

Essential Reference Paper 'F'

EAST HERTS COUNCIL RESIDENT PERMIT PARKING POLICY

1. INTRODUCTION

Resident parking zones (RPZs) may be introduced to assist residents living in an area where on-street parking demand significantly exceeds supply and where it is not appropriate to manage parking problems using conventional parking restrictions.

This document sets out the policy framework that will underpin the implementation and operation of RPZs in East Herts.

Operational Guidance operates in support of this policy.

Award of Schemes

- *East Herts Council will prioritise residents' parking needs in primarily residential areas where there is evidence that demand for on-street parking significantly exceeds supply, due to the presence of non-residents' vehicles.*
- *East Herts Council endorses the democratic nature of the RPZ implementation process and will follow the extensive consultation process set out in Operational Guidance. The Council will only seek to implement an RPZ in a street where, following consultation, a majority of those residents who express a view wish to be included in a scheme.*
- *East Herts Council will follow statute and best practice when designing, implementing and administering its resident permit parking schemes and will ensure schemes operate in support of the Council's network management obligations as set out in Part 2 (16) of the Traffic Management Act 2004 and other relevant legislation.*
- *East Herts Council will seek to introduce 'shared space' RPZs wherever feasible and will prioritise implementation of schemes where this approach can be taken, to promote the efficient use of on-street parking provision.*
- *East Herts Council will seek to identify the potential for vehicle displacement and the additional demand for off-street parking that may be generated by the implementation of a scheme and will address these issues through the scheme design, consultation and reporting processes.*

Financial Aspect of Schemes

- *East Herts Council will seek S106 contributions to fund the implementation of RPZs where these are available, although the progression of a scheme using S106 funding will be dependent on it also meeting the Council's other policy and operational criteria.*

- *East Herts Council will not seek to recover the set-up costs of RPZs from residents, recognizing that in some cases these will have been met from S106 funding and that the implementation of an RPZ is likely to lead to increased use by some displaced motorists of the Council's off-street car parks, leading to a financial benefit to the Council.*
- *East Herts Council will seek to recoup the operational cost of RPZs from the residents who benefit from the scheme – primarily from the sale of permits, visitor parking time and income from shared use parking (if applicable) with the expectation each scheme will operate on a cost neutral basis. At all stages during the design and consultation process the Council will give residents its 'best estimate' of the likely cost to them should a scheme be implemented, to allow residents to make an informed decision on whether to seek inclusion in a scheme.*
- *East Herts Council will take into account Penalty Charge Notice revenue that may arise from the implementation of a scheme when setting and reviewing permit prices.*
- *Any surplus arising from the Council's on-street parking operations as a whole (including RPZs) will be ring fenced for use in accordance with S55 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.*
- *East Herts Council will use any additional revenue generated from 'shared space' schemes through the sale of 'pay and display' or commuter parking permits to offset permit costs for residents in that scheme.*

Review of Schemes

- *East Herts Council will review resident satisfaction with a newly introduced RPZ approximately six months after implementation and will use the opportunity of this review to further enhance the terms of operation of that scheme to the benefit of local residents.*