



Leicester  
City Council

## **INFORMATION SHEET**

### **Proposed Residents' Parking scheme in the Clarendon Park Area**

- Leicester City Council will be consulting on a Residents' Parking scheme in January/February 2016 following requests to the Council and to local Ward Councillors.
- The area affected by this is shaded in lilac on the attached plan.
- Such a scheme would free up spaces for people who live locally because commuters would not be allowed to park in the area, except in a few pay and display areas.
- Limited waiting or cheap pay and display bays would be available throughout the area for visitors to shops, businesses and community centres to use from Monday to Saturday during the daytime. These bays would be left unrestricted in the evenings and on Sundays in order to allow visitors to park free of charge.
- A residents' parking scheme creates a parking zone where most of the spaces are reserved for permit holders. Parking attendants working for the City Council would patrol the area to make sure cars parked there have permits. Provision would be made for shoppers and vehicles essential to the running of existing businesses in the area as part of this scheme.

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

### **How much is a resident's permit?**

A resident's permit costs £25 a year.

### **Who can buy permits?**

Each resident driver who has a car registered to their address in the area can buy one permit (although some consideration can be given to residents who have, for example, a works van as well as a private vehicle). Residents in properties with off-street parking would still be eligible for permits.

Any future new developments or conversions to more than one dwelling would be subject to planning conditions in relation to whether or not they would be eligible for parking permits.

### **Is there a limit on the number of permits per household?**

No, as long as each resident driver has their own car registered to the address, subject to one permit per person.

### **Does a permit guarantee me a parking place outside my home?**

No, a parking place is not guaranteed outside your home, nor in the wider residents' parking area. However, the lack of commuters will make it more likely that you will find a parking place. Resident permit holders will be able to park in any residents' bay or pay and display bay.

### **Will the number of parking places on street increase?**

There will not be any extra parking spaces on street, but the lack of commuters should make it easier for residents and visitors to find a space.

### **What about my visitors?**

Residents, regardless of whether they have a car, can buy 48-hour visitor permits in advance in the form of scratch-cards costing £1 each for a consecutive period of 48 hours. Visitors can stay longer than 48 hours as long as valid visitor permits are displayed to cover the whole length of their stay.

Alternatively, residents can use a smartcard (one smartcard per household) to obtain visitors permits from pay & display machines within the area. Two types of permits are available from the smartcard:

- 2-hour free permits.
- 48-hour permits at a cost of £1 (by inserting coins into a pay & display machine).

Smartcard permits are valid from the time of issue by the pay & display machine, so they cannot be obtained in advance.

- Visitor permits are limited to 15 per household in any 7 day period.
- Each household is also allowed 5 free visitor permits per renewal year.
- Residents over 60 can obtain visitor parking permits free of charge, subject to the maximum allowed of 15 visitor permits in any consecutive period of 7 days.

### **Where will people park if they want to use local shops?**

People using local shops will be able to park in short stay parking bays for up to 1 hour free, or in pay and display bays. The proposed charges for the pay and display bays are 20p for up to 1 hour or 50p for up to 3 hours. It is also proposed to have some pay and display bays at £1 for up to 4 hours, and some at £4.00 all day.

### **I'm disabled and a Blue Badge holder. How will I be affected?**

Vehicles displaying a valid blue badge will be able to park in any residents parking bay, pay and display bay or in the short stay bays (no time restriction if Blue Badge displayed). If the Blue Badge holder is the driver of a vehicle kept at an address within the area, they can request a mandatory disabled bay outside their property, where only blue badge holders would be able to park. Resident Blue Badge holders with a car can also apply for a free resident's permit.

### **I need regular Carer attendance. Can my Carer get a permit?**

A resident can apply for a free Carer permit subject to certain conditions (limited to one per household).

### **I run a business in the area. Do I need a permit?**

Yes. Permits for vehicles essential to the running of your business will be available at a cost of £100 per permit per year. The number of permits issued per business will vary depending on the size and nature of the business, and how much off-street parking the business has. Business permit holders can park in any of the residents' bays or pay and display bays within the area, although using the pay and display bays will limit the availability of parking spaces to customers.