

11 October 2019

APPENDIX A

The Owner/Occupier
«Add1» «Add2»
«Add3»
«Postcode»



Dear Sir/Madam

DALKEITH RESIDENTS PARKING CONSULTATION

Overview

Prior to Midlothian Council becoming a de-criminalized parking authority in 2018, the Council received some requests to introduce a resident only permit parking scheme in Dalkeith. This was as a result of parking difficulties caused by local workers, Edinburgh bound workers using public transport, businesses, and other visitors to the town leaving their vehicles parked all day.

Following a recent public meeting it was agreed to consult with the local community to determine whether there is a sufficient demand to introduce a resident's permit scheme in Dalkeith

We want to seek your views on whether you would support the introduction of a resident only permit parking scheme in Dalkeith.

The proposed scheme would operate Monday to Saturday between 8am and 6pm. Each qualifying household for an on street parking permit will be able to purchase up to two annual resident permits, expected to cost £75 for the first permit and £100 for the second.

It is also proposed to provide permits within the North Wynd and St Andrews car parks as an option for streets located in the vicinity of the car parks. Each qualifying household for a car park permit will be able to purchase up to two annual resident permits, expected to cost £50 for the first permit and £75 for the second.

Why We Are Consulting

We are asking for your views on whether or not you would be willing to pay for residents parking permit in your street or

We are still at an early stage and no decisions have yet been made. We would like to know if you think the introduction of such a scheme would be beneficial to your street and area and your comments will help us reach a decision about whether to proceed with the proposal.

If a majority of responses to this consultation are in favour of a permit scheme, we will draw up detailed plans and consult with you again before any formal changes are advertised.

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We believe that parking schemes could be beneficial to residents but there are some points you should be aware of:

- You are **not guaranteed** to get a parking space directly outside your residence
- There may be a situation where there are more permits than spaces available and would operate as first come first served basis. Having a permit **will not** guarantee a parking space.
- Money raised will pay for administration, enforcement and maintenance costs of the scheme, any surplus has to be spent on improving road facilities in the area.
- Permit and time restrictions will only apply during the hours of control.
- The permits are not transferable.

What Happens Next

We will process all responses and depending on the level of support for the proposals we will decide one of the following ways forward.

- If there is a low level of support for the proposals there will be no further action.
- If there are a high number of suggested alternatives, these will be considered. We will then change the proposals before undertaking formal consultation.
- If there is a high level of support for the proposals, detailed plans will be drawn up and further consultation will take place. If this further consultation shows that the majority of local addresses support the introduction of the scheme, a draft Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) will be written and advertised allowing 21 days for formal consultation. If there are no objections the restrictions will be introduced and the draft TRO made permanent. If objections are received during the legal process, we will need to consider these and present a report to Midlothian Council for a decision.

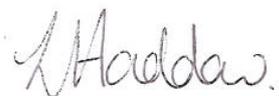
An addressed, pre-paid envelope is enclosed to return the questionnaire (no stamp is needed). Please remember to fill in your name and address on the questionnaire. Just post it in the post box, or as an alternative there is an online survey with the link to the survey being:

https://www.midlothian.gov.uk/directory_record/38229306/dalkeith_residents_only_parking_permit_scheme/category/182/current_consultations

Please note that the questionnaire must be returned by post or filled in online by 28 October 2019.

Thank you for your co-operation and participation regarding this matter.

Yours faithfully



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