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Michelle Sacks  
Chief Executive Officer  
Huntingdon District Council

*Sent via email*

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Dear Michelle,

### **Free Parking in Huntingdonshire**

As you know, introducing free parking was one of my key pledges, and I am very grateful for the time and effort your officers have dedicated to working with mine to help deliver this scheme across Huntingdonshire.

The introduction of free parking from 4pm in Huntingdon, St Neots and St Ives is a positive step that will help support our high streets and night-time economy.

In Peterborough, however, free parking begins at 3pm. This is a far more effective starting point, allowing parents undertaking the school run, residents attending appointments, and shoppers visiting our town centres later in the afternoon to benefit from the scheme. It also provides an additional boost to local businesses during what can often be a quieter part of the trading day.

I would therefore be grateful if the Council could consider whether there is any scope to contribute additional funding towards the scheme so that free parking in Huntingdonshire could begin from 3pm, aligning with the arrangements in Peterborough. Moreover, if there are any other parking schemes in Huntingdonshire towns that you think would be more beneficial, I would be very happy to meet with you or any other councillor to discuss this further.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

**Paul Bristow**  
Mayor of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough