

### Ten suggestions for opposing Car Parking Meters (supplied by Cllr Fuller)

1. The general principle of charging and its impact particularly on residents on low incomes spending time in Gurnard
2. The impact on Local Business, staff and stakeholders all who are still recovering from the Covid19 lockdown. Businesses have invested income to regenerate our area and these charges show the IW Council in a poor light when there is an expectation the IW Council should be supporting rather than deterring economic growth.
3. The impact upon unrestricted roads that are already congested by parked vehicles. Concern has been expressed regarding the impact that displaced vehicles will have upon personal and private parking bays.
4. The sustainability of parking meters, given the perceived ongoing costs and repairs allowing the regularity for flooding and storm damage to Egypt and Princes Esplanade
5. The sustainability of year round costs given the very limited season on Cowes/Gurnard seafront
6. The impact upon resident's physical and mental wellbeing, given the lack of free parking elsewhere. This not only applies to the elderly and disabled, who enjoy the flat walk for 'free exercise', but also to residents using the esplanade to access bathing, sailing, cycling, angling, walking, exercising of dogs, beachcombing and access to the children's play area. It is felt the long term revenue savings, will be outweighed by the adverse impact upon resident's physical and mental wellbeing
7. To implement charges at the same level as principle resorts such as Ryde, Sandown, Shanklin and Ventnor is unfair given comparative facilities on offer
8. Locally there is a dependence on volunteers who frequently beach clean and take rubbish away. This enhances services provided and will be adversely impacted should charges be implemented
9. The impact upon Beach Hut owners, who recently had increasing rents. Many of the local owners who have huts consider the IW Council to be pricing local residents on low incomes out, in favour of those who use Gurnard as a bolt hole
10. Proposals will impact adversely on plans to provide a walking route to/from Gurnard Primary School which is badly congested at school collection/drop off times