

CABINET (TRAFFIC AND PARKING) COMMITTEE

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WINCHESTER RESIDENTS' OFF-STREET PERMIT SCHEME

REPORT OF HEAD OF ACCESS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

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RECENT REFERENCES:

CAB(TP)1800 - Consideration Of Residents' Season Ticket Holders' Discount – 10 February 2009

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report considers an off-street permit scheme for Winchester residents for specific times during the week, including Saturdays.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That a new class of permit be introduced (initially in the two areas of Chesil Surface car park and St.Peter's car park in order to gauge a reaction by residents), valid Mondays to Fridays from 8am to 9am and 4pm to 6pm, and between 8am and 6pm on Saturdays, with a fee of £100 per annum.
2. That the scheme be reviewed after 12 months (such review to include the cost of permits, and a potential to roll-out to other car parks if the scheme proves popular).
3. That the Head of Legal Services be authorised to amend the Parking Places Order accordingly.

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DETAIL:

1. Introduction

- 1.1 This report sets out to establish the possibility of creating a new permit type to assist all residents with the lack of current 'street space' within their current allocated permit zone (especially those who commute & arrive home later in the evening). The permit would allow overnight parking and parking on Saturdays.
- 1.2 This new permit will also allow residents from properties built/converted after the 2002 regulation (which precludes them from obtaining a residents on-street permit) to apply for this permit, rather than just having the option of Season tickets, or purchasing Pay & Display tickets.
- 1.3 The permit being considered aims to allow all current residents within the existing permit zones in Winchester (existing on-street permit and non permit holders) the choice to park their vehicles within a nearby Pay & Display car park by displaying the new permit, but only if the car park has sufficient capacity. Initially the scheme would apply to Chesil and St Peters' surface car parks, and a decision on whether or not to roll the scheme out to other car parks (or terminate the scheme) would be taken following a review after twelve months.
- 1.4 It is intended that the permit would be valid Monday to Friday from 8am to 9am, and 4pm to 6pm. As parking is free between 6pm and 8am the following day, this would allow overnight parking from 4pm to 9am the following day. Parking will also be permitted on a Saturday. The proposed cost for this permit would be set at £100 per annum.

2. Extent of the Scheme.

- 2.1 The scheme would be open to all residents living within the existing permit areas, but it is suggested that initially, the scheme is operated only in Chesil surface and St Peters car parks in order to assess the impact of the scheme and ensure that the scheme is implemented in a manageable way.
- 2.2 The scheme would be reviewed after twelve months, and other car parks included in the scheme if appropriate. Appendix 1 gives details of current availability during the proposed times of operation.

3. Discussion

- 3.1 Information regarding the scheme has been sent to various groups and resident associations; however, at the time of writing this report there has been little response.
- 3.2 A verbal update will be given at the meeting of any responses received since the drafting of this report.

4. Costs

Current on-street permit.

£22 for first permit, £50 for second permit.

Current charges for parking 'off-street' using a season ticket costs :-

Band B – St.Peters Street - £1190.00 annually and £325.00 quarterly
 Band D – Chesil Street Surface - £790.00 annually and £215.00 quarterly

A full year of using Pay & Display (based on a 50 week year) would cost:-

St Peters Street -	£1750.00
Chesil Street Surface -	£1250.00

A full year of using Pay & Display (based on a 50 week year and for the hours the permit would be in use for) would cost:-

St Peters Street -	£1100.00
Chesil Street Surface -	£875.00

It is suggested that the new permit cost will be set initially at £100.00, which will be reviewed after 12 months.

The current administration charge would be applicable for lost permits (kept in line with current work practices and regulations for other permit types)

All other permit regulations would apply.

5. Other issues

- 5.1 An amendment to the current Winchester City (Off Street) Parking Places Order 2003 will be required to implement the scheme.
- 5.2 Report CAB1800(TP) refers to an existing scheme whereby residents can apply for a resident season ticket. Currently only one such permit exists, therefore there should be no conflict by running the two schemes side by side.

The season ticket scheme allows all day and every day parking, whereas this proposed scheme is for limited daily use and Saturdays only.

6. Conclusions

- 6.1 Appendix 1 shows that there are significant spaces available in St.Peters car park, both in the morning and late afternoon. Chesil Surface car park has some capacity available but does have the addition of having Chesil Multi Storey nearby; therefore there should be no impact for casual users (e.g. tourists, shoppers, etc).
- 6.2 Implementing this scheme may result in more efficient use of the Council's car parking resource, whilst alleviating some of the pressure on the already congested on-street permit bays. The introduction of the scheme will give the residents a further choice to assist in parking their vehicles within the city, but will also help those living in properties built after 2002 as they do not qualify for an on-street permit.
- 6.3 There should be an annual review to keep in line with the annual pricing policy for the Council's off-street parking operation.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

7. SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY AND CORPORATE BUSINESS PLAN (RELEVANCE TO):

- 7.1 The proposals accord with the Sustainable Community Strategy for safeguarding our high quality environment and safe & secure communities.

8. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

- 8.1 As shown in Appendix 1, there are spaces in the car parks at the times when the new permit would operate. Residents are likely to retain their existing permits, so the new scheme would produce some additional revenue from the permit fee.
- 8.2 Staff resources are available to implement the proposed changes as outlined above.
- 8.3 Introducing the scheme will require a small amount of initial expenditure to advertise the changes needed to the Parking Places Order (approximately £500).

9. RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES

- 9.1 Take up of the new scheme may prove so popular that availability for other users may become restricted between the hours stipulated. This would be addressed during the review process.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:

None

10. APPENDICES:

Appendix 1 – Survey of Chesil Surface Car Park and St.Peters Street Car Park space allocation.

APPENDIX 1

<u>Chesil Surface</u>	<u>St Peter's</u>
Weekly cost (based on 3hrs Mon-Fri + all day Sat)	Weekly cost (based on 3hrs Mon-Fri + all day Sat)
£ 17.50	£ 22.00
Annual cost (based on 50 week year)	Annual cost (based on 50 week year)
£875.00	£1,100.00
Full season ticket prices are	Full season ticket prices are
£790.00	£1,190.00
Proposed off-peak Permit	Proposed off-peak Permit
£100	£100