

BRISTOL CITY COUNCIL

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Title: Residents' Parking Schemes

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RECOMMENDATION

That Scrutiny consider and comment on the update regarding Residents' Parking Schemes (RPS)

Summary

To seek feedback regarding Residents' Parking Schemes

The significant issues in the report are:

The review of Residents' Parking Schemes

Background

The manifesto commitment to review RPS is being taken forward in two forms – there will be a series of local reviews, the first set of which started this week, and a strategic review which will be part of a forthcoming Cabinet report.

This paper sets out the operational detail of our RPS areas that are applied across the programme. They are common to each area. Any changes made will need to be part of the Cabinet report referenced above and will then need to be proposed as part of a new statutory consultation process which will advertise these changes as part of a new programme-wide Traffic regulation Order (TRO).

Scrutiny is invited to comment on the operational detail of our RPS areas and whether there are any potential improvements to be considered.

Introduction

RPS areas work by prioritising the available parking in a local area for use by local residents, organisations and their visitors. This is achieved by providing a combination of permits and pay & display facilities.

Types of bay

There are several different types of parking bay provided in RPS areas:

- **Permit holders only***: for use by holders of any valid permit – residents', visitors', business, customer, traders and medical permit holders
- **Shared-use bays***: for use by either permit holders (as above) or people using the pay and display parking
- **Pay & display bays***: for pay and display parking only
- **Disabled bays**: for use solely by Blue Badge holders
- **Car Club bays**: reserved for car club vehicles
- **Loading bays**: to be used for loading and unloading only
- **Coach bays**: reserved for use by buses and coaches only

*Motorcycles can park for free without time limits in these bays.

Types of Permit

Residents' permits

Each household without a driveway or garage can apply for three residents' permits. If a resident has a driveway or garage, or live on a private road, they can only apply for one permit.

Each residents' permit can show two registration numbers on it, so that they can park different vehicles in the area at different times, provided that the permit is swapped between vehicles.

To be issued with a permit, they need to live in the area and show that they are the registered owner or keeper of the vehicle.

Visitors' permits

If the scheme operates from Monday to Friday, each household can apply for up to 100 visitors' permits each year. The first 50 permits are free; the next 50 cost £1 each.

If the scheme operates from Monday to Saturday, each household can apply for up to 120 visitors' permits each year. The first 60 permits are free; the next 60 cost £1 each.

Each permit is valid for one day but can be swapped between vehicles on that day. However, they cannot be transferred between households and must not be sold on.

Essential visitors'/additional visitors permits

If a resident has care needs, they can apply for essential visitors' permits or additional visitors' permits, free of charge. To qualify for this, the person with care needs must be a permanent resident of the address and require care during the operational hours of the scheme. These permits are not restricted to any registration plate and can be transferred between different vehicles.

Business and customer permits

Businesses, schools and organisations based in an RPS area can apply for up to seven permits. The seven permits can be any combination of business and customer permits. Business permits are intended for specific operational vehicles that are insured for business use and can carry two registration numbers. Customer permits can be used by any vehicle.

Schools, charities, places of worship and businesses in receipt of small business rate relief are eligible for a discount on the cost of these permits.

NB: Large organisations within the Clifton Village RPS can apply for more permits in some circumstances.

Traders' permits

Traders' permits are valid in all of the RPS areas. To apply, traders must have a legitimate business requirement to work in one or more scheme areas, they must be based in one of those areas for several consecutive hours on any given day and they must carry heavy equipment as part of their job. Traders can either purchase a limited number of books of daily scratchcards or an annual permit for their vehicle.

Medical permits

Registered healthcare providers who are required to work in more than one scheme area, such as a district nurse, can apply for an annual medical permit, which is valid in all of the RPS areas.

Landlords

Owners/landlords of properties within a scheme area can apply for one business permit for every ten properties that they own, up to a maximum of ten permits for 100 properties.

If they own more properties than this, then they can apply for an additional business permit for every 100 properties. There is no limit to the number of permits that can be issued. Owners/landlords can also add additional RPS areas on to one of these permits.

Contractors

Residents having work carried out on their property can either provide the contractor with their visitors' permits or ask them to use the Pay & Display parking.

The Council can also suspend an area of parking for larger scale building works that may take some time, so that residents would not need to use their visitors' permits.

Driveways

Double yellow lines are usually installed to prevent people from blocking driveway access. However, if residents do not want double yellow lines across their driveway then they can be removed if possible.

Permit Parking Areas (PPAs)

Most schemes include some PPAs. These are usually small cul-de-sacs or one or two streets with limited entrances and exits. A PPA means that the whole area works in the

same way as a permit holders' only bay. This means that we only need to provide a sign at the entrance/exit to the area rather than throughout the area. It also removes the need to mark parking bays, although we can include double yellow lines if they are needed to protect access.

Scheme boundaries

The current scheme boundaries were carefully chosen using main roads and natural boundaries where possible. We can consider minor alterations to these boundaries in the local reviews if they provide an overall benefit but we are not looking at making major changes.