

Residents Parking Schemes – Frequently Asked Questions

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1	What is a Residents Parking Scheme?	A Residents Parking Scheme (RPS) involves placing restrictions on on-street parking in an area, usually from 8 am to 6 pm. During this period parking is restricted to permit holders only. Only residents (and businesses) in the area are allowed to buy permits. RPSs can only be introduced if a majority of residents are in favour.
2	What will the cost be?	We anticipate the cost will be between £25 and £50 per household permit. This amount will be confirmed before a scheme is put in place. This cost covers the setting up costs as well as the ongoing administration and enforcement costs of running the scheme.
3	Why do we have to pay? We pay enough in Council Tax, vehicle road tax etc.	The RPS will be of benefit only to those residents who are directly affected in each street. It would not be appropriate for them to be subsidised by the general Council Tax payer.
4	If I buy a permit will this guarantee me a parking space near my home?	No the RPS will not guarantee residents will be able to park outside their home, in a specific place or indeed within the designated scheme area itself
5	How will the scheme be implemented and enforced?	The extent of the RPS area will be marked clearly with signs. Regular patrols will be made by enforcement officers, and cars parked that do not display the relevant permit will be issued with Penalty Notices.
6	How often will wardens patrol the scheme area to check?	Regular monitoring will take place although no specific timetable can be given. When a scheme is initially set up there will be more frequent visits and if residents report seeing unauthorised vehicles in the area then more visits will be made.
7	If the introduction of parking schemes displaces existing parking, where will that likely be accommodated?	The council will promote drivers to use the available car parks in town. Some drivers will seek to do this while others may seek to use other residential streets which do not have parking restrictions. The likely impact on neighbouring streets will be considered as part of the decision making process.
8	Who / what can park in a permit holder bay? Residents with lorries for example?	Permits will be available for cars, motorcycles and light vans only.
9	How many permits am I allowed?	The current proposal is to allow one resident's permit per household. The permit can have 2 vehicle registration on it so a resident can move the pass between 2 vehicles.
10	If I cannot get enough permits for the number of vehicles I have where will I be able to park?	It is important that all households have an equal access to permits. Households with additional cars will likely be in no different a position from today. Remember that permits will not normally be needed for evening and overnight parking.

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11	How many visitors' permits will I be allowed?	The current proposal is to allow one visitor's permit per household.
12	I live in a converted house with 4 flats. Will 4 permits be issued?	Yes - each separate household with individual tenancy agreement would be eligible for a resident's permit and a visitor's permit.
13	What should I do if I change my vehicle, lose my permit etc?	Changes to vehicles on permits and replacement of permits will all be subject to a small administration charge. The outstanding balance on a permit will not be affected.
14	Am I restricted to my own street or can I use other RPS areas?	You will be able to park only in your own RPS area – this may extend to more than one street.
15	If I move house into another RPS will I have to pay again or can the permit be transferred?	You will need to cancel your current permit (unexpired months would be refunded) and apply for a new permit for your new address.