

RESIDENTS PARKING SCHEME - EXPLANATORY NOTES FOR VISITORS & FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Residents Parking Scheme

Residents Parking Schemes are in operation in most of the residential areas in and around Middlesbrough town centre. The schemes are designed to keep residential streets clear from commuter and shopper's vehicles to enable residents to park near their homes. The residents parking scheme is divided into residents parking zones. There are currently twelve residents parking zones in Middlesbrough, zones A, B, C, D, E, G, H, J, K, L, P & U.

Streets within the residents parking scheme may have markings on the road and all have signs. The signs show which zone the street is included in and the zone's hours of operation. Any vehicle may be parked for any length of time outside of the hours of operation.

Visitors Parking Permits

If a vehicle displays a valid generic visitors parking permit on the windscreen then it can be parked in a residents parking place in the same way as a residents vehicle, the generic visitor parking permit has to be clearly displayed inside the vehicle's windscreen for it to be deemed valid. There should be sufficient space for all vehicles, however a permit does not guarantee that a particular space will be available nor does a visitors parking permit enable a vehicle to be parked on yellow lines waiting/loading restrictions, allow free parking at any pay and display area, business parking area or unlimited time in any loading bays which may be located within the resident parking zone.

Each residential property located within the Middlesbrough Council Residents Parking Scheme have been provided with two generic parking permits to hand out to their visitors to display on their vehicles. These permits can be used by any visitor to the property (including trades people carrying out work in the property and carers). The permit must be clearly displayed in their vehicle for inspection.

The resident is responsible for giving a permit to any visitor upon arrival to display in their vehicle the permit is to be returned to the resident at the end of the visit. The permit is issued for visiting purposes only. The visitor permit should be displayed on the inside of the vehicle windscreen, so that the details can be clearly read from outside the vehicle, failure to display a valid permit, or failure to display it correctly may result in a Penalty Charge Notice. Please note that prior to expiry two further permits will be sent to the resident by post.

It is the resident's responsibility to ensure visitor permits are returned to them by the visitor when they leave. Please note a charge will be applicable for any replacement permits and the lost permit will be cancelled so will be no longer valid for use.

If a resident is to leave a property for which this visitor permit is issued they should leave the permit for the next resident.

Visitors to Zone P & Zone U may park without a permit for 45 minutes (2 hours on the west side of Park Vale Road) with no return within 2 hours. A visitor wishing to stay longer than this must obtain a valid generic visitors parking permit from the resident and clearly display it inside the vehicle.

Lost permits must be reported to Parking Services immediately, there is an admin charge for a replacement permit and the original permit will be cancelled and will no longer be valid.

Types of vehicle

You can obtain a permit for the following types of vehicles:

- a) Cars or other passenger vehicles with seating for not more than 13 people
- b) Goods vehicles with an unladen weight of not more than 30 cwt
- c) Motorcycles

Suspending a parking place

The Council and the Police can temporarily suspend the whole or part of a parking place for certain special reasons. Signs will be put up when a parking place is suspended. You cannot park in a suspended parking place unless they have the permission of the Council or Police.

Who will enforce the residents parking scheme?

The Council's Civil Enforcement Officers will patrol the residents parking zones.

Penalty Charge Notices are issued for the following:

- a) Parking in a residents parking place without displaying a valid permit
- b) Parking in a residents parking place displaying an invalid permit
- c) Parking in a suspended parking bay
- d) Not parked correctly within the markings of the bay or space

Visitors are required to comply with all the requirements of the scheme; the displaying of permits is absolutely necessary for the scheme to be successful.

If you require any further information on residents parking please telephone Parking Services on 01642 726003 or visit the Council's website www.middlesbrough.gov.uk

