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Your Submission:

At present, most city businesses consider the parking charges to be a major factor why the city struggles against the suburban shopping centres as they provide free parking for their shoppers.

While we appreciate the councils one hour free parking for the city visitors we feel raising the cost to park will have a negative impact on the city's businesses and will hinder revitalisation. With less people, more businesses will fail increasing vacancies in city buildings. This directly affects the property owner's rental income and a drop in income may see an increase in dilapidated buildings like the corner of Manchester and Bedford Row.

The council needs to consider carefully the impact this will have and the flow on effects as stated if it is to achieve its goal of city revitalisation.

A compromise could be to increase the one-hour free parking to two hours in the parking buildings.