

Area Panels: 1 – 5 December 2014

Briefing paper: Citywide Parking Enforcement

Background and context

The Car Parks & Garages (CP&G) Team currently manages 56 of the 80 or so parking sites on Housing land. This means the managed sites have paid parking bays at a weekly charge, which are protected by enforcement.

The team has identified sites that would benefit from enforcement due to parking areas being abused by non residents. The abuse generates numerous complaints that have been difficult to resolve, sometimes prevents residents parking in their preferred parking areas close to their homes, and takes up considerable officer time.

Historically when we have received complaints from residents about parking issues on Housing land we have consulted all residents in that location, and introduced enforcement when the consultation result has requested this. Where residents have been reluctant to give up their free parking and have not opted to introduce enforcement, parking problems and neighbourhood disputes continue.

CP&G charges are increased annually based on inflation, and the city is broken down into three different charging areas with different charges for four customer groups, giving a total of 12 different charges that apply across the city. The table on the following page gives an indication of the variation in charges.

Recommendation

1. This paper recommends that the parking areas that have enforcement are increased to include all Housing land, with some exceptions. This will protect residents preferred parking and provide consistent arrangements in Housing areas.

In adopting a citywide approach, areas that fall within and on the boundaries of the corporate parking zones, as well as areas where residents are struggling to park due to non-residents parking in the area will be the first to be prioritised for enforcement. As the controlled parking areas expand throughout the city, any council housing parking sites that border on these new controlled parking areas will have parking enforcement introduced.

2. The paper also recommends introducing parking enforcement to the 99 Housing garage sites.

This will address a further problem that residents report of cars parking inappropriately in these areas, blocking access to garages. It will also encourage more people to rent

garages that are currently vacant. The cost of improved signage, as requested by residents, will be met from the Housing Revenue Account, but will be more effective with enforcement taking place at these sites.

Identifying sites

Housing continually considers areas of Housing land where there is the potential for developing new homes. Where this is not possible, the suitability for creating additional parking to meet tenants’ needs is also considered.

The table below identifies areas where there is no enforcement and that would immediately benefit from its introduction. As well as addressing the issues that arise from lack of enforcement, it will generate income to the Housing Revenue Account. The table also shows the weekly charges, and minimum and maximum potential income.

Site	Spaces	Blue badge - tenant & leasehold rate	Blue badge – private rate	Tenant & leasehold rate	Private rate	Min. weekly income	Max. weekly income
Lavender House	5	£1.99	£9.26	£9.00	£18	£9.95	£90
Newstead	5	£1.99	£9.26	£9.00	£18	£9.95	£90
Philip Court	15	£1.52	£6.54	£5.84	£11.70	£22.80	£175.70
Highcroft Lodge	10	£1.99	£9.26	£9.00	£18	£19.90	£180
Site off Southover Street	13	£1.99	£9.26	£9.00	£18	£25.87	£234
Ingram Crescent	230	£1.23	£1.67	£2.24	£4.51	£282.90	£1037.30
Manor Gardens	15	£1.23	£1.67	£2.24	£4.51	£18.45	£67.65
Ansty Close	15	£1.23	£1.67	£2.24	£4.51	£18.45	£67.65
Henfield Close	15	£1.23	£1.67	£2.24	£4.51	£18.45	£67.65
Playden Close	15	£1.23	£1.67	£2.24	£4.51	£18.45	£67.65
Flimwell Close	15	£1.23	£1.67	£2.24	£4.51	£18.45	£67.65

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Byworth Close	7	£1.23	£1.67	£2.24	£4.51	£8.61	£31.57
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Next steps

All feedback will be considered and summarised for the report being presented to Housing Committee on 14 January 2015.

Once decided upon, the outcome will be and in feedback to Area Panels and published on the Housing pages of the Council's website.

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