

Yarm car parking summary –

The below table provides an overview on the responses received from the consultation for the changes in parking around Yarm. A total of 98 responses were received meaning the overall response rate of approximately 18%. It is worth noting that one of those which supported included the original petition which was received.

	Comment	Response
1	<b>The 3 hour time limit proposed for the High Street is not long enough for people to enjoy all that the town has to offer.</b>	It is anticipated that those requiring longer than 3 hours will be able to use the long stay car parks along with the additional proposed car parking facilities on West Street.
2	<b>The proposals will restrict the available parking for residents and their visitors during the day as workers and Yarm School children will park up all day for a mere £1.50. There will be very little turnover of spaces and residents will once again have problems parking near their homes.</b>	As part of the proposals, we are retaining sections of the current scheme for the existing dual use of residents parking and 1 hour limit waiting. Long stay parking will not be permitted in these areas which should provide sufficient parking for residents and visitors.
3	<b>There are insufficient spaces allocated for residents only.</b>	A number of properties already have off street parking facilities on West Street. The resident only parking area is to benefit the majority of the street who have no off street parking at all.
4	<b>The resident parking scheme which was brought in in 2016 has received excellent feedback from residents and the new proposals will be undoing all the good work previously done by SBC.</b>	See point 2.

5	<p><b>This is a conservation area and the installation of ugly modern parking metres is not in keeping with the historical environment.</b></p>	<p>Parking machines are permitted development however the council will site the machines appropriately and endeavour to install the machines as discreet as possible in consultation with the conservational staff within the Authority.</p>
6	<p><b>West Street is used as a rat run for people avoiding queues on the High Street. Parked cars will reduce West Street to single file traffic creating an increased risk for accidents. Speeding concerns also expressed.</b></p>	<p>Vehicles which are parked there will act as a natural traffic calming measure which in turn will help keep speeds low. Traffic surveys have been carried out with the average speed recorded at 18.1mph south bound and 16.9mph north bound.</p>
7	<p><b>Concerns about enforcement provision expressed.</b></p>	<p>Enforcement will continue as existing with Yarm Town Centre being a priority location for patrols.</p>
8	<p><b>SBC should be looking at acquiring land to provide a suitable off street car park which would be beneficial for both residents and businesses. No changes that would displace those using the High Street because of time limitations should be made until then.</b></p>	<p>SBC continue to investigate further long stay parking provisions around Yarm. Due to commercial sensitivities around Yarm, those sites cannot be identified.</p>
9	<p><b>The proposed High Street restrictions will prevent workers from parking on the High Street for the full day; where will they be able to park as no new provision for a long stay car park has been made?</b></p>	<p>Workers can park in any long stay car park or within the proposed areas of long stay parking on West side of Yarm High Street.</p>
10	<p><b>Restricting High Street parking to 3 hours will have a negative effect on residents as workers and students look to park elsewhere - creating more parking problems for residents.</b></p>	<p>See Point 9</p>

11	<b>Increase resident only spaces.</b>	See point 2 and 9.
12	<b>Consideration be given to the placement of pay &amp; display machines so as not to obscure views from properties or obstruct access for vehicles reversing in/out of driveways.</b>	See point 5.
13	<b>Bays should be marked individually to aid drivers to prevent wasted parking spaces.</b>	We can consider this if the scheme is implemented. Whilst it has worked in some parts of the Borough, in other areas it has not. We would allow 5 meters per car parking bay however some vehicles are smaller than this which would in turn allow for more parking.
14	<b>Consideration be given to allow all resident permit holders to park in West Street area including category Y.</b>	See point 2.
15	<b>3 hours maximum stay on the High Street is too short, 4 hours would allow for a more pleasurable, un-rushed experience for visitors.</b>	See point 1.