

PARKING SERVICE RESPONSES to Questions of 16/12/13 Meeting.

- Q1) The number of online respondents to the resident consultation regarding on-street parking that was undertaken in 2010;
- A1) The residents parking survey undertaken in 2010 was sent out only to PCC Permit Holders via Royal Mail, no online consultation took place. See attached 'On Street Parking Survey' and Parking Review Summary Feedback Report' for further information.



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- Q2) If it was legal to disallow residents from student housing, who don't pay council tax, to obtain resident parking permits;
- A2) We can find no evidence of any Council that excludes students from obtaining a residents parking permit in an eligible property; nor can we find any Council who restricts students from obtaining permits in residential student properties that do not pay Council Tax. The majority of Councils that were benchmarked have a planning restriction in place similar to PCC, whereby all new and refurbished developments and change of use developments are excluded from the issue of parking permits. The majority of Universities request or instruct students not to bring their vehicles to the City in which they study, however the Universities can take no action against those students who choose to ignore this instruction.

The consensus of opinion historically is that it would not be illegal to disallow residents from student housing who don't pay council tax to obtain residents parking permits, however it may be deemed as discriminatory.

For information Nottingham City Council has restricted permits to students as below:-

“Student permits are available to tenants residing at a property within a scheme area whilst they are studying. Some properties where previous single dwellings have been converted into flats may not be eligible due to planning restrictions.

The maximum allocation of student permits per household is 3 and this is made up of any combination of residents or visitors permits. Student residential and visitor permits are valid for 1 academic year (i.e. 1 August to 31 July) and are subject to a charge of £70.00 per permit.

Q3) Benchmarking exercise to be undertaken with other Local Authorities to find synergies with how Plymouth's CPZ structured and controlled;

A3) It is evident from the benchmarking results below that the majority of Councils now operate permit schemes during working and commuter hours ie: predominately starting at 8am and ending between 5pm and 6:30pm. Several Councils restrict the number of permits, vehicle weight and length to each permit zone; Southampton City Council permit parking fact sheet is attached for general information.

	Council	No of Zones	Hours of Operation								
1	Derby City Council	12	Monday to Saturday 8am to 6pm x 9 Zones 1 Zone x has two separate restrictions, the area closest to the hospital operates Monday to Sunday 8am - 6pm, Monday to Friday 8am to 6pm for the other areas. Monday to Friday 8am to 4pm (1 September to 30 June) x 2 Zones								
2	Portsmouth City Council	34	Parking schemes operate at all times								
3	Bristol City Council	3	Monday to Saturday 8am to 6pm (part of the Outer Zone) or Monday to Saturday 8am to Midnight (all of the Central and Inner Zone and some of the Outer Zone).								
4	Dover	12	Permit scheme operational hours are a mixture of 8.30am to 5.30pm or 10.30 to 5.30pm.								
5	Bournemouth	9	All permit schemes operational hours at all times.								
6	Southampton City Council	22	All permit schemes operational 8am to 6pm Monday to Saturday.								
7	Cardiff Council	2	Central - 8am – 10pm Monday to Sunday 50% of the street Outer Central Areas 8am – 10pm Monday to Sunday 100% of the street								
8	Oxford Council	30	Permit schemes are a mixture of 'at all times', 9am to 5pm, 8am to 6.30pm etc to cover all day working and commuter hours. Specific restrictions apply in the area of Kassam Stadium as below; permit schemes are also in operation on football match days. Kassam Stadium controlled parking zones <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Blackbird Leys West (BW)</td> <td>Sunday 8:30am-1:30pm, and event days</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Brake Hill (BH)</td> <td>Sunday 8:30am-1:30pm, and event days</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Fry's Hill (FH)</td> <td>Sunday 8:30am-1:30pm, and event days</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Minchery Farm (MF)</td> <td>Sunday 8:30am-1:30pm, and event days</td> </tr> </table>	Blackbird Leys West (BW)	Sunday 8:30am-1:30pm, and event days	Brake Hill (BH)	Sunday 8:30am-1:30pm, and event days	Fry's Hill (FH)	Sunday 8:30am-1:30pm, and event days	Minchery Farm (MF)	Sunday 8:30am-1:30pm, and event days
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9	Cambridge Council	15	Permit schemes are similar to Oxford – a mixture of schemes to cover all day working and commuter hours. Schemes operational predominately between 8am to 8pm and up to 9pm daily.								
10	Croydon	16	Permit schemes operate 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday in all but the Central Croydon area which operates 8am to 12 midnight on all days.								

- Q4) More information regarding the requirement for parking permits to be linked to length and the weight of the vehicle to be provided;
- A4) PCC currently have a weight restriction of 3,500 kilo's in the Traffic Regulation Order. The TRO can include whatever restrictions PCC feel appropriate to restrict the weight and length of vehicles eligible for the issue of parking permit. Vehicles are now also much higher than they used to be and prone to blocking light from residential windows therefore it would be prudent at this time to perhaps think about including a vehicle height restriction also.
- Q5) More information would be provided upon the oversubscription of CPZ parking permits, specifically with regards to the 300% oversubscription;
- Q6) The feasibility of getting data on Controlled Parking Zones from PCNs issued would be investigated;

A5) and A6) Appendix I attached shows

- the approximate number of residents parking bays available in each permit zone. Residents parking bays are laid on the road in lengths, not as individual bays therefore the measurement of 5.5mtrs per bay has been applied to the lengths of the bays.
- the number of permits by permit zone currently in issue
- the number of PCN's issued within the permit zones between 01/04/2013 and 27/01/2014.

NB: PCN's issued in residents permit bays may be to persistent offenders. Ie: Wyndham Square indicates **XX** PCN's were issued, however 70 of these were issued to one vehicle.