

Appendix 4: Parking strategy consultation

Shropshire Council's parking strategy

Consultation document 3 Proposed changes to Shropshire's Council's on-street residents' parking permit scheme

For more detailed information about the proposals outlined in this document, please see the Shropshire Council Cabinet report for 12 July 2017. [ADD LINK](#)

Introduction



Shropshire Council provides car parks and on-street parking across the county. The way that we manage and run our car parks and on-street parking is determined by our parking strategy.

The **current strategy** [\[link\]](#) – and our current charging arrangements - was introduced in 2012. But a lot has changed in the past five years, and now a new strategy is needed.

In simple terms we want to offer an improved parking service that is hassle-free, and that makes use of the latest technology. We want a service that offers value for money and that is consistent across the county. And we want to make it easy for our customers to understand how much it costs to park – in our car parks and on-street - and the easiest way to pay.

We've carried out a detailed evidenced-based review to inform the new draft strategy and we have some ideas about how we can achieve this by making our parking charges simpler, clearer and easier to understand – but before we do anything we want to know what you think.

We've made a number of proposals and we want to know your thoughts.

Note: This document is one in a series of four consultation documents, each looking at different aspects of the parking strategy. You can respond to as many of the documents as you wish.

Useful links

Current parking strategy

<https://new.shropshire.gov.uk/parking/service-information/shropshire-parking-strategy/>

Local Transport Plan

<https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/public-and-passenger-transport/local-transport-plan/>

Shrewsbury Integrated Transport Package

<https://new.shropshire.gov.uk/get-involved/shrewsbury-integrated-transport-package/>
http://new.shropshire.gov.uk/media1/2688/shrewsbury-itp-consultation-report-_final.pdf

What we're proposing and why

Introduction

The existing Residents' Parking Policy introduced in 2011 is now considered too rigid and complex. A new policy is required that is fully integrated with the linear parking proposals (see consultation document one), more flexible, provides appropriate concessions, and allows residents to park within a reasonable distance of their homes

Given the likely levels of current and future housing development and present planning policy guidelines there is also a need to have a policy in place that will - if considered necessary - safeguard existing residents' on-street parking provision.

There is also now a need to give greater consideration to, and flexibility in, the use of residents' parking schemes as a traffic management tool that can assist in promoting sustainable transport – this includes new measures such as the potential future provision of electric car charging points, the reduction in carbon emissions and provision of pollution control measures.

In addition, Shropshire Council now has enforcement technology and software that will allow the issue of virtual permits, permit administration can be automated and the need to issue paper permits can be avoided.

For each of the following proposals, tell us whether you agree, and let us have any comments.

Proposal 1 - Before a residents' parking scheme is considered, the potential for the introduction

of alternative prohibitions, restrictions and/or traffic management measures should be considered.

Why? To ensure any appropriate alternative traffic management control measures such as yellow lines, limited waiting/disabled bays etc cannot be used to address the issues raised, and the need for a residents' parking scheme is demonstrated from the onset.

Do you agree with this proposal?

Yes

No

If 'No', do you have an alternative suggestion?

Do you have any other comments regarding this proposal?

Proposal 2 - A feasibility proposal outlining the properties and streets for inclusion in any residents' parking scheme will be prepared and support for the proposal should be obtained from the local councillor for the area and from the Cabinet member for highways and transport. Appropriate funding for scheme development / consultation will also be identified.

Why? The development of residents' parking schemes requires extensive consultation and resource to implement. Therefore, for any scheme to be considered there needs to be formal recognition of an observable and persistent problem.

Do you agree with this proposal?

Yes

No

If 'No', do you have any alternative suggestions?

Do you have any other comments regarding this proposal?

Proposal 3 - When the number of vehicle parking spaces available in any proposed residents' parking scheme is equal to or greater than the number of properties registered in the area, a scheme won't be taken forward unless there is sufficient evidence of on-street parking by commuters or non-residents.

Why? To ensure priority for residents is maintained.

Do you agree with this proposal?

Yes

No

If 'No', do you have any alternative suggestions?

Do you have any other comments regarding this proposal?

Proposal 4 - When the number of on-street parking spaces available in any proposed residents' parking scheme is less than the number of properties registered in the area a residents-only scheme should be considered.

Why? Many requests for residents' parking schemes are for areas with little or no off-street parking provision, with demand for residents' parking exceeding supply. Priority must therefore be given to providing a minimum level of on-street parking provision to *all* who have a legitimate need.

Do you agree with our proposal?

Yes

No

If 'No', do you have an alternative suggestion?

Do you have any other comments regarding this proposal?

Proposal 5 - Provision of visitor parking permits within a scheme proposal will only be considered if parking space capacity is considered sufficient.

Why? To ensure appropriate parking provision is made available to residents within a reasonable distance of their property as a priority. The overall number of permits allocated will be primarily dictated by the overall capacity of the road or street, with due regard given to the desirability of visitor parking in the area.

Do you agree with our proposal?

Yes

No

If 'No', do you have an alternative suggestion?

Do you have any other comments regarding this proposal?

Proposal 6 - Within a residents' parking scheme, individual properties on roads that are part of the scheme can be excluded from eligibility for residents' parking permits if that exclusion was a specific part of the planning consent for that property, such as part of a section 106 agreement.

Why? To provide the ability to safeguard existing on-street residents' parking provision that may be impacted by new development proposals, and to promote the use of residential parking schemes as

a traffic/parking management tool for new development in the area (and hence manage traffic congestion and maintain road safety).

Do you agree with our proposal?

Yes

No

If 'No', do you have an alternative suggestion?

Do you have any other comments regarding this proposal?

Proposal 7 - Prior to going ahead with a scheme, a survey questionnaire will be distributed to all properties that are proposed to be included, detailing the outline scheme feasibility proposals. If the results of the survey indicate 50% or more support the scheme and less than 50% oppose it, detailed proposals may be further developed. Survey returns expressing a view that is neither for nor against a scheme proposal will be discounted. If the overall response rate is less than 50% of all properties in the area the scheme may only proceed with the support of the Cabinet member for highways and transport.

Why? An appropriate proportion of residents surveyed within the scheme boundary must support the scheme proposals for the scheme to go ahead.

Do you agree with our proposal?

Yes

No

If 'No', do you have an alternative suggestion?

Do you have any other comments regarding this proposal?

Proposal 8 - Prior to the start of any formal Traffic Regulation Order consultation for a residents' parking scheme proposal, a public exhibition outlining the detailed scheme proposals will be held and comments invited.

Why? To present the proposals to the public (not just the residents within a scheme proposal) and give the opportunity for comments to be made – and, if appropriate, to make adjustments to the scheme proposals ahead of the formal consultation processes. This will reduce the potential for delay and the need for further, expensive, formal consultation.

Do you agree with our proposal?

Yes

No

If 'No', do you have an alternative suggestion?

Do you have any other comments regarding this proposal?

Proposal 9 - The effectiveness of a residents' parking scheme will be evaluated and reviewed twelve months after its introduction and, if necessary, modifications will be considered.

Why? To ensure the ongoing effectiveness and appropriateness of the scheme.

Do you agree with our proposal?

Yes

No

If 'No', do you have an alternative suggestion?

Do you have any other comments regarding this proposal?

Additional information: Residents' parking schemes – the rules

Within residents' parking schemes no parking will be permitted and double yellow lines implemented:

- a. Within 10m of a junction
- b. On any road which is less than 4.3m (14ft) wide kerb to kerb
- c. On both sides of a one-way road that is less than 6.1m (20ft) wide kerb to kerb (parking will only be allowed on one side of the road).
- d. On both sides of a two-way road less than 8.4m (27ft) wide kerb to kerb (parking will only be allowed on one side of the road).
- e. Within turning heads.
- f. Within 25m (80ft) of a traffic-signal-controlled junction or a roundabout (not mini roundabouts).
- g. Within 20m (64ft) of a bend, hump-backed bridge or similar obstruction to the driver's line of sight.
- h. Outside of a school, hospital or similar establishment.
- i. On the approaches to zebra or signal controlled crossings.

These rules are in accordance with the Highway Code, Traffic Signs and General Directions and the Traffic Signs Manuals, and also allow a clear running lane of 2.4m (8ft) for emergency vehicles such as fire engines. Shropshire Council cannot encourage parking in an unsafe location or anywhere vehicles may obstruct emergency vehicles.

Note: The number of vehicle parking spaces available will be calculated after allowing for driveways and statutory prohibitions (spaces are assumed to be six metres in length). This is to maintain priority for access to properties, off-street parking, emergency vehicles and other safety issues.

What happens next?

All responses to the consultation will be carefully considered before the final proposals are presented to Shropshire Council's Cabinet for approval.

Subject to approval of any proposals, a further formal traffic regulation order consultation and approval will be required before they are implemented.

Remember: For more detailed information about the proposals outlined in this document, please see the Shropshire Council Cabinet report for 12 July 2017. [ADD LINK](#)

Note: By law, any surplus money Shropshire Council receives from car parking over and above the cost of providing and administering it must be used for the benefit of road users. Any surplus generated from these new proposals would be put towards a number of new parking developments, including the replacement of the existing payment machines to enable payment by

card, contactless payments, and payment by mobile phone.

Any further surplus money would be used to fund public transport services, road improvements projects and environmental improvements.

Parking strategy consultation survey – user/demographic questions

About you

This information will help us understand the kinds of people who have completed this survey. We will also use it to understand if different groups of people have different views so we can plan actions that respond to this in the most appropriate way to reduce any inequalities. The information you give us will be collated and used to produce statistics that will not identify you or anyone in your household. You do not have to complete the questions in this section if you don't want to but it will help us if you do.

Are you completing this survey as... [please tick ALL that apply]

- A local resident
- A customer of the car parks /on street parking described in this consultation
- A customer of the off-street parking described in this consultation
- A customer of parking permits described in this consultation
- A representative of a local business or commercial organisation
- A member of a local interest or community group
- A member of a local faith group or church
- A representative of a local Town or Parish Council
- A representative of a local rural parish council
- A Shropshire Councillor
- A tourist
- Other (please state _____)
- None of these

Are you?

Male Female Prefer not to say

Do you identify as the gender you were assigned at birth?

Yes No Prefer not to say

What age group are you?

19 or under 20-29 30-44 45-64 65-74 75+ Prefer not to say

How would you describe your ethnic background?

- White English/Welsh/Scottish/Northern Irish/British
- White: Irish
- White: Gypsy or Irish Traveller
- White: Polish

- White: Other
- Mixed Race: White and Black Caribbean
- Mixed Race: White and Black African
- Mixed Race: White and Asian
- Mixed Race: Other
- Asian or Asian British: Indian
- Asian or Asian British: Pakistani
- Asian or Asian British: Bangladeshi
- Asian or Asian British: Chinese
- Asian or Asian British: Other
- Black or Black British: African
- Black or Black British: Caribbean
- Black or Black British: Other
- Other ethnic group: Arab
- Other ethnic group: Other
- Prefer not to say

Are your day-to-day activities limited because of a health problem or disability which has lasted, or is expected to last, at least 12 months?

Yes No Prefer not to say

If yes, are you the owner of a blue badge?

Yes No Prefer not to say

Do you belong to any particular religion or hold particular beliefs?

Christian Muslim Sikh Hindu Jewish Other Religion No Religion Prefer not to say

If other please state _____ -

Are you a carer?

Yes No Prefer not to say

If yes, do you care for a.....?

Parent Child Child with a disability

Partner / spouse Friend / Neighbour Other family member

Other (please state) _____

Are you pregnant or within 26 weeks of the birth of a child?

Yes No Prefer not to say

Which of the following best describes your working status?

- Employed (employee/self-employed)
- Unemployed
- Retired
- Student
- Looking after home or family

- Long term sick or disabled
- Not working / other
- Prefer not to say

Please tell us your full postcode?

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