



10<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Monitoring Officer  
EDDC  
Blackdown House  
Honiton

Dear Sir

Please find enclosed both online petitions by the Chamber of Commerce (604) and Mr Goodman's (418), along with paper petition (971) with a combination of 1993 signatures in relation to the proposed increases in car parking charges, EDDC want to impose across our towns in East Devon. Also enclosed is evidence of other coastal resorts car parking charges and the speech I gave to EDDC at a recent meeting.

Sidmouth Chamber started the petitions after members and businesses within Sidmouth raised their concerns to us. At that point we were unaware that Mr Goodman had also started a petition, so joined forces to raise awareness of the increase in charges, which we believe many were unaware of, including many of our local councillors.

It was expected that the cost of car parking charges would raise to £1.20 not £2.00. We want our town to recover and thrive after a difficult two years for many. You only have read the news headlines, to realise that these businesses face a challenging 2022, with raising costs as do the residents of Sidmouth with the rise in cost of living, energy bills etc.

We feel that the proposal has not been thought through and has not allowed consultation. There has been no impact assessment, and little concern for the economic health of our communities and the business they support.

I look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Yours faithfully

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Chair Sidmouth Chamber of Commerce

  
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