

## **Epping permit scheme Q&A's**

Dear resident, you will be in receipt of an 8 page (5 sheets) written traffic regulation order, commonly referred to as a Notice of Intention which will be advertised in a variety of ways to indicate how our organisation, the North Essex Parking Partnership (working in conjunction with Epping Forest District Council) proposes to improve the parking provision in your area and address a majority of the parking issues present in the associated area detailed in accompanying maps.

The maps, for information, will only show the restrictions which we are proposing within our advertising order, with blank spaces left to indicate restrictions which have previously been advertised and installed although some of these markings or lines may be in need of refreshment.

### **What is the cost of a permit?**

The first permit is £50 and a second permit is £80. Visitor permits can be purchased at a cost of £15 for 10 x 24 hour paper permits, £10 for 10 x 24 hour virtual permits and £6 for 10 x 6 hour virtual permits.

Whilst there is a 2 permit per household limit in place, additional chargeable discretionary permits can be issued, if and where necessary and if there is evidence that the road space is available.

Households that require Carer visits can apply for a permit which is priced at £30 per annum.

### **How are tradesperson visits accommodated?**

Visitor permits, described above can be utilised for this if the visit is within the operational times and days of any scheme in place.

### **Will I need to have a permit to park across my own drive/dropped kerb?**

Yes, any vehicle parked on the public highway during the operational hours/days of a scheme would need to be permitted to do so.

### **Will I need a permit if I have off street parking?**

No, although you would still be included in the scheme and able to purchase visitor permits if required.

## **What happens if some households/roads opt out or do not want permit parking?**

If support is present elsewhere, roads which opt out of the scheme would be omitted, however others would still be included. Although there are no definitive guarantees a scheme will be introduced, if 75-80% of households in a road support the proposal, it is likely to be introduced. We would look at the number of objections received for each road to ascertain the perceived level of support present.

## **Why is a scheme being proposed in my road when I believe there are no parking issues?**

It is fair to say that not all areas may suffer in the same manner as others however with direct requests for intervention, accompanied by evidenced support for both Egg Hall and Tower Road (roads considered to be at both extremities of the proposed permit zone) parking pressures are increasing and are likely to continue to do so for a variety of reasons, many beyond our control.

## **If we opt out of the scheme and change our minds, what happens?**

Our organisations board, which includes representation from Epping Forest District Council has instigated a 5 year rule which essentially means that if a proposal is withdrawn or roads choose to be omitted, further intervention would not occur for at least 5 years after the proposal was advertised.

Whilst this may appear to be an unfair ruling to some, it allows our organisation, with its limited self-funding to ensure that all applications are dealt with and considered in a fair and consistent manner.

Each of our 6 partner Authority members possesses a number of sites for consideration and since 2010 we have received in excess of 650 applications on behalf of our partners, all of which need to be dealt with.

We are administering an area of 880 square miles, working in conjunction with Colchester Borough, Harlow District, Epping Forest District, Tendring District, Uttlesford District & Braintree District Councils.