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Our ref: EH/la/Car Parking

18th July, 2012

Dear Mr Carter,

Parking Charges

Thank you for your letter dated 19th June, the contents of which were discussed at the Finance and General Purposes Committee last week. Although the Members were pleased to note that in future you will ensure that the Town Council is advised in advance of the formal process, they were concerned that there was no information in the letter which indicated how long the review would take, how it would be conducted and whether the Town Council would be involved in the formal consultation.

Following discussion the Committee made a resolution stating that it remained dissatisfied that car parking charges should be introduced at either car park. In respect of the Burdwood Centre, the Committee requested that charging be suspended in this municipal year to allow proper consultation of the requirements of patients, hall hirers and users of the Baptist Church as well as an assessment of the retail impact in the area. This resolution was passed unanimously.

The Committee members also asked if the car park at the end of Brownsfield Road could be referred to as Brownsfield Road and not Gilbert Court, which in their view is misleading and incorrect.

Yours sincerely,

Elaie Have

Elaine Hare (Mrs) Town Clerk



