Eton Community Association

Parking Charges Report – October 2026

Summary of Issues:

a. Roadside parking charges are excessively expensive and not comparative to Windsor
b. 1 to 2hr and 2 to 3hr car park charges are excessively expensive and not comparative to Windsor
c. The change from 6pm to 9pm before free parking in the evenings comes in deter people from coming to Eton to the restaurants and pubs
d. Since the change from 6pm (5pm residents in MLCP) to 9 pm for free overnight parking, residents have found difficulties in obtaining free parking on returning from work even if they have resident permits.

Car Parking Issues

Introduction

There appears to be an extensive number of variations in charges between car parks in the RBWM. This unnecessarily complicates the situation.

To obtain a nearby comparison for charging St Leaonard's Road, Windsor has been selected. It has a similar shopping/leisure experience as Eton very much based on short term roadside parking.

Excessive and disparity of parking charges are detrimental to businesses within Eton. There appears to be no reason to penalise drivers and businesses through higher parking charges.

It was identified some years ago that the majority of users of Eton car parks use them for access to Windsor and access to trains for commuting. To try to reduce the use by commuters it was decided to make larger differentiation between 2-3hrs and 3-4hrs and above. Those who did use them for commuting would subsidise lower short-term parking.

A few years ago the hours of charging in car parks were increased from 9am-6pm to 9am-9pm and on-street parking to 8am-8pm. This meant that residents arriving home from work and people coming to Eton for pubs and restaurants in the evening had to start paying for parking till 9pm. This includes drivers with resident permits if resident spaces are full, whereas in Meadow Lane car park there always used to be a concession to allow permit holders to use pay and display spaces from 5pm.

Issues

On-street parking charges are excessive and not comparative with Windsor

- Parking on Eton High Street is excessively costly and well in excess of those on St. Leaonard's Road. At £3 and £1 respectively for an hour, that is 200% higher in Eton and £4.50 and £3 respectively for 2hrs, that is 50% higher for Eton.
- The charge of £3 for 2hrs in St. Leonards Road is excessive
- There appears to be no reason for those in Eton to be higher than St Leaonard's Road other than to bail out the Borough’s finances.

- The charge for 30mins was introduced so that people from Eton Wick had a reduced charge to attend the Doctors' surgery. It has been doubled since it was introduced with no good reason.
- The high charges encourage evasion as people know the chance of getting a penalty charge are minimal and probably lose the Borough more than the increases and disparity makes.

Car park charges are excessive and not comparative with Windsor or Maidenhead

- Charges overall are excessive
- The charge for 1- 2 hrs in Eton is £4.40 and £3.20 at East Berks College. 37.5% higher in Eton
- The charge for 2-3 hrs in Eton is £6.70 and East Berks College is £4.60. 45.6% higher in Eton
- Again, there appears to be no reason for the disparity

Cost to businesses

- The high parking charges both in the day and evenings deter people coming into Eton to use the shops, cafes, restaurants and pubs

Difficulties residents face in parking in Eton

- The change from the start of free overnight parking from 6pm (5pm for resident permit holders) to 9pm (8pm-8am on-street} has made it difficult and costly for residents

Proposals

- Reduce on-street parking charges in Eton to give parity with St Leonards Road
- Reduce car park 1-2hr and 2-3hr charges to give parity with East Berks College car park
- Reduce half hour parking charge to free for residents (people from Eton Wick and the outskirts of Eton shouldn't have to pay to attend the Doctors' Surgery
- Allow residents with 'L' permits to use Meadow Lane and Eton Court car parks free from 5pm – 9am
- Allow residents with 'L' permits to use on-street parking from Church Close to Baldwin's Bridge free of charge from 5pm – 9am
- Freeze resident permit prices
- Change charging hours back to 9am –6pm in the car parks and on-street
- Increase 3hr+ parking prices by £1 to raise revenue for concessions
- Make the 3 parking bays in South Meadow Lane Pay and Display from 9am to 6pm to raise revenue for concessions and to regulate so to allow suspensions for hedge maintenance and access when required.

RBWM Car Parking Charges 2026

Eton Comparative Survey

Meadow Lane and Eton Court Car Parks

Charges apply Monday - Sunday between 9am-9pm (including Bank Holidays)

1hr free for RBWM residents (when registered) Meadow Lane CP only

- Up to 1 hour – £2.20
- 1 to 2 hours – £4.40
- 2 to 3 hours – £6.70
- 3 to 4 hours – £11.00
- 4 to 5 hours – £13.50
- Over 5 hours – £16.00

East Berks College Car Park

Charges apply Monday - Sunday between 9am-9pm (including Bank Holidays)

- Up to 1 hour – £2.30
- 1 to 2 hours – £3.20
- 2 to 3 hours – £4.60
- 3 to 4 hours – £6.60
- 4 to 5 hours – £10.50
- Over 5 hours – £15.00

Windsor Royal (King Edward Court) (private)

- Up to 1 hour – £2.00
- 1 to 2 hours – £4.00
- 2 to 3 hours - £6.00
- 3 to 4 hours - £8.00
- 4 to 5 hours - £12.00

Victoria Street

- Up to 1 hour - £2.60
- 1 to 2 hours - £4.40
- 2 to 3 hours - £7.10
- 3 to 4 hours - £14.50
- 4 to 5 hours - £17.00

- 5+ hours £22.00

Home Park & King Edward VII (private)

- Up to 1 hour - £2.20
- 1 to 2 hours - £4.40
- 2 to 3 hours - £7.00
- 3 to 4 hours – £9.30
- 4 to 5 hours - £11.20
- 5+ hours £13.20

West Street Maidenhead Car Park

Charges
Charges apply Monday - Saturday between 9am-9pm (Sundays and Bank Holidays Free)

- Up to 1 hour – £2.20
- Up to 2 hours – £4.40
- Up to 3 hours – £6.60

On-street Parking

Monday – Sunday between 8am-8pm Max. 2 hrs no return 4 hrs inc. Bank Holidays

Eton High Street

- 30 mins - £1.00
- 1 hour – £3.00
- 2 hours - £4.50

St. Leonards Road, Windsor

- 1 hour - £1.00
- 2 hours - £3.00

Towns Around Parking Charges

Slough

Herschel

- Up to 1hr £2.40
- 2hr £3.60
- 3hr £4.80
- 4hr £6.00
- .....5hr+ £7.20

Grove and Burlington

- Up to 1hr £1.80
- 2hr £3.00
- 3hr £4.20
- 4hr £5.40
- .....5hr+ £6.60

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Two Rivers (private) After 6pm Free

- Up to 1hr £1.50
- 2hr £2.50
- 3hr £3.00
- 4hr £4.00
- 5hr £7.70
- .....5hr+ £12.50

Elmsleigh Surface

- Up to 1hr £1.40
- 2hr £2.40
- 3hr £3.40
- 4hr £5.00
- 5hr £7.00
- .....5hr+ £12.00
- 7pm to midnight -- £7.00

Bracknell

The Avenue

- Up to 1hr £2.20
- 2hr £3.90
- 3hr £5.00
- 4hr £5.90