

Response to Request for Information

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Resident Parking

Request:

Do you charge for resident parking permits in Controlled Parking Zones?

The City of Wolverhampton have two residential parking permit schemes:

The Match day permit scheme was introduced in 2003 to address the high volume of vehicle parked in the vicinity of the Molineux Football Stadium on match days and at the time it was agreed that the permits should be provided to residents free of charge.

The New Cross resident permit scheme was implemented in response to resident's complaints. This is a relatively new scheme which was introduced in June 2017 and is required to be cost neutral therefore the permit charge is to cover the cost of administering the scheme.

If you do currently have a charge:

- 1) How many resident parking permit holders are there in your area?
The New Cross Resident parking scheme currently has 80 valid Resident Permits.
- 2) What is the minimum and maximum charge levied for resident parking permits in Controlled Parking Zones?
A Resident Parking Permit costs £20.00.
- 3) How much revenue did the charge generate in financial years:
 - a. 2014/5 Did not have a chargeable scheme during this financial year.
 - b. 2015/6 Did not have a chargeable scheme during this financial year.
 - c. 2016/7 Did not have a chargeable scheme during this financial year.
 - d. 2017/8 £1,180
- 4) Is there currently a plan to increase or decrease the charge for resident parking permits over the next three years (for example, in line with inflation, or if the introduction of a charge has been staggered)?
All charges are reviewed annually however at this current time the council does not plan to increase or decrease the resident parking charge.

- 5) How much was generated by fining drivers who parked in Controlled Resident Parking Zones without a valid permit in financial years:

In respect of question 5, it has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold all of the above information as the New Cross controlled parking zone has a number of shared parking bays that enable drivers to park if they display either a valid permit or Pay and Display ticket. We also have a limited number of bays specifically for permit holders only. We can only provide accurate information on vehicles parked within the bays reserved for permit holders only and this is shown below.

Consequently, we are unable to provide any information relating to the above, and are informing you as required by Section 1(1) (a) of the Act, that states:

"Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request".

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| a. | 2014/5 | No charge applicable to this financial year |
| b. | 2015/6 | No charge applicable to this financial year |
| c. | 2016/7 | No charge applicable to this financial year |
| d. | 2017/8 | £350.00 |

If you do not currently have a charge for resident parking permits in Controlled Parking Zones:

- 6) Is the council implementing such a charge in the next 24 months?
As previously stated, charges are reviewed annually however at this current time the council do not plan to introduce charges for Matchday parking permits.