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## **Parking Consultation for Hazeldene Meads and The Beeches**

### **Make sure your voice is heard!**

These proposals may affect you so please take the time to read this information.

### **Proposed resident parking scheme**

Parking pressures for local residents & visitors have increased following the introduction of parking schemes in neighbouring areas. The high number of vehicles parked all day, parked on pavements and on double yellow lines causes difficulties for pedestrians and interrupts the smooth flow of traffic, including emergency service vehicles.

The council has prepared proposals for a residents parking scheme in the area and wants to hear from you. Following the recent consultation in January 2021 the majority of people who responded said they preferred a light touch scheme for two hours throughout the day and would like to join the existing Zone P which operates Monday to Friday 9am-10am and 1pm-2pm.

The scheme would contain:

- Permit holder bays for use by residents in the area and their visitors only during enforcement hours
- Bays for blue badge holders, motorcycles and bicycles could be provided on request
- Double yellow lines placed at junctions and over dropped kerbs

Residents and their visitors would need to display permits during the operational hours of the scheme. Permit parking would also be available for business users or services that can demonstrate their need to use a vehicle. Anyone can park for free outside of the scheme operational hours.

### **Frequently asked questions**

#### **How would the proposed parking schemes work?**

Parking bays in a residential street would be for residents and their visitors. Double yellow lines will cover places where it would be dangerous to park or where it is necessary to allow the free passage of vehicles. Other types of bays (for example for blue badge holders) may also be provided.

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### **Who would qualify for permits?**

Households within the scheme, which do not have their own off-street parking, would qualify for one parking permit. The availability of additional permits would depend upon overall demand. Households within the scheme area with their own off-street parking may apply for a parking permit but we cannot guarantee that they will qualify for a permit if demand in the area is high. A business within the scheme demonstrating an essential need for a vehicle may also apply for a permit. For further permit information please call 01273 296622.

### **Where can a resident's visitors park?**

Residents will be able to buy up to 100 one day visitor permits each year. Their visitors would be able to use these to park anywhere a resident permit holder is able to park. You don't need to own a vehicle to be able to buy visitor permits. Anyone can park for free outside the scheme operation hours.

### **Where can blue badge holders park?**

Existing parking bays for eligible blue badge holders will be maintained. Should a scheme be introduced, further bays can be provided if requested and the applicant is eligible. Blue badge holders can park in light-tough resident parking schemes (e.g only restricted for two hours of the day) during the hours of restriction. Blue badge holders are not permitted to park in resident permit holder only bays within full parking schemes. Visitors who are blue badge holders will need to display their badge when parking in the resident bays during the hours of restriction in light-tough schemes. Blue badge holders also have the option of purchasing a resident permit at a reduced cost of £10 (low emissions) or £15 per year, meaning they will not be required to display their blue badge in the vehicle during the hours of restriction.

### **Where can motorcycles park?**

Motorcycles can only park in dedicated bays which can be provided on request. Such requests will be considered by the council and, if approved, be installed near to the owner's property.

### **Is the council seeking to make a profit from operating the residents parking scheme?**

No. Charges are set at a level to meet the council's traffic management objectives, eg to relieve congestion and deal fairly with demand. The scheme must also be self-financing, with charges and fines covering the enforcement, management, administration and maintenance of the scheme. By law, if any money is left over it must be spent (if it is not required for other specified purposes) on transport improvements in the city.

### **Will the scheme reduce unsafe and inconsiderate parking?**

Yes. There will be clear signs and road markings to improve enforcement.

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### How will you protect existing accesses?

The protection of off-street access points eg pavement crossovers and dropped kerbs, will be achieved by using double yellow lines across each individual dropped kerb. New dropped kerbs can be considered on request. Further information is available at [www.brighton-hove/kerbs-andcrossovers](http://www.brighton-hove/kerbs-andcrossovers) or by calling 01273 290729.

### Advantages and disadvantages of the resident parking scheme

<b>General advantages of the proposed parking scheme:</b>	<b>Disadvantages of the proposed parking scheme:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• People should find it easier to park close to their property, or the place they are visiting, than at present during operational hours of the scheme</li><li>• There will be no free parking for all day parkers during operational hours</li><li>• Yellow line restrictions will only be applied where absolutely necessary. All existing yellow lines will be reviewed</li><li>• It will enable better use of available spaces</li><li>• Double parking and pavement parking can be effectively tackled</li><li>• Car parking demand will reduce</li><li>• Without a scheme and with continued growth in car use, the parking problems experienced in this area may get worse</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The total amount of space used for parking will be reduced</li><li>• Everyone will have to pay to park on street during the operational hours except in free time-limited bays</li><li>• Anyone will be able to park outside the operational hours of the scheme</li><li>• A new scheme might result in vehicle displacement outside of the scheme boundaries</li></ul>

If you require more information before completing the online questionnaire please email [parking.consultation@brighton-hove.gov.uk](mailto:parking.consultation@brighton-hove.gov.uk) or call 01273 291706 9am-12pm **Tues-Thurs.**

Please complete the enclosed questionnaire and return it to us in the pre-paid envelope no later than **6<sup>th</sup> August 2021**

Yours Faithfully,  
Parking Infrastructure Team

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### **Current charges are:**

Resident permit £110 per year (£2.10 per week)

Resident permit (High emission vehicle) £165 per year (£3.17 per week)

Resident permit (Low emission vehicle) £55 per year (£1.05 per week)

Resident permit Blue Badge holder £15 per year

Resident permit Blue Badge holder (Low emission vehicle) £10 per year

Visitor permits £2.50 per day

Business permit £450 per year (£8.65 per week)

Business permit (High emission vehicle) £675 per year (£12.98 per week)

Business permit (Low emission vehicle) £225 per year (£4.32 per week)

Parking permit blue badge holders £15 per year

Professional carer permit\* £52 per year (£1 per week)

\* Professional carers qualify for the professional carer permit which are normally issued through health organisations. A permit can be issued to non-professional carers provided that the application for this permit is endorsed by their GP to say that the individual is in need of care.