

Shropshire Council's new parking strategy – additional proposals

Consultation document

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THIS CONSULTATION

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You can also take part in this consultation online at: www.shropshire.gov.uk/get-involved or email your comments to tellus@shropshire.gov.uk.

The consultation runs from 10 May to 7 June 2018.

For more detailed information about the part 1 parking strategy recommendation referred to in this document, please see the parking strategy Cabinet report from 17 January 2018, at

<https://shropshire.gov.uk/committee-services/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=130&MId=3428&Ver=4>

For a summary of the report, see our briefing note at:

<https://shropshire.gov.uk/media/8981/parking-strategy-briefing-note.pdf>

Introduction

Part 1 of Shropshire Council's new parking strategy – which considers issues relating to provision of, and payment for, on-street and off-street parking - was approved in January 2018 following a 12-week public consultation in 2017. We are now carrying out a further consultation on a small number of additional proposals.

These proposals are focussed on four towns, and – in most cases – on specific groups within each of these towns. We are therefore particularly inviting responses from these groups, though we welcome views from anyone with an interest in these matters.

Please read and consider any proposals that relate to you, or in which you have an interest.

Note: From 9 to 30 May 2018 we are also consulting formally on the Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) that will allow Part 1 of the parking strategy to be implemented.

For more information go to <http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/get-involved/>

The TRO consultation does not include any proposals that may be subject to change due to any of the additional proposals that form part of this consultation.

BRIDGNORTH

Location: Low Town

Existing position/issue

The current on-street Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) permits the proprietor or manager of a hotel, guest house, bed & breakfast, self-catering or holiday let establishment to apply for visitor permits, valid for one day, which will allow their guests to park on specified streets within existing on-street residents' parking schemes.

Proposal

That the provision of visitor permits is removed and replaced with a provision to allow the proprietor or manager of a hotel, guest house, bed & breakfast, self-catering or holiday let establishment to apply for season tickets for use by their guests in any Shropshire Council car parks listed as Bands 4, 5 and 6 in accordance with the season ticket tariffs, proposed in part 1 of the new parking strategy (recommendation xiii).

Reason/s

- To give priority to, and improve availability of limited on-street provision to, permanent residents and their visitors who have registered and purchased on-street residents' parking permits.
- To ensure a consistent approach across the county.
- To ensure appropriate provision is made available in accordance with the principles of the parking hierarchy (in the spirit of the new strategy).

Potential impact

- Additional availability for residents' on-street parking.
- Season tickets are not as flexible as visitor permits, would cost more and there would be a minimum purchase of one month.
- Potential increase in distance of parking from premises.
- Proprietors can administer online.

Do you agree with our proposal? (please circle/tick)

Yes

No

Do you have any other comments regarding this proposal?

ELLESMERE

Location: Mereside on-street

Existing position/issue: The parking strategy proposal for 50% concessions on Sunday, bank and public holidays does not promote the parking hierarchy.

Proposal: Remove the Sunday, bank and public holiday concession proposal outlined in recommendation xvi of the part 1 parking strategy proposals. Tariff rates on Sunday, bank and public holidays will therefore be £1.00 per hour, rather than 50p per hour

Reason/s: A need to promote off-street parking in nearby off-street car parks to prevent congestion and retain income for the upkeep of the countryside park.

Potential impact: Better parking hierarchy; less on-street congestion.

Do you agree with our proposal? (please circle/tick)

Yes

No

Do you have any other comments regarding this proposal?

LUDLOW

Location: Castle Street car park

Existing position/issue: Market trader permits are available at a concessionary rate of £4 per day (April to December) and £2 per day (January to March).

Proposal: Removal of this concession.

Reason/s

- To address car park/town centre congestion issues and promote use of alternative car parks more appropriate to vehicle type.
- Standard capped tariff is considered appropriate.
- Consistency across the county.
- Concession should not be more favourable than that available to residents.

Potential impact

- Increase in availability for visitors.
- Less town centre congestion.
- Increase in parking congestion in outlying car parks.
- Not as convenient for market traders to return to vehicles.
- Parking tariff compatibility for all users.

Do you agree with our proposal? (please circle/tick)

Yes

No

Do you have any other comments regarding this proposal?

Location: Galdeford B and Smithfield car parks

Existing position/issue: Market trader permits are available at a concessionary rate of £2 per day.

Proposal: Removal of this concession.

Reason/s

- To address car park/town centre congestion issues and promote use of alternative car parks more appropriate to vehicle type.
- Standard capped tariff is considered appropriate.
- Consistency across the county.
- Concession should not be more favourable than that available to residents.

Potential impact

- Increase in cost for market trader parking.
- Parking tariff compatibility for all users.

Do you agree with our proposal? (please circle/tick)

Yes

No

Do you have any other comments regarding this proposal?

Location: On-street Pay & Display and residents' parking (red zone)

Existing position/issue: The Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) currently provides for permit concessions to market traders.

Proposal: Removal of this concession.

Reason/s

- To prevent market trader usage shift from Castle Street car park to on-street, and hence address car park/town centre congestion issues and promote use of alternative car parks more appropriate to vehicle type.
- To promote availability of space for pay and display parking and resident permit holders.
- Concession should not be more favourable than that available to residents.

Potential impact

- Increase in availability for residents/visitors.
- Less town centre congestion.
- Increase in parking congestion in outlying car parks.
- Not as convenient for market traders to return to vehicles.

Do you agree with our proposal? (please circle/tick)

Yes

No

Do you have any other comments regarding this proposal?**Location: Off-street car parks**

Existing position/issue: The Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) currently provides for permit concessions allowing for the proprietor or manager of a hotel, guest house, self-catering or holiday let establishment to purchase season tickets in named off-street car parks.

Proposal: Provision removed and replaced with a provision to allow the proprietor or manager of a hotel, guest house, bed and breakfast, self-catering or holiday let establishment to apply for season tickets for use by their guests in any Shropshire Council car parks listed as Bands 4, 5 and 6, as recommended in accordance with the season ticket tariffs within part 1 of the new parking strategy (recommendation xiii).

Reason/s

- To ensure a consistent approach across the county.
- To ensure appropriate provision is made available in accordance with the principles of the parking hierarchy (in the spirit of the new strategy).
- During the public consultation the need to retain or provide new provision for guests of hotel, guest house, bed and breakfast, self-catering or holiday lets was raised.

Potential impact

- Season tickets are not as flexible as visitor permits, would cost more and there would be a minimum purchase of one month.
- Potential increase in distance of parking from premises.
- Proprietors administer online.

Do you agree with our proposal? (please circle/tick)

Yes

No

Do you have any other comments regarding this proposal?

SHREWSBURY

Location: Raven Meadows multi storey car park

Existing position/issue: Opening hours at Raven Meadows are currently 8am to 6pm. On Sundays, bank and public holidays a flat rate tariff for up to 10 hours stay applies. It is proposed that 24-hour opening is introduced permitting parking for stays longer than 10 hours. If as currently proposed the 10 hour cap on the flat rate is retained, the standard hourly tariff for periods of stay beyond 10 hours will apply. There are also proposed caps on the standard tariff for any periods of stay over eight hours and periods of stay over three hours incurred after 6pm.

Proposal: Amend recommendation xvi of the part 1 strategy proposals to remove the proposed 10 hour cap and allow unlimited periods of parking on Sunday, bank and public holidays for the flat rate of £1.50 per day.

Reason/s

- Ease of implementation.
- Customer understanding.
- Tariff consistency.

Potential impact

- Less confusion hence more efficient customer service.
- More workable Traffic Regulation Order (TRO).
- Simplifies machine programming.

Do you agree with our proposal? (please circle/tick)

Yes

No

Do you have any other comments regarding this proposal?

Location: Proposed on-street pay and display tariff

Existing position/issue: The proposed rate of a £2.50 per hour tariff has presented machine programming issues with the proposed 30 minutes minimum vend (recommendation ii of part 1 strategy proposals).

Proposal/s

Option 1: Reduce tariff to £2.40 per hour, retain 30 minutes minimum vend.

Option 2: Increase tariff to £2.60 per hour, retain 30 minutes minimum vend.

Option 3: Retain tariff proposal at £2.50 per hour, increase minimum vend to one hour.

Reason/s

Option 1: Avoids 5p tariff increments, retains 30 minutes minimum vend.

Option 2: Avoids 5p tariff increments, retains 30 minutes minimum vend.

Option 3: (a) Avoids 5p tariff increments; (b) Further promotes the transport hierarchy (use of off street provision) whilst improving availability for blue badge holders

Potential impact

- Better customer service.
- Simplifies machine programming.
- Reduced cash collection.

Do you have a preferred option (1, 2 or 3)? (please circle/tick)

Yes: option 1

Yes: option 2

Yes: option 3

No

Do you have any other comments regarding this proposal?

Location: On-street residents' permits

Existing position/issue: Existing Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) gives authority for the issue of residents' voucher/visitor permits.

Proposal: Revocation of the above.

Reason/s: The on-street resident voucher scheme would be replaced by an off-street scheme with the implementation of the new strategy.

Potential impact: None.

Do you agree with our proposal? (please circle/tick)

Yes

No

Do you have any other comments regarding this proposal?

Location: Frankwell Riverside and Quay car parks

Existing position/issue: Introduction of weekly tickets, residents' permits and season tickets as per recommendation xi in the part 1 strategy proposals.

Proposal: Do not allow weekly tickets, residents' permits and season tickets in these car parks.

Reason/s

- Capacity issues.
- Access during emergency events (eg. flooding).

Potential impact

- Shift to parking in Frankwell Main car park.
- Manages long-stay parking, hence provides availability for short stay.
- Emergency event planning.

Do you agree with our proposal? (please circle/tick)

Yes

No

Do you have any other comments regarding this proposal?

Location: Frankwell main car park

Existing position/issue: Market trader permits are available at a concessionary rate of £2 per day.

Proposal: Removal of this concession.

Reason/s

- Standard capped tariff considered appropriate.
- Consistency across the county.
- Concession should not be more favourable than that available to residents.

Potential impact

- Increase in cost for market trader parking.
- Parking tariff compatibility for all users.

Do you agree with our proposal? (please circle/tick)

Yes

No

Do you have any other comments regarding this proposal?

Location: Loading bay opposite Theatre Severn, Frankwell

Existing position/issue: Existing times of operation are 7.30am to 6pm.

Proposal: Extend hours of operation until 8pm.

Reason/s: Not in keeping with recommendation v of the part 1 parking strategy proposals i.e the extension of hours of charging until 8pm on Frankwell car parks.

Potential impact:

- Promotes off-street parking.
- Alignment with car park operational hours in the vicinity hence maintain loading bay availability and reduce on-street congestion.

Do you agree with our proposal? (please circle/tick)

Yes

No

Do you have any other comments regarding this proposal?

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 circle/tick all that apply]

- A local resident
- A customer of the on or 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 representative of a local town or parish or rural parish council
- A Shropshire Councillor
- A tourist
- Other - please state: _____
- None of these

Are you? (please circle/tick)

- Male
- Female
- Prefer not to say

What age group are you? (please circle/tick)

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

How would you describe your ethnic background? (please circle/tick)

- White
- Mixed Race
- Asian or Asian British
- Black or Black British
- Other ethnic group
- 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? (please circle/tick)

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to say

Which of the following best describes your working status? (please circle/tick)

- 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? _____

Thank you for completing this consultation document.