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Dear Mr Uncle

Request for Free Parking at Specified Car Parks Between 7pm and 8am

Thank you for your petition presented at Council on 10 September 2009 requesting free parking at specified car parks between 7pm and 8am.

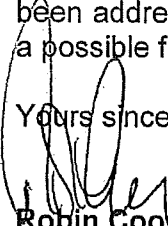
Evening charging was introduced at a number of locations following full Cabinet approval in September 2007. This was in an attempt to bring all Medway Council car parks in line with each other ensuring consistency throughout the authority; this also enabled regular patrols to be carried out by our Civil Enforcement Officers providing a Council presence and helping to promote a safer environment.

The changes were also intended to encourage more frequent vehicle turnover and hopefully attract new customers to commercial areas, as well as improve the prospect of finding available parking places.

We do, however, only charge for parking between 7am and 10pm therefore our car parks are currently free between the hours of 10pm to 7am. Following recent review I can confirm that we continue to remain one of the lowest charging authorities throughout Kent for our on-street and off-street parking provisions.

I appreciate that this may not be the news you were hoping for but I can assure you that we have given your request due consideration. I hope this explains the action being taken by the Council. If you do not consider the issues raised in your petition have been addressed, please refer to the procedure sent with the acknowledgment letter for a possible further course of action.

Yours sincerely


Robin Cooper
Director Regeneration, Community and Culture

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