

KEEP CLIFTON SPECIAL

**PUBLIC MEETING
7.00PM WEDNESDAY 13TH NOVEMBER
CLIFTON HIGH SCHOOL**

A SIMPLER, CHEAPER, BETTER PARKING SOLUTION

Clifton is special - but it is under threat. Bristol City Council is working up plans for a complex, expensive and restrictive parking scheme for Clifton which could cause irreparable damage

The Council proposes to charge residents up to **£192** per permit, businesses up to **£240** per permit and visitors up to **£1** per hour to park

We all enjoy and benefit from the thriving mixed community that is Clifton - homes, shops, schools, restaurants, hotels, places of worship and all manner of others from professional firms to the Zoo. But we may lose it forever...

High streets across Britain are under attack from supermarkets, out of town centres and the internet. Clifton Village is no different. Our shops cannot survive on local trade alone and charging shoppers up to £1 per hour to park would kill them off. There is no benefit to anyone in living close to empty shops!

A recent survey of all Clifton businesses found 100% thought the current proposals would damage their businesses and Clifton as a whole

Several businesses are already preparing to leave Clifton. These businesses currently provide local employment and support our shops. We want to keep Clifton as a special place for people to live, work and spend their leisure time

We have no public car park in Clifton and a very limited bus service. Neither is likely to change in the foreseeable future and many people have no realistic transport options

We all want to keep out commuters who use Clifton as a car park and then walk or take the bus to the city centre. But we can achieve this without spoiling this beautiful conservation area with obtrusive signs, pay and display machines and double yellow lines everywhere

Clifton is special and deserves a special parking solution. Without it, Clifton will become a shadow of its current self and we all – residents, businesses and visitors – will be the losers.

Please help us - come to the meeting and register your support at:

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Our solution is simpler, cheaper, better...

- **No pay and display machines.** Our simple proposal is for limited waiting (1, 2 or 4 hours depending on which street) unless you have a permit. Pay and display machines are expensive to buy and maintain - without them the scheme costs fall dramatically. It works elsewhere!
- **First permit free of charge** for both residents and businesses. The Council plans to charge Clifton residents 60% more (and businesses over 100% more) than the existing schemes in Kingsdown and Cotham. Why should we pay more?
- **The scheme to break even** each year but no more. Income from permits and fines, less the scheme costs, should be zero
- **The scheme's accounts to be audited** each year and any surplus or deficit used to adjust permit prices in future years
- **Day permits for visitors** sold in local shops. Priced to deter commuters but encourage visitors to come to Clifton for the day and enjoy our open spaces, shops and restaurants
- **Businesses and other organisations to be protected** by allowing them extra permits in less congested streets in the area
- **The same operating hours** for most streets as the existing schemes in Kingsdown and Cotham - 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday
- **Double yellow lines only** where safety requires
- **In summary, a lighter touch scheme** that meets the Mayor's aim of discouraging commuters whilst retaining all that we love about Clifton.

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'Keep Clifton Special' has been formed by a group of concerned local residents and businesses to protect the special community that is Clifton