



CAR PARKING CHARGES CONSULTATION

After six weeks, starting on 26th October, the formal public consultation on the proposal to introduce charging across Ashdown Forest's 47 car parks closed on 6th December.

We are pleased to report that just shy of 2,800 people contributed their views and perspectives on the issue, the vast majority completing the online questionnaire. We are in the process of analysing the information collected and will publish a report on the findings early in the New Year. The Board of Conservators will meet on the 31st January 2022 to discuss the results of the consultation and make a decision on whether to introduce charges.

The number of people who completed our survey was 2,796, and we are very pleased with this high number. We posted information in all our car parks, in civic buildings in neighbouring towns and villages, and placed information in local newspapers and a suite of village magazines. We also advertised the consultation on our website, used social media to spread the word, and were helped to advertise the consultation by our neighbouring parishes. We also held five in-person public meetings plus two Zoom presentations, and nearly 450 people joined us for those.

We would like to thank everyone who demonstrated their interest in Ashdown Forest by taking the time to complete the questionnaire.

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