



## Resident Parking Policy Review (July 2023)

As car ownership and usage has increased so too has the demand for on-street parking, and it is recognised that this often exceeds the highway space available in many residential areas. While the desires for residents to be able to park near their homes is understood, there is no obligation on Highway Authorities to provide parking on the public highway. The public highway is provided and maintained at public expense to facilitate the passage of people, traffic and goods, and it is the vehicle owners' responsibility to ensure that adequate parking is available for the vehicles that they own.

The Council can introduce residents' only parking schemes, however it should be noted that they are not a solution to a situation where the number of residents' vehicles exceeds the available on-street parking provision.

The current policy was last reviewed in 2019 and is currently being reassessed to ensure its suitability moving forward.

**As a resident living in an area covered by a resident parking scheme, we would like to hear your views so that we can identify any areas of the policy that need to be updated (if any) and make recommendations to Cabinet.**

PLEASE NOTE: This evidence gathering exercise relates to the Residents' Only Parking Policy and not the specific parking restrictions that have been implemented in your street. The extent of the parking bays, limited waiting provision/removal, ability to park in limited waiting bays etc. are determined locally and can be changed via the existing traffic regulation order process. Furthermore, any concerns that you may have regarding parking enforcement is an operational matter and is not subject to conditions within the policy. Any comments relating to these matters will not be considered as part of this process.

**How we use your personal information:** The information you provide will be used by the service area relevant to the consultation / survey within Caerphilly County Borough Council. Views expressed will be collated together and used to produce a summary report. Depending on scope / nature of the survey / consultation, the summary report will be used to evaluate and remodel services / priorities etc. We will not keep your views in a way that will identify you for longer than is necessary.

You have a number of rights in relation to the information we hold about you, including the right of access to your information and the right of complaint if you are unhappy with the way your information is processed. For further information on how we process the information and your rights please follow this link:

[www.caerphilly.gov.uk/CaerphillyDocs/FOI/PrivacyNotices/Privacy-Notice-Consultations-Surveys.aspx](http://www.caerphilly.gov.uk/CaerphillyDocs/FOI/PrivacyNotices/Privacy-Notice-Consultations-Surveys.aspx)

## Current Scheme Criteria

Under the current Residents' Only Parking Policy new schemes are limited to locations where:

- At least 50% of properties are unable to provide reasonable off-street parking
- Are immediately adjacent to major shopping areas, large employment sites, main transport interchanges and colleges.
- The expected displacement of parking to adjacent streets is acceptable.
- 80% of residents must support the introduction of a residents' only parking scheme.
- The problems for residents occur for at least four hours at a time and at least twice in most weeks.
- Residents must have to park some distance from their properties - at least 85% of spaces occupied for the above periods.
- The non-resident element of parking must be at least 25%.

The following restrictions apply to any new Residents' Only Parking scheme:

- Times of Operation: Monday to Saturdays, 8.00 am to 6.00 pm as a maximum restriction. This can be reduced depending on the local circumstances.
- Charges: £15 per permit per annum.
- Permits may be issued to Cars, motorcycles and vans provided that the overall height does not exceed 2.44 metres and the overall length does not exceed 5.49 metres.
- A maximum of two permits per qualifying property will be issued, of which one permit can be designated as a visitor permit.
- Those properties whose hardstands or garages fronting on to areas of resident parking will not be eligible for a permit.
- Issue of business permits may be permitted where considered appropriate and supported by the ward Members (at a charge of £75 per permit per annum).
- Disabled badge holders are exempt from the resident parking regulations. (This is a legal requirement and cannot be amended).

More detail on the current policy can be found here:

<https://www.caerphilly.gov.uk/services/transport-and-parking/parking-permits/resident-permits>

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**Do you currently live in an area currently covered by a resident parking scheme?**

- Yes
- No

Please provide your postcode in the following format (CF83 1XX)

**How many vehicles are registered at your home address?**

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4+

## How many parking permits do you currently have?

### Resident

- None
- One
- Two

### Visitor

- None
- One

## The current scheme (Policy Criteria)

**Which parts of the current Resident Parking Permit Policy, if any, do you feel need to be updated? Please tick all that apply.**

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**Is there anything missing from the current Resident Parking Policy?**

**Overall, do you feel that the current Resident Parking Policy meets the needs of you and your household?**

Yes

No

**Please tell us why you say this.**

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## About you

These questions are optional but will help us understand how the current policy impacts differently on people with protected characteristics.

### Age group

- 17-25
- 26-39
- 40-49
- 50-65
- 66+

### I am

- Female
- Male
- Prefer to self-describe
- Prefer not to say

### Do you consider yourself to have a disability?

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to say

### Does your disability impact on your day to day activities?

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to say

### Household type

- Adult only
- Adult and children of pre-school age
- Adult and children of school age

**Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey.**

**Please return to Mark Jacques, Scrutiny Officer, Caerphilly County Borough Council, Penallta House, Tredomen Park, Tredomen, CF82 7PG by 4 August 2023**