unless otherwise stated**

<b>Name of Car Park</b>	<b>Maximum Waiting Time</b>
Blaby District Council Staff Car Park, Narborough	Staff permits only – subject to qualifications
Blaby District Council Visitors Car Park, Narborough	2 hours – return prohibited within 3 hours
The Grange Car Park, Narborough	Residents Permits only – £55 per annum subject to residence qualifications

The Order will come into force on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025. If any person wishes to question the validity of the Order or any of its provisions on the grounds that it or they are not within the powers conferred by the 1984 Act or that any requirement of the Act or any instrument made under the Act has not been complied with, that person may, within 6 weeks from the date on which the Order was made, apply for that purpose to the High Court.

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Dated 9 December 2024

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## Blaby District Council

### Cabinet Executive

<b>Date of Meeting</b>	27 November 2024
<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>Corporate Action Plan 2024-25 Mid-Year Progress Report</b> This is not a Key Decision and is on the Forward Plan
<b>Lead Member</b>	<b>Cllr. Terry Richardson - Leader of the Council</b>
<b>Report Author</b>	Business Systems, Performance & Information Manager
<b>Strategic Themes</b>	All Themes: Enabling our communities and supporting our vulnerable residents; Enhancing and maintaining our natural and built environment; Growing and supporting our economy; Keeping you safe and healthy; Ambitious and well managed Council, valuing our people.

#### 1. What is this report about?

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update members on the progress of actions outlined in the Corporate Action Plan 2024-25. The action plan was approved by Council on 27 February 2024.

#### 2. Recommendation(s) to Cabinet Executive

- 2.1 That Members note the progress made against the Corporate Action Plan 2024-25.

#### 3. Reason for Decisions Recommended

- 3.1 It is important that Elected Members and staff are familiar with how the Council is delivering against its agreed actions and priorities.

#### 4. Matters to consider

- 4.1 Background

The Council's vision for the district and its key strategic themes are set out in 'Blaby District Plan 2024 - 2028'.

The vision is "*to ensure that Blaby District is a great place to live, work and visit.*"

The role of the 'Corporate Action Plan' is to outline specific projects planned for the forthcoming period that will contribute significantly to the aspirations set out in the Blaby District Plan.

The purpose of this mid-year report is to provide an update on the progress of each of those projects.

In total, there were 46 projects contained within the Action Plan for 24-25 which are categorised by their alignment to one of the five strategic themes of the Blaby District Plan 2024-28.

The projects cover some significant areas, such as the purchase and utilisation of our own temporary accommodation units, the DEFRA lets go project, and the ongoing plans to implement statutory food waste collections by 2026. We are also in the process of reviewing the housing team's resources to enable them to respond to the increasing demands regarding temporary accommodation and homelessness.

The near completion of our online 'Citizens Access Portal' project will enable our residents to have much greater self-service accessibility to their Council Tax, Benefits and Business Rate accounts.

Several projects also continue our progress towards reaching carbon neutrality in 2030, whilst another set of projects demonstrate our commitment to further improving the health and leisure opportunities in the district.

Although our work to improve the district for our residents, visitors and businesses will always be our priority, we also strive to continually improve the Council's internal operations and efficiency. The projects contributing to the 'Ambitious & Well Managed Council' theme demonstrate this, with substantial progress in the delivery of our Transformation Program and ICT provision being particularly significant.

Overall progress is strong, with several projects already completed and the majority reporting over 50% completion.

It should also be noted that a selection of the projects are relatively long-term endeavors, realistically taking longer than a year to complete. Therefore, a continuation of some items in future Action Plans is likely.

#### 4.2 Proposal(s)

The progress of the actions outlined in the Corporate Action Plan 2024-25 is detailed in the report at Appendix A. Members are invited to review the progress report.

#### 4.3 Relevant Consultations

The Senior Responsible Officer of each project was consulted to gain the most recent and relevant information.

#### 4.4 Significant Issues

There are none within this report, however, individual projects may have associated issues, and these will be detailed in the appended report.

- 4.5 In preparing this report, the author has considered issues related to Human Rights, Legal Matters, Human Resources, Equalities, Public Health Inequalities and there are no areas of concern.

### 5. Environmental impact

- 5.1 Any environmental impacts will be outlined alongside each individual project where relevant. However, our journey to Net Zero is a key priority for the Council and there are specific actions within the annual plan which support the delivery of this priority.
- 5.2 No Net Zero and Climate Impact Assessment (NZCIA) is required for this report.

### 6. What will it cost and are there opportunities for savings?

- 6.1 The annual budget, approved by Council in February each year, supports the delivery of the actions contained within the Corporate Action Plan.

### 7. What are the risks and how can they be reduced?

Current Risk	Actions to reduce the risks
That the projects and actions within the Corporate Action Plan 2024-25 are not sufficiently progressed, meaning the key strategic objectives found in the Blaby Plan may also be diminished.	The delivery of the action plan will be monitored by SLT with reports to Council on a six-monthly basis. In addition, relevant Portfolio Holders will be kept up to date with specific activities.
Council members are unaware of key projects and their progress, meaning they are unable to exert any influence or communicate this to residents, business and other stakeholders.	The provision of the appended progress report in addition to frequent updates to cabinet members collectively and portfolio holders individually.

### 8. Other options considered

- 8.1 No other options were considered. It is important that residents, partners, Elected Members, and staff are familiar with how the Council is delivering against its agreed actions and priorities.

**9. Appendix**

9.1 Appendix A – Corporate Action Plan 24-25 Mid-Year Progress Report

**10. Background paper(s)**

10.1 [Blaby District Plan 2024-2028](#)

10.2 [Corporate Action Plan 2024-25](#)

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# Blaby District Council - Corporate Action Plan 24-25 (Mid-Year Progress Update)

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## Enabling Our Communities, Especially Our Vulnerable Residents

	Description	Expected Completion	Lead	Mid-Year Progress Update
Homelessness Prevention	We are committed to maintaining a zero rough sleeping rate. We recognise the need for specialised housing to meet the needs of the most vulnerable members of our community, and pledge to work closely with partners to make this a reality.		Executive Director (Communities)	
To Review and Refresh the Homelessness & Rough Sleeping Strategy	To review the homelessness and rough sleeping strategy 20-25 to ensure it reflects the current needs and approaches for Blaby District	March-25	Executive Director (Communities)	This is going to Scrutiny in Dec 24 to help understand the current issues and shape the revised strategy against the backdrop of increased demand for our homelessness services. The revised strategy is due to be approved by cabinet in February 25.
Temporary Accommodation Units	Utilising 1.4 million of LAHF2 funding to purchase and manage 16 units of accommodation to support our most vulnerable residents	July-25	Housing Services Team	All properties are currently occupied and operating well. Nabcel are working well on the management move process and officers are supporting the individuals placed. We will carry out a review at 6 months and 12 months to enable us to better understand the full demands of the new provision.
Equalities, Diversity & Inclusion In Service Design & Access	Our communities are diverse and so are their needs and preferences. We will do all that we can to meet these needs. We will embrace the positive power of technology to combat exclusion from services and communities, ensuring everyone has equal access to the information and help they need, regardless of their individual circumstances.		Executive Director (s151)	

Deliver the Blaby District Objectives and Delivery Plan for Equalities, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI)	We will explore the development and utilisation of customer experience groups to ensure that the services we provide are user friendly and inclusive of needs.	Ongoing	Customer Insights, Experience and Engagement Team	<p>Over the past 6 months some of the activity to successfully deliver against our Blaby District Equalities, Diversity and Inclusion Objectives and Delivery Plan includes (but is not limited to):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Successful creation of our internal Equalities, Diversity and Inclusion working group especially in terms of the work they do in promoting and being advocates for inclusive and accessible services. We will continue to explore further evolution and expansion of this group and the great work they are doing. Our new customer satisfaction surveys and developing a data driven approach will also aid in continuing to deliver against this action over the next 6 months.</li> </ul> <p>We have joined the network of 'Family Hubs' with installation and subsequent launch nearing completion at Blaby District Council Offices. Family Hubs have been established at the heart of our Communities to support families, children and young people across Leicestershire. The Hubs provide a one-stop shop and offer advice, information and resources to help families navigate every stage of life.</p> <p>Based on internal feedback our Multi Faith and Wellbeing Rooms have been improved and separated for our colleagues with the addition of a Quiet Room which supports developing our inclusive mindset and nurturing diversity.</p> <p>A streamlined and digitalised Equalities Impact Assessment process has been implemented with training continuing into 2025/26</p> <p>Work to continue to deliver valuable outcomes to achieve against our Corporate Strategies and the Blaby District Plan Objectives will continue</p>
Develop a Digital Clinic	We will explore developing a Digital Clinic for customers to learn basic core computer knowledge and skills and work with Parish Councils to explore an offer of accessible sessions within the Community	Completed	Customer Insights, Experience and Engagement Team	<p>In recognition of the increasing demand for self-service and digital access across our District we have successfully delivered a pilot scheme with 'Multiply' for Digital Clinics which as a result is being rolled out across Leicestershire with other councils.</p> <p>Our first Blaby District Council Digital Clinic was successfully delivered across two dates in April 2024 and was fully subscribed. The second clinic recently took place in Braunstone in October 2024</p>
<b>Community Health &amp; Well-Being Plan</b>	The Blaby District Community Health and Wellbeing Plan brings together a wider range of partners with the common purpose of improving the health and wellbeing of the local population.		Executive Director (Place)	
Develop the Blaby District Community Health & Wellbeing Plan	Development of the action plan will inform future projects within this work programme.	Completed	Health, Leisure & Tourism Team	Plan in place and agreed with partners. Plan being delivered.
<b>Key Standalone Projects</b>				



Lightbulb Services 2024-29.	Review role and governance of the Lightbulb service, with a partnership focus and robust financial position to be established. Produce a clear road map identifying which of the pilots will be integrated into the service and how they will be funded.	November-24	Executive Director (Communities)	Business case to consider the service delivery structure of the Lightbulb Service going forward has been completed and shared with Partners. Recommendations within the business case are to improve the service to the customers in Leicestershire. At the time of writing this update confirmation on whether the proposed service improvements is still awaited from partners.
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Enhancing & Maintaining Our Natural & Built Environments

	Description	Expected Completion	Lead	Mid-Year Progress Update
Council Net Zero 2030	In an effort to be a responsible and exemplary organisation, and in response to the global climate change crisis, Blaby District Council aims to reduce its carbon emissions to 'Net Zero' by 31 March 2030. The collection of projects and initiatives within this work programme are contributing to that aim.		Executive Director (Communities)	
Deliver the DEFRA Lets Go Electric Project	Delivery of DEFRA's 'Lets Go Electric' air quality grant with the testing and procurement of an electric compact sweeper.	Completed	Fleet Services Team / Environmental Services Team	<p>In September this year the Council completed its procurement and purchased a fully electric compact sweeper with funding from Defra's air quality grant.</p> <p>Not only is the machine cleaner and greener but is now a much quieter operation and its early starts are no doubt welcomed by residents and businesses.</p> <p>The new compact sweeper is a firm favourite with staff operating and are proud to be using state of the art technology that's helping to reduce carbon emissions and contribute to the Councils net zero targets.</p>
Go Net Zero at the Depot (Solar Panels & EV Charging)	Adaptations to the council depot to contribute towards our ambition to be carbon neutral by 2030. This will include installation of solar panels to provide power and lighting (heating which will be considered at a later stage) and electric vehicle charging infrastructure to facilitate the gradual evolution towards an electric fleet.	March-25	Transformation Team / Property & Assets Team	<p>Excellent progress has been made in setting up solar power at the depot. Following a successful design phase over the last 6 months work to install the panels on each of the depot south facing roofs starts in December. The project will be completed by the end of March 2025 just in time to make the most of the longer days and cut down on energy bills. Plus it contributes to hitting our net zero goal by using renewable energy.</p> <p>Infrastructure planning for the long term transition to electric vehicles at the depot is progressing well with the aim of making sure that the final design meets our requirements both now and in the longer term by having a future proof and sustainable solution.</p>
Transform an End of Life Bin Lorry Into a New Electric Equivalent	Conversion and full refurbishment of an end of life diesel powered bin lorry to an electric equivalent.	December-24	Fleet Services Team	Thanks to the Environmental Services Team securing £350,000 from Defra, the Fleet team has successfully navigated the procurement process to convert an old diesel bin lorry into a fully electric one. The transformation is nearly complete, and we expect to have our first electric bin lorry in service by Christmas!
District Net Zero 2050	Blaby District Council aims to work with businesses and residents within the District to support the reduction in their carbon footprint with the aim of reaching Net Zero by 2050. The collection of projects and initiatives within this work programme are contributing to this aim.		Executive Director (Communities)	

Leisure Facilities - Solar Panels	Delivery of solar panels at Enderby Leisure centre	March-25	Health, Leisure & Tourism Team	Following the corporate decision to decline Sports England match-funding due to restrictive conditions, an alternative plan is being proposed using UKSPF and Capital Programme funding for the Enderby Leisure Centre.
<b>Adopt &amp; Increase Biodiversity</b>	Ensure that we embrace the opportunities that the new biodiversity legislation brings in terms of compliance of developers with the legislative requirements and enhancement of our open spaces.		Executive Director (Place)	
Be Ready for Implementation of National Legislation on Biodiversity Net Gain	Under the Environment Act 2021, all planning permissions granted in England (with a few exemptions) will have to deliver at least 10% biodiversity net gain from an as yet unconfirmed date, expected to be in November 2023.	Completed	Planning Development Services Team	This project is now completed as the Council (in its role as the Local Planning Authority) are ready for the implementation of Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG). This has involved significant work behind the scenes relating to both the implementation of additional software and other new processes, as well as work with stakeholders; particularly that of Leicestershire County Council Ecology, with whom we have an SLA with. This has culminated in members at Planning Committee on 31st October 2024 resolving to approve our first application which included mandatory BNG.
Assess Viability of Bio-diversity Net Gain Habitat Bank Potential	Undertake an evaluation of the council's land, where appropriate, to determine the feasibility of delivering Bio-diversity Net Gain (BNG) opportunities.	December-24	Parks & Open Spaces Team	Over the past six months, a specialist consultancy has been looking into some of the Council's key sites, like Fosse Meadows, Glen Hills Nature Area, and Jubilee Park, to see if they could be used for habitat banking and biodiversity net gain units.  Our parks are open to everyone, including nature lovers, people, and dogs. Because of this, the initial findings suggest that these sites might only offer a modest return in biodiversity net gain units over the next 30 years. Sites that aren't accessible to the public are better suited for this purpose. We need to do more work over the coming months to fully understand the potential opportunities for our strategic sites.
<b>Parks &amp; Open Spaces Strategy</b>	To ensure delivery of the new open spaces strategy, with the vision of ensuring our park and open spaces are sustainable, high quality, accessible and contain to provide value to people, place and nature.		Executive Director (Section 151)	
Manage Fosse Meadows More Sustainably	To explore options for alternative delivery models for maintenance and improvement via partnership or custodianship working; including the introduction of car parking charges and other commercial opportunities.	March-25	Parks & Open Spaces Team	In July 2024, the Council partnered with Green Circle, a community interest company with nearly two years of collaboration with the Parks and Open Spaces team. Their expertise in nature and woodland management makes them ideal for overseeing Fosse Meadows Country Park. With access to diverse funding opportunities, Green Circle will reduce the Council's operational costs while enhancing educational experiences for visitors and creating a wildlife haven. The 25-year lease is currently in the final draft stages

Deliver Car Parking Improvements to Bouskell Park	To consider options to provide car park improvements on Bouskell car park, including the introduction of car parking charges.	March-25	Parks & Open Spaces Team	One of our main goals in the Parks and Open Spaces Strategy is to ensure our parks are financially sustainable. We're currently upgrading the car park with £440,000 from the UKSPF. This includes a new permeable surface, better lighting for security, enhanced landscaping, more parking spaces, and new signage. The project is about one-third complete and should be finished by early 2025. We're also consulting on introducing parking charges, with the consultation closing on 30 November.
<b>National Waste Collection Reform</b>	To ensure we are able to deliver the new Government requirements with respect to food waste and have adequate funding in place to ensure effective and efficient provision of service.		Executive Director (Section 151)	
<div>Page 76</div> Implementation Plan for Food Waste Collections	New national government policy on waste collections has mandated the introduction of separate weekly food waste collections by 1 April 2026. A full implementation plan will be developed and shared with members and the public to ensure engagement and sustainability of approach.	December-24	Waste Operations Team / Fleet Services Team	<p>We've made steady progress over the past six months in planning for the statutory requirement of separate weekly food waste collection starting April 2026. Defra has provided £920,000 in capital funding for vehicles and containers, but we're still waiting for details on revenue costs. Here's what we've accomplished so far.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completed the procurement framework process for food waste containers in partnership with other Leicestershire authorities.</li> <li>• Provided a food waste update at the All Member briefing on October 29.</li> <li>• Hosted vehicle demonstration days over the summer with Blaby DC.</li> <li>• Held a WRAP implementation day for Leicestershire partners.</li> </ul> <p>Recruited a Project Manager to manage the project and drafted an implementation plan with key milestones like vehicle procurement, staff engagement, a communications and engagement strategy, and service design and costing.</p>
<b>Key Standalone Projects</b>				
Compliance with new Building Act 2022 Regulations	Fulfil the responsibilities associated with the Building Act 2022 and future proof the Service to deliver within the new Regulations.	Completed	Leics Building Control Partnership	All immediate changes required as a result of the new legislation have been actioned e.g. the website and application forms have been updated and all Surveyors have registered with the Building Safety Regulator at the appropriate level. Other impacts of the legislation will be incorporated into business as usual moving forwards.
Review of Air Quality Monitoring Across the District and Develop Renewed Action Plan.	Review of AQ monitoring locations and equipment being utilised across the district to rationalise and reduce equipment where appropriate	Completed	Environmental Services Team	The actions outlined following the acceptance of the Annual Status Report by DEFRA have now been completed. A report was approved at Cabinet to revoke the previous AQMA's and approve the new AQMA based on data analysis.

Progress the Local Plan	To continue to deliver the local plan development work to ensure we have an up to date a robust local plan that provides a clear outlook of the forthcoming period.	June-25	Planning Development, Policy and Strategy Team	<p>The Council have recently reviewed its Local Plan Timeframe in light of the governments new proposals to revise the NPPF. Prior to this, the team responded to MHCLG on the consultation outlining its views and the impacts these changes would have on Blaby.</p> <p>The Council now aims to publish its Reg 19 Local Plan in July 2025, with significant technical evidence still ongoing. Officers will continue to update members through the member development group and all member briefings.</p>
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Growing & Supporting our Economy

	Description	Expected Completion	Lead	Mid-Year Progress Update
Economic Development Framework	<p>The Economic Development Framework brings together all economic development activities that are occurring within the district and considers how they complement each other to maximise the benefits for our residents, businesses and visitors.</p> <p>The framework outlines the following vision for delivery of Blaby District to be a great place to live, work and visit, with a strong, successful economy where everyone can build dynamic businesses, careers and lives, supported in a green and environmentally friendly way, with superb connectivity</p>		Executive Director (Place)	
Development of a Detailed Action Plan (Support local businesses and innovation)	A detailed action plan will be produced focusing on how the framework will be delivered that will: provide a programme of initiatives to support innovation and enterprise, help SME's to grow and provide steady employment, and find ways to encourage a diverse range of employment opportunities for BDC residents.	Completed	Community, Business, Work & Skills	A comprehensive Business Offer is now in place, with an action plan designed to stimulate innovation and enterprise, assist SMEs, secure local employment, and provide a broad range of job opportunities for Blaby District residents.
Development of Clear Pathway of Support (Shape our Work & Skills Programme)	A clear pathway model will be developed detailing the resources and support available to our businesses to help achieve 'better paid' jobs, increase work experience opportunities, link in with schools and higher education facilities, and work to deliver a range of campaigns to help upskill the workforce of the future.	December-24	Community, Business, Work & Skills	Significant progress has been made in developing a pathway model that outlines available resources and support for businesses. This initiative aims to boost higher-paying jobs, expand work experience options, and strengthen links with schools and higher education to build a future-ready workforce.
Growing and Supporting the Green Economy	We will develop a programme of initiatives to support our businesses within the green economy sector.	December-24	Community, Business, Work & Skills	A cross organisational action planning event was held recently to identify approaches to improve the way BDC supports local business to improve their approach to decarbonisation whilst exploring ways to stimulate green growth opportunities. This will be a work in progress over coming years, and contributes towards the council's Blaby Plan priorities
Tourism Growth Plan	The Tourism Growth Plan for Blaby District outlines the ambition, objectives and priorities for managing, developing and promoting tourism in the District. The plan has been developed by the Blaby District Tourism Partnership. The plan's purpose is to focus efforts by the Council, its partners and tourism businesses on the actions which are likely to have the most benefit for the visitor economy of Blaby District.		Executive Director (Place)	
Review & Refresh the Tourism Growth Plan	The current plan takes us to 2025. A revised plan will be produced to align with the Economic Development Framework and inform the specific work/actions for delivery throughout the term of Blaby District Plan.	March-25	Health, Leisure & Tourism Team	A new Tourism Growth Plan is underway, developed in partnership with Members, the Tourism Board, and officers, and facilitated by an external consultant. This plan will align with our Economic Development Framework and is on schedule for completion by March 2025.

Keeping You Safe & Healthy

	Description	Expected Completion	Lead	Mid-Year Progress Update
Active Travel Strategy	This Strategy will set out plans for enabling further active travel in the District.		Executive Director (Place)	
Develop an Active Travel Strategy	We will develop an active travel strategy which is sustainable and supports our Blaby District Plan.	Completed	Health, Leisure & Tourism Team	The strategy was approved in May 2024 along with an action plan that is enabling delivery.
Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan	This plan will set out proposed route improvements for securing investment.		Executive Director (Place)	
Develop a Blaby District Local Walking & Cycling Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP)	To develop a Walk and Ride Strategy and a Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) which provides evidence of routes for improvement which can then be included in bids for external funding. This will support our target in relation to having more people within Blaby District being active and our Net Zero ambitions.	Completed	Health, Leisure & Tourism Team	The LCWIP has been prepared and is being used in conjunction with the ActiveTravel Strategy to inform active travel infrastructure requirements.
Deliver a New Route From Lubbesthorpe to Leicester City	Work with Leicester City Council to deliver a new route from Lubbesthorpe to Leicester City.	March-25	Health, Leisure & Tourism Team	BDC officers are collaborating with stakeholders to support the development of a new active travel route between Lubbesthorpe and Leicester City. While progress on the project remains slow, BDC continues to play a proactive, supportive role as an influencer rather than the lead deliverer.
Secure Funding for further priority routes identified in the LCWIP.	Work with funding providers to secure further funding.	March-28	Health, Leisure & Tourism Team	This is an ongoing action and will align with the broader Active Travel Strategy actions.
Playing Pitch Strategy	The strategy provides a clear, strategic framework for the maintenance and improvement of all formal outdoor playing pitch and accompanying ancillary facilities. It recommends priority projects for the District which could be realised over the Local Plan period.		Executive Director (Place)	
Develop a new Playing Pitch Strategy for Blaby District	The existing plan requires refreshing and developing for our current requirements.	Completed	Health, Leisure & Tourism Team	The strategy was completed in June 2024 and is being used by teams across BDC to inform playing pitch requirements and developments. The strategy will form one of the core documents as part of the Local Plan.
Community Safety Partnership Work Plan	The plan sets out the work that will be undertaken to meet our statutory duties under the Community Safety requirements.		Executive Director (Communities)	
Community Safety Consultation	Deliver the annual residents and partners survey to inform the Community Safety Partnership action plan.	December-24	Community Safety & Resident Support Team	Working with the Violence Reduction Network (VRN) the consultation is currently underway. This data will feed into the development of the next 12 month work plan for the delivery of the Community safety Partnership.
Develop the Community Safety Action Plan	Draft and agree the action plan setting out what we will do to meet our Community Safety objectives.	Completed	Community Safety & Resident Support Team	Working with members of the Community Safety Partnership the work plan has been agreed outlining the key areas of work the partnership is focusing on and the delivery mechanisms for the most effective impact.

<b>Contaminated Land Strategy</b>	The Contaminated Land Strategy sets out how the authority approaches the management, mitigation and monitoring of contaminated land within the district.		Executive Director (Communities)	
Huncote Leisure Centre Landfill Site Management Plan	Development of a programme for management of the site now and into the future. Detailing anticipated works required and associated costings.	Completed	Environmental Services Team	This action is now completed. A site management plan has been finalised for the next 5 years with capital funding identified and a contractor appointed to deliver the management plan for the site throughout that duration.
Southey Close & Sandhill Drive Management Plan	Development of a programme for management of the site now and into the future. Detailing anticipated works required and associated costings.	July-25	Environmental Services Team	In conjunction with our external contractors work is continuing to establish and implement the long term management plans for the sites. Initial works and monitoring data collation have been completed with the next stage programmed to commence for the coming year, estimated completion date is weather condition dependent.
<b>Key Standalone Projects</b>				
Progress the Viability of Lubbesthorpe Leisure Facility	Work with Planners, Developer, Sport England, Football Foundation and Lubbesthorpe Parish Council to take forward an options appraisal and delivery of preferred leisure option.	March-25	Health, Leisure & Tourism Team	Working closely with an external specialist, officers are scoping an options appraisal for the proposed leisure facility. Consultation with planners, the New Lubbesthorpe developer, Sport England, and the Football Foundation will take place as needed to guide the assessment.



Ambitious & Well Managed Council, Valuing Our People

	Description	Expected Completion	Lead	Mid-Year Progress Update
Financial Sustainability for Blaby District Council	This work programme contains the actions required to demonstrate the Council's ability to fund its current and future services, including the adequacy of reserves, and the approach to identifying savings to close the forecast budget gap.		Executive Director (Section 151)	
Budget Gap - Financial Plan	Develop a business plan to support our Medium Term Financial Strategy and address our budget gap.  Linking to our key strategies such as transformation and commercialisation, the plan will clearly articulate how to address the budget gap within our budgets and the expected growing demands for our services	Completed	Finance Team	A Business Plan has been developed and included within the MTFS articulating areas of focus to close the future potential budget gaps. Initiatives are now in progress within the Councils transformational plans to deliver the measures to close the financial gaps. The Business Plan will be reviewed along with the MTFS as part of the budget process for the 2025/26 Financial year.
Resident Survey and Budget Consultation	Carry out online and offline consultation and share results with the public and utilise feedback in the delivery of our services	March-25	Communications Team	The live resident survey closed in February 2024, however this was retained in the Corporate Action Plan for 24-25 as the analysis, decision making processes and eventual publication resulting from the survey continued into this period, being finalised in August 2024. The budget consultation reoccurs each year in Q4, so this is forthcoming.
Transforming Blaby Together	Transforming Blaby Together is our over-arching response to the challenges that we face as a council. This Strategy and it's associated work programme is to enable the authority to adopt a culture of continuous improvement to facilitate opportunities and different ways of working to drive operational effectiveness and build in cost effective efficiencies.		Executive Director (Section 151)	

Deliver the Blaby District Objectives and Delivery Plan for Transformation	We will refine our Project Management and Business Planning Frameworks. We will continue to use and embed these to ensure all our activities are joined up and deliver what they should when it is needed	April-25	Transformation Team	<p>Over the last 6 months we have seen the new Project Management Framework further imbed itself across Blaby District Council (BDC). Taking note of the Recommendations from Audit in February 2024 – improvements continue to be made to the communication and sharing of the framework, its principles, and how it supports the delivery of successful projects at BDC. Work is ongoing to ensure fit for purpose project management across the authority. BDC have further developed its framework, taking best practices from Local Government Association (LGA) approved model for governance and project assurance.</p> <p>The approach we have at Blaby not only provides the robust governance to support project teams but also the required assurance to the Senior Leadership Team that projects align with Corporate Aims and Objectives and are delivering on what was expected. Current projects cover 5 of the 7 Group areas which shows the cross section of Services the Framework is supporting.</p> <p>A further 20 officers have completed the BDC Project Management Training. With more dates being put on throughout 2025 to support our people. The Team have received really positive feedback from these sessions.</p> <p>Work to continue to deliver valuable outcomes to achieve against our Corporate Strategies and the Blaby District Plan Objectives will continue into 2025/26</p>
Deliver the Blaby District Objectives and Delivery Plan for People and Organisational Development	To develop a programme of support and learning for our employees to ensure we develop, recruit and retain our people.	July-24	Human Resources	<p>The past 6 months has seen delivery of a leadership programme called 'Our Brilliant Manager'. This provided a refresher of knowledge and skills for some, whilst for others it was an opportunity to learn from colleagues experiences. We have also secured further opportunities to gain a Certification in The Institute of Leadership and Management (ILM) which is at the forefront of management and leadership training. ILM offers courses at various levels and comes with immense benefits such as improved leadership and management skills, globally recognised qualifications, and confidence to manage people and processes. We have seen colleagues be extremely successful in the East Midlands Challenge Event and the District Councils' Network (DCN) Staff Development Programme, both of which we intend to continue supporting our people to apply for.</p> <p>Our refreshed Annual Appraisal Review Process has received positive feedback as a means of promoting and encouraging development opportunities, be that through our own internal job shadowing or via council investment in externally ran training programmes. Blaby District Council has also joined other local authorities to work with the East Midlands Council (EMC) to improve recruitment and retention. Some of the potential opportunities being considered include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensuring greater awareness and assisting in the participation of existing initiatives i.e. Apprenticeships</li> <li>• Development of a Leicestershire Local Government graduate academy programme</li> <li>• Providing opportunities for staff to work in projects/partnership arrangements, through secondments across authorities</li> <li>• Mentoring and coaching across authorities</li> </ul>

Deliver the Blaby District Objectives and Delivery Plan for Customer Insight, Experience and Engagement	This plan showcases Blaby District Council's commitment to our customers with guiding principles and aims for how our customers and service users will connect with us. Placing our customer at the heart of everything we do and recognising the importance of the diversity of customers' needs across Blaby District	April-26	Customer Insight, Experience and Engagement	<p>Over the past 6 months some of the activity to successfully deliver against our Blaby District Customer Insight, Experience and Engagement Objectives and Delivery Plan includes (but is not limited to):</p> <p>Introduction of new Digital Customer Satisfaction Surveys (via a messaging service) the results of which are being used to provide further insight into our customer experience which is aiding our understanding of where things are working and where improvements could be explored.</p> <p>A new data driven approach more generally is proving invaluable in terms of evidencing a need for change thereby informing decision making and transformation of our processes to improve the customer experience and deliver cost effective services.</p> <p>Leading on some key projects such as the introduction of 'Hybrid Mail', a secure, fast online method of producing, managing, and sending personalised documents from any location resulting in reduced service delivery costs through efficiency savings and contributing to our Net Zero ambitions.</p> <p>Feeding into and supporting successful delivery of our new Citizens Access Portal the benefits of which are described under 'key standalone projects' (Citizens Access Module) within this section of the report.</p> <p>Work to continue to deliver valuable outcomes to achieve against our Corporate Strategies and the Blaby District Plan Objectives will continue into 2025/26</p>
<b>Commercial Strategy</b>	Planned activities that sit within the priority action plan contained within our Commercial Strategy.		Executive Director (Section 151)	
Options Appraisal of Strategic Assets	We will continue to review our assets and develop plans to reflect the needs of the district	March-25	Property & Assets Team	This is an ongoing activity with several strategic sites currently underway including the sale of land on South Drive and the development of proposals for Hayes Gardens.
Disposal of Open Spaces	Continue with programme to sell or transfer land that is surplus to requirements, in line with the Parks and Open Spaces Strategy.	March-25	Property & Assets Team	<p>In January 2024, the Council adopted a new Parks and Open Spaces Strategy. One of its main goals is to review our parks and open spaces and find the best ways to manage them for the benefit of their communities. As part of this plan, at its November 2024 meeting, the Council is working on transferring the following parks to their respective parish councils.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Southey Close Recreation Ground and Jubilee Park will be managed by Enderby Parish Council.</li> <li>- Thurlaston Allotments will be owned and managed by Thurlaston Parish Council.</li> </ul> <p>By transferring these parks to local parish councils we ensure that the land is managed by those who are closest to understanding the needs of their communities.</p>

<b>ICT Service Provision Improvement</b>	To ensure that the ICT provision for Blaby District Council is robust, reliable and the infrastructure is fit for purpose. In addition, the Blaby ICT provision should support Blaby to realise future digital ambitions.		Executive Director (Section 151)	
SharePoint Roll Out	Implementation of Sharepoint and OneDrive	December-24	LICTP Partnership	The Project is on track to ensure all Services are moved to SharePoint by the end of 2024. At present 75% of the authority are trained and live on SharePoint. The remaining Services all have timelines and training dates for delivery to take us to the end of the 2024 Face to face training is now being provided, where previously it was virtually. The team has seen a positive response to the OneDrive implementation which will be delivered after all Services have moved to SharePoint
Ensuring Our ICT Provision Meets the Needs of the Business	To review the service and implement any actions identified as part of this review.	March-25	IT Business Partner	Following the decision in February 2024 to end the external provision of our ICT services, Blaby District Council (BDC) is bringing ICT services in house. BDC have been working with our outgoing ICT service provider and a trusted external partner to establish the tasks required for a successful and smooth transition. A working group has been meeting regularly to be kept updated with progress. Recruitment of an ICT Operations Manager and a Service Delivery Lead have been completed with further appointments pending. To avoid technical debt, BDC are replacing their network hardware and system. This will also increase efficiency and mitigate risks regarding reduction in size of the ICT resources available to BDC. Cyber security has been a priority throughout the project, with the Cyber Essentials framework being worked towards as BDC's baseline expectation on launch. BDC have consulted with their Microsoft Partner and the Cybersecurity Centre of Excellence (CCoE) throughout to establish this baseline. An office based location for the in-house team has been established to ensure convenient and efficient access is available to service users. The following services have already been obtained during the project.  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New dedicated resilient Managed Internet Access</li> <li>• Microsoft Enterprise Agreement</li> <li>• Mobile Voice and Data Services</li> <li>• Public Services Network</li> <li>• Customer Telephony</li> <li>• Corporate telephony</li> <li>• Microsoft Cloud Services</li> <li>• Microsoft Security Stack configuration and implementation</li> <li>• Tenant and user migration</li> </ul>
<b>Corporate Communications Strategy</b>	Development of the Strategy for delivery of Internal and External Communications		Executive Director (Communities)	
Development of Strategy & Action Plans	Develop Corporate Communications Strategy and Action Plan	March-25	Communications Team	Some initial research has been conducted but it is expected that work will commence on developing a Communications and Engagement Strategy in January - March 2025.
<b>Key Standalone Projects</b>				

Develop our 'Place' Narrative.	Develop our place narrative and identify next steps with ensuring this is a shared vision and utilised to sell the area to visitors, businesses and our communities.	Completed	Executive Director (Place)	The completion of a Place Narrative has now provided BDC with opportunities to further shape how the narrative can be used to raise the profile of the district and to improve pride in place. This further work will form part of the delivery objectives within the 25/26 action plan.
Ensure We Review Our Response To Emergencies & Apply Lessons Learnt.	To ensure our emergency plan is fit for purpose, that we apply it effectively and that we review all emergencies to ensure we learn from lessons in our response.	March-25	Executive Director (S151)	<p>Over the past six months, our emergency management plans have been thoroughly tested. Starting with Storm Henk at the beginning of the year, followed by a major gas outage in Kirby Muxloe affecting around 2,000 properties, and then flash flooding in July and September impacting homes and businesses across the district.</p> <p>Our swift response to these emergencies has helped prevent some properties from flooding and supported affected residents in their recovery, especially the most vulnerable. We're continuing to work with partners across LLR and the Resilience Partnership to help properties better prepare for flooding and other emergencies.</p> <p>Additionally, our new Business Continuity Officer has tested all critical business continuity plans to ensure they are fit for purpose.</p> <p>At a more strategic level, further multi-agency exercises are planned for the months ahead to put into practice the lessons learned from the inquiries into the Grenfell fire and the Manchester Arena attack.</p>
Citizens Access Module	Procure, purchase, install, configure, train and implement citizens and client access modules (NEC).	Completed	Council Tax & Benefits / Communications Team	<p>The Citizen Access web portals for Council Tax, Benefits and Business Rates were successfully launched with the rollout completed in two phases. To Customer Services on 5 November and online to the public on 7 November 2024.</p> <p>The key benefits to customers are being able to view their Council Tax and Benefits accounts online, report house moves, set up or amend direct debits (Council Tax and Business Rates), switch to paperless billing, request single person discount and claim for Housing Benefit or Council Tax reduction.</p> <p>The system will also bring significant efficiencies for the Council by eliminating the need for manual data re-entry into back-office systems along with other general improvements to back-office workflow.</p> <p>The total budget covered the contract for Citizen Access web portals and single sign on between My Account and the Citizen Access web portals (reducing the need for two usernames and passwords). The total budget £200,620. Spend to date: £81,295 (only £19,250 capital). The remaining revenue budget covers annual costs over the final 3 contract years.</p>

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