

## Appendix 5: Parking strategy consultation

### Shropshire Council's parking strategy

#### Consultation document 4 Proposed changes to the car parking waiver system

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](http://new.shropshire.gov.uk/media1/2688/shrewsbury-itp-consultation-report-_final.pdf)

## What we're proposing and why

A **parking waiver** allows tradespeople to park their vehicles for up to one day in a car park, on-street parking area or a restricted parking area while they carry out work.

Two types of parking waivers are currently available from Shropshire Council.

- A **'green type'** waiver allows tradespeople to park in any of our car parks or on-street parking bays, loading bays or resident-only bays. It costs £10 per vehicle per day.
- A **'red type'** waiver allows tradespeople to park on double/single yellow lines or in a disabled bay. It costs £15 per vehicle per day. People wanting to apply for a red type waiver must give up to five working days' notice.

## What we're proposing

To simplify and improve the waiver system we're proposing to stop issuing green and red waivers and introduce a new **'tradesperson/work waiver'**.

Each waiver will cost £20 per vehicle, and will be valid for one day. The fee is to cover the council's administration costs.

Each application will be considered and authorised by Shropshire Council's parking service team.

## Why are we proposing this?

As part of our review of Shropshire Council's parking strategy we're proposing to end the current system of long-stay and short-stay car parking, by introducing parking tickets that allow you to park without a maximum stay limit in our car parks and on-street pay and display areas ([click here to see appendix 2: proposal 3](#)).

If this is agreed it will mean that tradespeople will no longer have to purchase 'green type' waivers if they want to park for extended periods. Instead they'll be able to purchase a ticket for the period of stay required – or they can apply for the new type of waiver.

Additionally, as 'green type waivers' are flexible and easy to obtain, this can have a negative impact on other service users. For example, if a trade vehicle is parked in a loading bay for a long period, this can make it difficult for someone who wants to use that bay to make a delivery.

### **Do you agree with our proposals?**

Yes

No

### **If 'no', do you have an alternative suggestion?**

### **Do you have any other comments regarding this proposal?**

### **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.

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## **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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