

Impact Assessment of: Residents Parking Schemes

Service/ Directorate: Traffic, Highways, City Development

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Brief description of policy/ service:

The aim of the service is to formalise parking and remove traffic congestion. Following a request from a member of the public or a councillor for a residents' parking zone the area would be examined and if residents are unable to park because of the parking of shoppers, commuters etc then a scheme would be put in place to enable residents to park in the area. The scheme does not give people a right to park outside their house and is not intended to police the parking of residents in areas where parking spaces are less than those required by residents.

Brief account of how the impact assessment was carried out:

A meeting was held gathering the head of service and senior engineers from each section within traffic management to discuss issues relating to the present policy on traffic management.

Brief description of any adverse affects found:

The number of parking permits available to each household is currently unlimited which could lead to the number of parking permits being greater than the number of spaces available and so residents still not being able to park near their homes. However if the number of parking spaces was limited then properties with a large number of vehicles may not be able to have a permit for every car at that property. Businesses are affected as staff who only require their vehicle to commute to work are not allowed a permit and therefore can not park, either free of charge or at all, near their place of work. Workmen are inconvenienced parking in the area as they need to display a visitor's pass or could be fined, householders also may not have applied for a visitor's permit. Only one visitor's permit is allocated per property which would affect properties employing more than one set of workmen. Statutory undertakers also have difficulty parking their vehicles in residents parking zones as they do not have parking permits. However statutory undertakers can apply for a dispensation which would allow them to carry out specific work in an area, these can be granted immediately for emergency work. Health workers and similar can get paid for permits which allow the to park in resident's zones while carrying out their work duties.

Summary of Actions arising from Assessment

Actions	Responsibility	Timescale
None identified during assessment		

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