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Sorry, another one, which we may as well accept.

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From: Sue Thompson [mailto:susan@ip15.freemove.co.uk]
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Thompsons Gallery, High Street, Aldeburgh

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Dear Ms. Miller

Re: Parking Restrictions in Aldeburgh

While we have already written to the Council against the proposed yellow lines on the Terrace, I understand that the proposals are still being discussed and our original views will not be now taken into consideration.

I am therefore writing again in the hope that you will keep in mind the long term effect this will have on Aldeburgh, a town poorly served by public transport and under pressure from new supermarkets in nearby towns. Supermarkets have free parking for shoppers not because they are kind people but because they know without it people go elsewhere - stop penalising small businesses who pay such large rates.

The new proposals for yellow lines on the Terrace and environs have absolutely nothing to do with 'health and safety' (if the dust cart can get down so can a fire engine) but on the premise that those unable to park there will use the expensive and often completely empty car parks in the town. (A car park that uses more of rate payers money to run than it takes).

The Aldeburgh Business Association have tried for years to persuade the various Councils to take charges off the car parks in King Street - car parks that were given to the town - so that people can come into the town to work and shop

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without being penalised. Why do the Councils not look at this and stop seeing every car user as a potential money spinner.

It will effect those using the Catholic Church which is completely unacceptable - will funerals, weddings and of course the daily masses be seen as an opportunity for making money in parking fines?

Businesses and holiday houses - the life blood of a small sea side town will suffer, with employees unable to afford the parking fees - and please do not suggest they come by bus - what bus from where! Visitors finding the parking increasingly difficult will look elsewhere to visit and shop.

In these very serious economic times a Council should serve its communities wisely and not grab from those who already pay huge business rates while getting nothing back. It is a well known economic fact that the more restricted and expensive the parking the bigger the impact on the economy - and not for the good.

Yours sincerely

Susan Thompson