

# Bridgend County Borough Council

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**Date / Dyddiad: 24<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

Dear Sir/Madam,

### RESIDENTS PARKING PROPOSALS CONSULTATION – BRIDGEND TOWN CENTRE

We are writing to you regarding the proposals to introduce a Resident Only Parking scheme in your area and the associated removal of the Access Only orders within the proposed streets. We request your written observations within 3 weeks of the date of this letter.

We would be grateful to receive your observations by letter or email by the **15<sup>th</sup> of July 2021** on both the removal of the Access Only restrictions and secondly the introduction of the Resident Parking Zone. If we receive no such communication we will assume that you have no objections to either proposal. As previously stated, please note that the Council will make no formal response to your comments at this stage. Please ensure you state your full name and address within your response to ensure that your observation is recorded correctly.

This is the informal stage of the consultation where we are looking to gauge the opinion of those residents that will be affected by the proposals. Please be aware that in order for the scheme to progress to the next stage, the majority of households must support the introduction of the proposals. If the majority object, it will result in the street being excluded from the overall scheme. Therefore please consider your response carefully as such exclusion of your street could result in parking displacement from neighbouring streets where the restrictions were supported and the restrictions put in place.

All observations received at this stage will be duly noted and taken into consideration when finalising the scheme. We are not able to provide a formal response to your comments at this stage.

These finalised drawings will be distributed in a further consultation exercise at the Public Notice stage, when you will have a formal opportunity to make representations on the proposals.

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### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

#### **How many permits am I entitled to?**

All residents within a postal address will be able to apply for 1 parking permit (per person) for use within the boundary of the scheme. The application for permits will require proof of address and proof that the vehicle in question is registered to the same address (copy of V5 document or a valid Motability Agreement) together with a current driver's licence.

#### **Does a permit guarantee me a parking space?**

No. The permit will not provide a personalised space or the right to park near any specific property. It will entitle you to park in any available designated 'Residents Only' bay within the same zone.

#### **Which streets are in which zones?**

**Zone 8:** Cheltenham Terrace, Freeschool Court, Jenkin Street, South Place, Suffolk Street.

#### **Can residents from neighbouring streets apply for a permit and then park in my street?**

Only residents with a postal address included in the above list may apply for a permit which will allow them to park in any street within the zone. The only exception would be houses with a different postal address that are physically abutting streets within the above list (i.e. on the corner of the street).

#### **How much does a permit cost?**

Each permit will be issued at an annual charge of £20

#### **Why do I have to pay for my permit?**

The cost of the permit is to cover the administration costs.

#### **How do I apply for a permit?**

You will need to complete an application form and provide proof of your address, proof that you own the vehicle (a copy of the V5 registration document/logbook) and a copy of your driving licence.

#### **Can I get a permit for visitors to my property?**

No. The bays are for use by residents only. However, to allow for visitors or deliveries to your property a proportion of these residential bays will be shared with a limited waiting restriction, where others without a permit will be able to park for a limited period of time.

### **I am elderly/infirm and often have family/friends/carers visit me. Where will they park?**

As long as there is no other permit issued to the property, you may apply for one permit which can be used by any one vehicle at a time. This permit application will need to be countersigned by your GP. Otherwise, they will be able to park nearby in a limited waiting bay or unrestricted street.

### **I have someone coming to stay with me for a short time – where will they be able to park?**

A two week holiday permit can be issued to someone coming to stay with you as long as they normally live outside the boundary of the Borough. Only one holiday permit will be issued to an address at any one time. The charge for each Holiday permit will be £20.

### **I have a work's/company car – will I be able to apply for a permit?**

Yes. As long as you do not have another permit issued in your name, you may apply for a permit to be used in a work's/company vehicle. You will need to supply a letter from your employer approving the use of the vehicle. If you have both a private and work's vehicle, only one permit for one of these vehicles will be issued.

### **Can any type of vehicle use the scheme?**

No. Permits will only be issued to vehicles:

- That are under 3500 kilograms in weight and no larger than 2.60 metres in height and 6.00 metres in length
- That are registered as Private/Light Goods/Disabled on the V5 registration document
- That are adapted to carry no more than 12 passengers excluding the driver
- That have the ability to be independently propelled by an on board motor or engine on the highway

### **I have a motorbike/scooter – where will I display my permit?**

Motorbikes and scooters are exempt from the resident parking restrictions and therefore are not required to display a permit.

### **My business is located in the street – where can I park?**

Each business may apply for 1 parking permit to be used by any one vehicle at a time. If you are a resident (living at your business address) you may apply for a resident permit in the normal way.

### **What happens if I change my vehicle?**

You will need to return the old permit and complete a new application form. You will need to pay the full fee of £20 again but the new permit will be valid for a further 12 months from the date of issue.

### **What happens if I move address?**

If you are moving and no longer require a permit, you will need to return it to us. There will be no refund for early surrender of any permit.

### **What times/days will the Resident Permit only bays cover?**

This has not yet been finalised, and will depend upon the feedback we receive at this informal stage.

### **Which streets are you removing the Access Only order from?**

Cheltenham Terrace, Freeschool Court, Jenkin Street, South Place, Suffolk Street.

### **Is the removal of the Access Only order really necessary?**

In order for the resident parking restrictions to be introduced we must remove the Access Only. The Police no longer support such orders and due to staffing issues and a lack of enforcement, many existing Access Only orders have fallen into disrepute. If residents object to the removal of the order, the resident parking restrictions will not be introduced.

### **The Access Only order in my street is not enforced now, how will the new restrictions be any different?**

The only Authority that can enforce Access Only orders is the Police and as stated above, enforcement is often limited. The restrictions we are proposing to introduce are parking related and can be enforced by our own team of Civil Enforcement Officers. Patrols of the streets will be far more regular and consistent, and officers will be able to issue Penalty Charge Notices to any vehicles parked in contravention.

I trust that the above information provides answers to some of the questions that have been raised. We look forward to receiving your observations.

Yours faithfully

Parking Services