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Dear Councillor Bayford,

I am writing on behalf of the people of Westgate-on-Sea to object to the revived proposal to impose 'pay and display' parking charges in the shopping heart of the Town. This proposal has been repeatedly rejected on the following grounds:

- i) Westgate, unlike other Thanet towns, has no public car park – and no possibility of creating one. For this reason the parking restrictions in the shopping area have always been on a time-limited basis, rather than a paying basis.
- ii) Parking charges would seriously damage the shops in Westgate, which are already just about managing in the face of competition from Westwood Cross (where parking is free).
- iii) Parking charges will result in congestion in the residential streets neighbouring the shopping area, in particular on Ethelbert and Adrian Squares which are already very congested with residents' parking. On Westgate Bay Avenue, visibility is already seriously impaired by parked vehicles.
- iv) When the same proposal was made just one year ago, it was comprehensively rejected by the Joint Transport Board.

I should be grateful for a meeting so that we can reach agreement to drop this proposal.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'MAD' followed by a flourish.

Councillor Martyn Pennington
Chairman
Westgate on Sea Town Council