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Subject: Bournemouth - Swanage ferry fees

Dear Planning Inspectorate,

Having had time to consider the Counter- Proposals of both the Consortium and The National Trust I make the following comments :

1.

The Consortium's points are good : They look ahead to a sustainable future with priority for pedestrians and cyclists while allowing workers on average pay (who cannot use the bus or cycle to work) to bulk buy tickets at a discount.

2.

The suggestion of a **three - stepped** approach to increases is a practical solution and much better than a fragmented system.

3.

To charge £2 a crossing for pre-bought tickets in batches of 50 or 100 as The National Trust suggest is indeed a good idea. It would return the ferry to being a useful local amenity and help workers on both sides of the channel.

This price is the same as the lower bulk ticket price as charged by the Dartmouth Lower Ferry.

Scottish ferries operate in much worse weather and charge £6 from Mallaig to Skye a trip of 30 minutes and £8 for Skye to Tarbet which is 1 hour and 40 minutes and costs £7.

4.

During November I used the ferry eight times and it was 50 % full on all but one occasion. During May to October on dry days it is usually 90% to 100 % full between 10 am and 6pm.

Very well done to the Consortium on putting forward this proposed plan in order to do a public good and help local people who use or would like to use the ferry and help reduce gridlock on the road through Sandford and on through Corfe Castle.

Regards,

Max Bond