

Proposed changes to parking restrictions

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Dear Sir or Madam

As part of the ongoing Devonshire Park Development we are proposing new and changes to existing parking controls in this area. The development will result in some changes to the road layout and parking availability nearby.

We are writing to all local residents and businesses to give information about the proposals and to invite comments on these.

The proposed parking scheme will operate from Monday to Saturday between 8am and 6pm. We are considering the introduction of pay and display bays, permit bays and shared parking bays to this area.

The shared parking bays will be available to permit holders without a time limit and to anyone else for a period of either two or four hours. The time limit will clearly be shown on a parking sign.

Each qualifying household will be able to purchase up to two annual resident permits, expected to cost £25 for the first permit and £75 for the second permit. Local businesses requiring use of their vehicles throughout the day would be able to buy up to six permits. The expected cost is £220 per year for one zone and £420 per year for all zones.

Each household can buy up to 150 resident visitor permits each year costing 50p (blue badge holders can buy up to 300 permits costing 25p). Hotel guest permits cost £1, trade permits cost £2 and healthcare worker/carer permits cost 50p.

Visitor permits are available in books of ten and are not transferable, exchangeable, or refundable.

We believe that parking schemes are beneficial but there are some points you should be aware of:

- There will be no free all day parking for non-permit holders.
- Money raised will pay for administration, enforcement and maintenance costs of the scheme, any surplus has to be spent on improving transport facilities in the area.
- Preventing dangerous, obstructive and inconsiderate parking often improves traffic flow around the area.
- There will be better access for emergency vehicles and public transport.
- There will be improved safety for all road users and reduced congestion from circulating traffic.

- The total amount of space available for parking may be reduced as yellow lines may be needed near junctions and across accesses and driveways.
- Permit and time restrictions will only apply during the hours of control. The number of permits issued will be limited and depending on demand a waiting list may be operated.
- Having a permit will not guarantee a parking space.
- Not all properties will be eligible for a permit, such as properties on private roads or developments with off street parking.

Enclosed with this letter is a map showing the proposals in the Devonshire Park area, please take the time to look at this carefully and tell us your views. In particular we would like to know:

- which road you are commenting on,
- whether you support or do not support the proposals, and your reasons, and
- any other comments you may have.

You can do this by emailing parking.escc@eastsussex.gov.uk or by writing to us at the address above. Please make sure you quote reference number **PkM 2017/230** with your comments. You can also complete the online consultation at consultation.eastsussex.gov.uk/economy-transport-environment/Devonshire-informal

The consultation opens on 12 January 2018 and closes on 2 February 2018. All comments need to be received by the closing date. The level of support will determine the outcome of the proposals. If there are a number of suggested alternatives, these will be considered for inclusion in the final proposals.

If the proposals go forward then the draft Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) will be written and advertised allowing 21 days for formal consultation. If there are no objections the restrictions will be introduced and the draft TRO will be made permanent. If objections are received, we will need to consider these and present a report to Planning Committee.

We will be happy to answer any questions you may have. Please contact us by email at parking.escc@eastsussex.gov.uk or telephone 01323 466244. Full details of all our consultations and the background behind them can be found at consultation.eastsussex.gov.uk

Thank you for taking the time to look at the proposals.

Yours faithfully

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