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RESIDENTS' PARKING SCHEMES

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Schemes with special provision for street parking for residents are now operating in Wiltshire.

The County Council has adopted the following guidelines as a basis for the introduction of new Resident's Parking Schemes.

1. The possible introduction of a Resident's Parking Scheme be offered to a District Council if the District agree to administer and enforce a scheme with no cost being incurred by the County Council.
2. The District Council with the consent of the County Council be encouraged to set an annual charge for the issue of permits.
3. The scheme to be in accordance with the approved principles. (These are detailed below.)

Introduction

The County Council receives many requests for residents' preference parking schemes, both in towns and villages, where residents have difficulty in finding space to park on the highway in close proximity to their home. If there is a conflict between parking by shoppers, workers and local residents, a residents' preference parking scheme for certain periods of the day could provide a better control of the spaces available.

The County Council as 'highway authority' does not have a statutory duty to provide parking spaces either on or off the public highway but is willing to provide for on street residents' parking provided this does not adversely affect road safety or other traffic and servicing requirements. However, if the demand by local residents for spaces is greater than the spaces available within the highway and there is no demand from non-residents, a residents' preference parking scheme is unlikely to provide any benefits.

A leaflet entitled "Information on Private Parking Difficulties" is available from the County Council (see address on the back of this leaflet. This covers a wide variety of parking matters.

Criteria for Consideration for Residents' Preference Parking Schemes

- (a) A comprehensive and well defined area should be determined for each Scheme.
- (b) Each Scheme should normally operate throughout the working day (9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.) from Monday to Saturday but consideration could be given to extending the operation into the evening or weekends in certain areas if difficulties occur at these times.
- (c) Each Scheme should allow for visitor parking up to a maximum of 2 hours but these times may be reduced on streets in busy shopping areas.
- (d) Permits should be issued to all car using residents and normally two to an owner or occupier of business premises within the area. Where there will be insufficient kerb side space for the residents, it may not be possible to issue business premises with special permits.
- (e) The need for complementary traffic regulation including the introduction of one-way streets, etc., should be carefully investigated within each area to maximise the availability of parking without compromising road safety or other traffic and servicing requirements.
- (f) Provision for visitor permits in certain circumstances be made in accordance with special criteria to be agreed with the County Council.

If on the basis of the information in this leaflet, local residents feel that a Residents' Preference Parking Scheme should be considered then a request indicating the approximate area of the scheme should be addressed to your local District Council whose address is shown on the back page of this leaflet.