

# A Residents' Parking Scheme in Redcliffe

Proposed operating principles



**Residents'**  
Parking Scheme



This leaflet explains how a residents' parking scheme would work. It is based on the existing scheme in Kingsdown, which has been in place since January 2011.

## What would a residents' parking scheme (RPS) for Redcliffe involve?

RPS areas are designed to make the majority of on-street parking available to local residents, businesses and their visitors. This would be achieved by marking out parking places and requiring the vehicles parked in them to display either a valid permit for the Redcliffe RPS area or a valid pay & display ticket.

Some parking places would be reserved for permit holders only, others would be pay & display bays and some would be reserved for either permit holders or people using the pay & display facilities. Clear signing would be introduced to explain the proper use of each parking bay.

## Types of parking bay

Parking space in the RPS area would be allocated to one of the following types of parking bay:

- **Permit holders' bays:** for vehicles displaying residents', visitors', or business permits.
- **Shared use bays:** vehicles displaying residents', visitors', business permits or a valid pay & display ticket.
- **Pay & display only bays:** for vehicles displaying a valid pay & display ticket.
- **Statutory disabled bays:** for vehicles displaying a valid Blue Badge.
- **Car club bays:** for use by dedicated car club vehicles.
- **Loading bays:** for loading only.

## Driveway protection

We would normally protect driveways with double yellow lines. However, households would be asked if they wish not to have their driveway protected and we would accommodate this if possible.

## Operating hours

**The scheme would operate from 9am–5pm Monday to Friday.**

This means that outside these hours, any vehicle could park in the permit holders', shared use or pay & display bays without having to display a permit or pay & display ticket.

This would not be the case for the statutory disabled bays, car club bays or loading bays, as these restrictions apply at all times.

## Parking permits

There would be three types of parking permit that could be used in the permit holders' bays: residents', visitors' and business permits. The following information explains how the permits system would work.

### Residents' permits:

- Each household without off-street parking could normally apply for up to two residents' permits.
- You would need to provide confirmation that you live in the RPS area and that you are the registered owner or keeper of the vehicle that the permit is for.
- Each residents' permit could have two registration numbers printed on it, so that you can park different vehicles in the area at different times, provided that the permit is swapped between vehicles.
- The first permit would cost £30 per annum; the second would cost £80 per annum.
- Households with off-street parking are only eligible for one permit at a cost of £30 per annum.
- The first permit would be free of charge if it were for a low emission vehicle (vehicle tax band A – CO<sub>2</sub> emissions of up to 100g/km).

## Visitors' permits:

- Each household would be eligible for up to 100 visitors' permits per annum.
- Each visitors' permit would be valid for one day.
- You would not need to own a car to be able to apply for these permits; you would just need to provide confirmation that you live in the RPS area.
- The first 50 visitors' permits would be free of charge, with the next 50 costing £1 per permit.
- You could apply for as many visitors' permits as you need at any one time, up to the limit of 100 per annum.
- The permits would not have an expiry date printed on them, so if you did not use them all in the first year of the scheme then you could use them the following year.
- Residents with long-term care needs could apply for additional visitors' permits.

## Business permits:

- Each business in the RPS area could apply for one business permit provided that the business did not have access to off-street parking of any kind.
- A business permit would cost £100 per annum.
- These permits are designed for operational business vehicles rather than for staff parking.



## Arrangements for contractors

- If you were having work carried out on your property for a few days, you could choose to provide your contractors with visitors' permits or ask them to use pay & display facilities.
- If larger scale building works were being carried out, the council could suspend an area of parking for a charge, currently £52 per week.

## Motorcycle parking

Motorcycles could park free of charge in the permit holders only bays, the shared use bays and the pay & display only bays.

## Pay & Display parking

- You would be able to park for up to 15 minutes free of charge in the pay & display bays. A ticket would need to be obtained from a pay & display machine and displayed in your vehicle for the 15 minutes.
- If you intended to park for longer than this, the pay & display parking would cost £1 per hour for up to three hours.



# The Residents' Parking Scheme in Kingsdown – experience so far

We worked with local residents and businesses to introduce a residents' parking scheme in Kingsdown from January 2011. After six months, the scheme was reviewed with local residents and businesses and further improvements made. Despite some early reservations, a recent survey showed strong support for the scheme and the improvements that residents' parking has brought.

## The main benefits identified by residents were:

- Improved quality of life as residents find it much easier to use their car when they need to without worrying about being able to park it again afterwards;
- The streets are quieter and safer now that vehicles are not circling the area searching for a parking space, particularly early in the mornings;
- It is easier and safer for pedestrians to walk around the neighbourhood;

- Access to properties has improved, which has benefited people with limited mobility and will ensure that access for emergency vehicles and deliveries is as easy as possible;
- People are less stressed and are more communicative with one another;
- The introduction of Pay & Display has improved access to local amenities, particularly as parking is free for the first 15 minutes.

## Comments from local residents included:

“Great success, has solved the problem of commuter parking”

“Delighted by the transformation of the area, more peaceful, less stressed, residents now say ‘hello’ to one another more.”

To find out more information about the Kingsdown residents' parking scheme and watch a video of Kingsdown residents speaking about the change this scheme has brought, please visit [www.bristol.gov.uk/kingsdownrps](http://www.bristol.gov.uk/kingsdownrps)