

Residents' Parking Schemes

Parking Schemes can help residents who regularly find it difficult to park by their home when spaces are taken up by non-residents. Parking Schemes do not guarantee or reserve a space but do restrict parking by non-residents and so increase the opportunity for residents to park.

How does a scheme work?

A special type of legal order, known as a traffic regulation order, is made. This order restricts parking in the affected area. Residents can apply for permits which give them exemptions from these restrictions. Anyone who parks without a permit, in breach of the restrictions, is subject to a Penalty Charge Notice (a parking ticket). Enforcement Officers employed by the Council will carry out checks to make sure that any vehicles parked in the area have valid permits.

Is a residents' parking scheme the answer?

A scheme may not always be the best way to resolve your parking problems. Have you considered the following.

1. Whether a review of existing parking restrictions might help? Our Highways team is responsible for restrictions and can give advice on whether they could be altered. To discuss this please telephone 0300 123 7 036 or email wyvernhousecontactcentre@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk.
2. Does the problem happen because of parents collecting/delivering children to and from school? If yes, a 'walking bus' and/or car-sharing scheme might help. This can be arranged with our safe and sustainable travel team
 - Email: roadsafety@cheshirewest.gov.uk
 - Telephone: 01244 976 740
 - By post:
The Safe and Sustainable Travel Team, Cheshire West & Chester Council, Integrated Transport Service, Rivacre Business Centre, Mill Lane, Ellesmere Port, CH66 3TL

Can a scheme be introduced anywhere?

No, residents' parking schemes are not suitable for all areas. Before a scheme is introduced an assessment will be carried out to make sure that a scheme would be feasible. The scheme should provide the most effective way of addressing existing parking problems and should not create new parking problems.

How much does a scheme cost?

A charge will be made for permits. The level of the charge will vary according to the scheme and will be set at a level to recover the costs to enforce and administer that scheme. Residents will be informed of how much permits will cost before any scheme is introduced.

Are there any disadvantages?

The overall number of parking spaces sometimes reduces when a scheme is introduced. If bays are created for residents there must be sufficient space left for other vehicles including emergency vehicles to drive through. This can mean that one side of a street is marked with bays and parking is not allowed on the rest of the street to ensure the free flow of traffic.

What if I don't want a scheme to be introduced?

A scheme will never be imposed on residents. Its success depends upon the cooperation and support of residents. With this in mind, schemes will only be progressed when the majority of residents agree to a scheme being introduced. If you are a resident who doesn't want a scheme you will be given the opportunity to express your views.

How long does it take to introduce a scheme?

The time taken to introduce a scheme will vary according to the size and complexity of the scheme. The usual steps involved are:

- a feasibility study
- initial consultation with residents
(to establish whether residents are in favour of a scheme)
- drafting of a traffic regulation order
- public consultation on the traffic regulation order
- consideration of any objections following the public consultation
- marking the road, installing signs on the road
- residents apply for permits

I want a scheme where I live, what should I do?

Complete the form at the end of this booklet and send it to Parking Services. Please note that for a request to be considered it must be supported by either 10 residents or 25% of households from the affected area. One of the residents (or their representative) should be prepared to attend a Community Forum if required.

Request for a residents' parking scheme

Your name				
Your address		Contact details (telephone number and email address)		
In the space below, please provide the address of the area (please list the specific streets) where you wish a Residents' Scheme to be introduced.				
In the space below, describe the parking problems being experienced. So that we can help design a scheme to tackle the problems experienced please state whether problems are on specific days or certain times.				
Applications must be supported by at least 10 residents or 25% of households from the affected area. Please provide details of the residents who support this application and indicate who will attend a Community Forum.				
Name	Address	Postcode	Contact telephone number and email address	Will attend a Community Forum?

If you have a question about residents' parking schemes or to return your completed form please see below.

- Email: parking@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk
- By post: Parking Services, Cheshire West and Chester Council, 4 Civic Way, Ellesmere Port, CH65 0BE