

- **What happens if we do nothing?**

Residential roads cannot provide parking spaces for an unlimited number of cars. In some roads residents vehicles already exceed the numbers that can be parked safely. Unless we are best able to utilise the limited space available, then the situation will deteriorate which will significantly affect those in the local community.

- **Benefits of a PMS**

- Safer roads and highways through the removal of inconsiderate and dangerous parking.
- A cleaner healthier environment through the restricted use of vehicles within the area.
- More accessible roads through a more efficient parking layout.
- Priority parking for local people.
- Encourage "green" methods of transport such as walking, cycling and use of public transport.
- The ability to redistribute parking more efficiently to give residents, businesses and the local community priority to park within the PMS.

Parking Management Scheme (PMS)

- **What is a Parking Management Scheme (PMS)?**

A Parking Management Scheme (PMS) is an area in which every parking place is either designated using a parking bay or a yellow line. The entry and exit to any PMS is identifiable through the use of signs to indicate:

- The entry to a Parking Management Scheme.
- The times with which the PMS is in operation.
- The exit point of the zone.

In a PMS, parking bays are marked on the road where it is safe to park. Residents, their visitors and local businesses are given priority and indicate their right to use a parking space by displaying a permit.

Council Parking attendants ensure only those with a permit to park, or who use specifically designated short stay bays, are eligible to park in the area. They do this by issuing tickets to illegally parked vehicles.

- **Types of Bays**

A combination of bay types can be used to allow flexibility for residents, their visitors and businesses. The proposed PMS could consist of:

- Resident permit holder only bays – this will allow resident permit holders to park within the confines of these designated bays.
- Permit holder only bays – this will allow commuter and business permit holders to park within the confines of the bay during the hours of operation.
- Short stay only bays – those wishing to stay for 1 hour may use these bays.

Any area not marked with a bay will be marked with either a single yellow or double yellow line.

Proposals and Questions

- **Proposed Hours of Control**

The control zone is proposed to be in operation from 9.00am – 6.00pm Monday – Saturdays and Sunday 11am – 5pm (including all bank holidays except Good Friday and Christmas Day).

- **How much would it cost a resident?**

The cost of a household's first and second resident permit is £15 each per year (which is a cost of £10 per year for the permit with a £5 administration fee). Each household situated within the PMS can purchase a maximum of 2 resident parking permits per year.



- **Who can apply for a permit?**

Anyone whose permanent address is within the PMS area and who owns a car/small van/motorcycle can apply for a residents permit. Permits allow the resident to park in any vacant resident parking bay within the zone during the hours in which it operates.

Each permit is restricted to one vehicle only. The permit displays the registration number of the vehicle and contains information on which PMS the permit relates to. The permit may not be used for any other PMS.

If the resident sells and buys a new vehicle for which a new permit is required, then the Council must be informed who will update the permit accordingly. As long as the permit is still valid, then a £5 administration fee is charged for this.

- **What if family or friends wish to visit?**

Each household will be eligible for three free visitors books containing 20 daily visitor permits in each book which will need to be displayed in the visitor's vehicle during the hours of operation of the PMS. Any additional books will be issued at the cost of £5 per book of 20 daily visitor permits. All visitors permit books must be applied for from the Council including free residents books along with a copy of proof of residency. Outside the time of the controls visitors can continue to park without the normal PMS restrictions.

- **What about businesses in the area?**

Businesses would be able to purchase Business permits to help them operate in the area. Details of Business Permit rates will be available later.

- **What about commuters that currently park on-street?**

Commuters will be able to park in designated Business bays but will need to purchase a parking permit from the Council in order to do so. Permits for Commuters will be charged at £250 per year.

- **What about my customers?**

Short stay bays would be provided for visitors to shops or businesses within the area. This will be in the form of 1 hour free parking, not to return within 4 hours.

- **What if I need to collect or deliver goods?**

Any part of the street in a PMS area, that has not been marked with parking bays, will usually be marked with single and double yellow lines. Loading and unloading is permitted on both single yellow and double yellow lines, where loading restrictions have not been included, for a reasonable period so as to allow local deliveries to be made.

- **What if I'm a blue badge holder?**

Vehicles displaying a blue badge would be permitted to park for up to 3 hours without displaying a permit. This permission excludes parking in a Resident or Business bay unless a suitable permit is displayed.

- **What if my vehicle is a motorcycle?**

Motorcycles can be parked in any available permit holder, short stay or shared use bay free of charge and without the need to display a permit. The rider must park the motorcycle within the extent of the parking bay with the back wheel facing the kerb and the front wheel facing the centre of the road.



- **Can I still park in front of my own driveway?**

As per the definition of a PMS, anywhere not marked with a bay should be marked with a yellow line. Therefore in order for you to park across your driveway during the hours of control, a bay marking would need to be marked across the drive. This does invite other drivers to attempt to park within the confines of the bay due to the fact the marking is there indicating that any vehicle may park. We are proposing therefore to have a single yellow line across the front of driveways which will restrict anyone parking during the hours of control. However during the PMS hours of operation, residents and visitors vehicles displaying a valid parking permit, will be authorised to park on a single yellow line extending across driveways, with the permission from the occupant of the property, as long as this does not cause any obstruction to either traffic or pedestrians. We will only enforce on a car parked on a single yellow line if they are not displaying a valid permit, not parked over a drive way or if the owner/occupier phones to say they have not given permission. Outside these hours vehicles will be permitted to park across the driveway with the Resident's permission.

Drop in sessions

- In order to gauge your views of the proposal the Council will be holding 2 drop-in sessions where plans of the proposal will be on display, Council Officers will also be present to answer any questions you may have. The drop-in sessions will be held on:
 - Wednesday 15th June 2011 at the Civic Centre – Victoria Avenue 18.00hrs – 20.00hrs
 - Saturday 18th June 2011 at the Civic Centre – Victoria Avenue 1000hrs – 1400hrs

