GROVE CAR PARK SURVEY – MAY TO JUNE 2016

The Town Council undertook a public consultation on how the Grove Car Park is currently used and how it could be better managed in the future.

An online survey was created and paper copies made available. The online survey was placed on the Town Councils website, Facebook and Twitter feeds with an entry also placed in the correspondent column of the Dartford Messenger. Posters were located at all entrances and exits within the Car Park, the 8 noticeboards throughout the Town and to give people additional opportunity to comment paper copies were made available at the Town Council offices, the Community Café, Church Road and via stalls at the two 'Picnic in the Park' community events held on the 11 June 2016.

In total 173 responses were received and collated and the results were as follows:

Question 1:

Are you……..?

Resident of Swanscombe	75%
Resident of Greenhithe	17%
Business owner Swanscombe / Greenhithe	1%
Resident Elsewhere	7%

Question 2:

Which statement best describes you?

I currently use the Grove Car Park on weekdays	41%
I currently use the Grove Car Park at weekends	18%
I would but cannot find a space	38%
I do not use the car park	3%

Question 3:

What do you use the car park for?

Visiting the Town Council Offices / Community Hall	10%
Visiting the recreation facilities at Broomfield Park	5%
Shopping in the High Street	64%
Visiting the Pavilion Sports & Social Club	2%
As a commuter using Swanscombe Station	3%
Other	16%

Question 4:

Do you feel it would be appropriate for the Town Council to install a charge for the use of the car park?

Yes	30%
No	57%
Unsure	11%
No opinion	2%

Question 5:

Below is a summary of the open comments box responses received during the consultation:

Generally in favour of applying a charge	18%
Stated that applying a period of free parking or a time restriction would be the best way to ensure the correct people use the car park	57%
Not sure of any other way of managing the car park to deter commuters	5%
Against applying a charge	20%