
Parking Fees & Charges 2024/25 - Proposals

This paper builds on the Parking Strategy 2024-2034 and presents the proposed charges for Parking Services functions for the 2024/25 financial year.

Unlike in previous years, a number of the Strategy proposals mean that a simple comparison between 2023/24 and 2024/25 charges is not always possible.

Each section starts with details of the relevant Strategy proposals, before showing the 2023/24 (current) charges and the proposed 2024/25 charges. An explanation of any changes and benchmarking information (where available) then follows.

Fees and Charges for the majority of West Berkshire Council Car Parks have not changed since 2018. It is forecast that inflation between 2018/19 and 2024/25 may reach ~32% and comparison charges have therefore also been shown to illustrate what the charges would be if a 32% inflationary increase was applied.



SECTION 1 – NEWBURY CAR PARKS

Parking Strategy Proposals

- **PP1. Review the function of each car park:** It is proposed that a number of car parks in Newbury are converted to short-stay only to support economic activity in the town centre, whilst others will be aimed at long-stay. The function of each car park will be reviewed each year.
- **PC1. Charging hours:** Parking charges, where they apply, are implemented all day, every day across West Berkshire unless there is a good justification for not doing so.
- **PC2. User discounts:** Parking charge discounts will be considered for defined groups where the technology will allow this.
- **DP3. Disabled parking charges:** It is important that users of facilities contribute to the costs of operation, and therefore charges will be introduced for disabled users parking for more than three hours.
- **OV1. Motorcycle parking charges:** Technology does not currently allow discounts to be offered to motorcycles only so this proposal will not be taken forward for 2024/25.
- **SU1. ZEV parking charges:** After review of consultation responses, this will not be taken forward 2024/25.

Background Information

The purpose of a number of car parks have been re-assessed, promoting use primarily as short- or long-stay (**PP1**). For up to four hours, proposed charges are based on benchmark prices of nearby key-attractor locations, uplifted for inflation. Using the benchmark prices for over four hours could be detrimental to Newbury as they are considerably higher than current charges. Proposed charges also extend to Sundays for all locations (**PC1**).

New ID	Old ID	Car Parks	Spaces	Designation
A	1	Central KFC, Corn Exchange, Kennet Centre, Central (N) Library, Pelican Lane, West Street	716	Long & Short-stay Premium location to town centre facilities.
B	1	Eight Bells	31	Short-stay Premium location where turnover of space is required.
	2	Northcroft Lane, Wharf	51	
C1	1	Northbrook	305	Long-stay Under utilised car parks offering discounted long and short-stay rates to encourage use.
C2	3	Northcroft Lane West	120	
	4	Football Club	65	
D	5	Goldwell Park	66	Short-stay Leisure Centre Primarily for Leisure Centre and Lido users.
	6	Northcroft Leisure	97	
E	3	Northcroft Lane West	120	Short-stay Leisure Centre Supporting excess Leisure Centre and Lido users during opening times.
F	7	Newbury Station	345	Rail travel. A further 150 spaces are available at weekends.

Northcroft Lane West – ID(C) 01 October to 31 March & ID(E) 01 April – 30 September

Current Charges

ID	→ 1hr	→ 2hr	→ 3hr	→ 4hr	→ 6hr	→ 8hr	8hr →	Evening
Daily charges								
1	£1.50	£2.70	£3.90	£5.20	£7.20	£8.70	£12.00	£2.00
2	£1.50	£2.70	£3.90	£5.20	£12.00			£2.00
3	£1.70		£3.20		£5.20			As day
4	£1.00				£2.00			As day
Monday to Saturday								
5	£1.00				£2.00			As day
6	Free			£5.00				As day
ID	→ 1hr	→ 2hr	→ 3hr	→ 4hr	Arrive before 10am	Arrive from 10am		
Monday to Friday								
7	£1.00	£2.00	£3.00	£4.00	£7.30		£4.40	
Saturday & Sunday								
7	£2.00		£3.50		£4.40			

The evening charge for (1) and (2) applicable from 6pm to 8am.

Charges for (7) are determined in consultation with Great Western Railway.

Proposed Charges

ID	→ 1hr	→ 2hr	→ 3hr	→ 4hr	→ 6hr	→ 8hr	8hr →	Evening
Daily charges								
A	£1.70	£3.00	£4.20	£5.50	£7.50	£9.00	£13.00	£2.50
B	£1.70	£3.00	£4.20	£5.50				£2.50
C1	£1.50	£2.50	£3.50	£4.50	£5.50			£2.50
C2	£1.00	£2.00	£3.00	£4.00	£5.00			£2.50
D	Free			£1.00	£2.00			£1.00
E	Free		£1.00	£2.00	£4.00			£2.50
ID	→ 1hr	→ 2hr	→ 3hr	→ 4hr	Arrive before 10am	Arrive from 10am		
Monday to Friday								
F	£1.00	£2.00	£3.00	£4.00	£7.30		£4.40	
Saturday & Sunday								
F	£2.00		£3.50		£4.40			

Charges for (F) are determined in consultation with Great Western Railway.

Comparison vs inflation @ 32%

ID	→ 1hr	→ 2hr	→ 3hr	→ 4hr	→ 6hr	→ 8hr	8hr →	Evening
Daily charges								
A	£2.00	£3.60	£5.20	£6.90	£9.60	£11.50	£16.00	£2.60
B	£2.00	£3.60	£5.20	£6.90				£2.60
C1/C2	£2.00	£3.60	£5.20	£6.90	£16.00			£2.60
D	Free			£1.00	£2.00			£1.00
E	Free		£1.00	£2.00	£4.00			£2.50
ID	→ 1hr	→ 2hr	→ 3hr	→ 4hr	Arrive before 10am		Arrive from 10am	
Monday to Friday								
F	£1.00	£2.00	£3.00	£4.00	£7.30		£4.40	
Saturday & Sunday								
F	£2.00		£3.50		£4.40			

Charges for D,E & F do not apply

Discounts (PC2)

Current ticket equipment means that it is not possible to offer discounts at all car parks by all payment methods.

Group	Car Parks	Times	Discount
Blue Badge Holders (DP3)	A-F	24 hours	First 3 hours free using a parking clock. Ticket should be obtained when parking if staying longer than 3 hours, so if staying for 4 hours, obtain a 1 hour ticket.

Benchmarking – 2023 multi-storey car park charges for neighbouring key-attractor locations.

	→ 1hr	→ 2hr	→ 3hr	→ 4hr	→ 6hr	→ 8hr	8hr →
Current	£1.50	£2.70	£3.90	£5.20	£7.20	£8.70	£12.00
Proposed	£1.70	£3.00	£4.20	£5.50	£7.50	£9.00	£13.00
Inflation@32%	£2.00	£3.60	£5.20	£6.90	£9.60	£11.50	£16.50
NEIGHBOURING LOCATIONS							
Andover	£1.00		£2.00	£3.00	£5.90		
Basingstoke	£2.00	£3.50	£4.00	£4.50	£6.50	£10.00	£17.00
Bracknell	£1.80	£3.20	£4.10	£4.80	£7.20	£9.00	£10.50
Oxford	£3.80	£4.80	£5.80	£7.80	£13.00	£22.00	£35.00
Reading	£1.70	£4.00	£6.00	£8.00	£12.00	£15.00	£20.00
Swindon	£1.50	£3.00	£4.50	£6.00	£10.00	£26.00	£45.00
Winchester	£1.80	£3.30	£5.00	£6.60	£17.00		
Windsor	£2.60	£4.40	£7.10	£12.20	£18.40		
Wokingham	£1.30	£2.50	£4.50		£6.50	£7.00	
AVERAGE	£1.94	£3.30	£4.78	£6.38	£10.72	£14.48	£19.53
% higher	29%	22%	23%	23%	49%	66%	63%

SECTION 2 – CAR PARKS OUTSIDE NEWBURY

Background Information

The purpose of some car parks have been re-assessed, promoting use primarily as short-stay.

For charges up to four hours, proposed charges are based on a 20 pence increase across most car parks. Complexity has been reduced by offering a flat rate for over 4 hours parking. Charges (**PC1**) for evenings and Lambourn are based at a lower level as most car parks did not charge previously.

New ID	Old ID	Car Parks	Spaces	Designation
G	9	Hungerford – Church Street	55	Long & Short-stay
	11	Pangbourne – River Meadow	27	
	12	Pangbourne – Station Road	67	
H	8	Hungerford – Station Road	104	Long & Short-stay
I	15	Thatcham – Burdwood Centre	61	Long & Short-stay
J	16	Thatcham – Gilbert Court	58	Long & Short-stay
K	17	Thatcham – Kingsland Centre	201	Long & Short-stay
L	13	Theale – Main	57	Long & Short-stay
M	14	Theale – West	10	Short-stay only
N	10	Lambourn – High Street	43	Long-stay
O	19	Thatcham – Station	34	Rail travel
P	18	Thatcham – Kennet Leisure	86	Short-stay as primarily for Leisure Centre users.

Current Charges

ID	→ 1hr	→ 2hr	→ 3hr	→ 4hr	→ 8hr	→ 10hr	10hr →
Monday to Saturday, 8am to 6pm							
8	£0.80	£1.30	£1.70	£2.00	£4.00		£6.00
9	£0.80	£1.30	£1.70	£2.00	£4.00		£10.00
11	£0.80	£1.30	£1.70	£2.00	£2.50	£5.50	
12	£0.80	£1.30	£1.70	£2.00	£5.50		
13	Free	£0.80	£1.30				
14	£0.80	£1.30	£5.50				
15	Free		£0.90	£2.00			
16	Free	£0.60	£0.90	£2.00			
17	£0.80	£1.30	£1.70	£3.00			
Daily charges							
10	Free						
18	Free		£1.00	£10.00 Mon-Fri £1.00 Sat/Sun			
ID	Arrive before 10am			Arrive from 10am			
19	£3.40 Mon-Fri £2.00 Sat/Sun			£2.00			

Proposed Charges

ID	→ 1hr	→ 2hr	→ 3hr	→ 4hr	4hr →	Evening
Daily charges						
G	£1.00	£1.50	£2.00	£2.50	£6.00	£1.00
H	£1.00	£1.50	£2.00	£2.50	£3.00	£1.00
I	Free		£1.20	£1.60	£3.00	£1.00
J	Free	£0.80	£1.20	£1.60	£3.00	£1.00
K	£1.00	£1.50	£2.00	£2.50	£3.50	£1.00
L	£0.80	£1.20	£1.60	£2.00	£3.00	£1.00
M	£0.80	£1.50				£1.00
N	£1.00				£2.00	£1.00
ID	Arrive before 10am			Arrive from 10am		
Monday to Friday						
O	£3.60			£2.20		
Saturday & Sunday						
O	£2.20					
Monday to Friday 7:30am to 5:30pm						
P	Free	£1.00	£10.00			

Comparison vs inflation @ 32%

ID	→ 1hr	→ 2hr	→ 3hr	→ 4hr	4hr →	Evening
Daily charges						
G	£1.10	£1.70	£2.20	£2.60	£7.30	£1.00
H	£1.10	£1.70	£2.20	£2.60	£7.90	£1.00
I	Free		£1.20	£2.60	£2.60	£1.00
J	Free	£0.80	£1.20	£2.60	£2.60	£1.00
K	£1.10	£1.70	£2.20	£3.90	£3.90	£1.00
L	£1.10	£1.10	£1.70	£1.70	£1.70	£1.00
M	£1.10	£1.70				£1.00
N	£1.00				£2.00	£1.00
ID	Arrive before 10am			Arrive from 10am		
Monday to Friday						
O	£4.50			£2.60		
Saturday & Sunday						
O	£2.60					
Monday to Friday 7:30am to 5:30pm						
P	Free	£1.30	£13.20			

Discounts (PC2)

Current ticket equipment means that it is not possible to offer discounts at all car parks by all payment methods.

Group	Car Parks	Times	Discount
Blue Badge Holders (DP3)	G-P	24 hours	First 3 hours free using a parking clock. Ticket should be obtained when parking if staying longer than 3 hours, so if staying for 4 hours, obtain a 1 hour ticket.

SECTION 3 – ON-STREET PARKING CHARGES

Background Information

Most charges have risen by 20 pence. Old Bath Road & Faraday Road area (Newbury) charges have risen by 70 pence to bring in line with other Newbury on-street charges. Charges in Hungerford have been brought in line with Church Street car park charges which encourage more use of Station Road car park. Sunday and evening charges (**PC1**) have been brought in to all locations.

New ID	Old ID	On-Street chargeable parking spaces
OA	O1	Newbury – Bartholomew Street, Broadway, Cheap Street, Northbrook Street
OB	O2	Newbury – Kings Road West
	O3	Newbury – Pelican Lane, West Mills
OC	O4	Newbury – Newtown Road (north)
OD	O5	Newbury – Newtown Road (south)
	O10	Thatcham – Pipers Lane, Aylesford Way
OE	O6	Newbury – Catherine Road, Link Road, Station Road
OF	O7	Newbury – Old Bath Road
OG	O8	Newbury – Faraday Road area (Ampere Rd, Faraday Rd, Kelvin Rd, Marconi Rd)
OH	O9	Hungerford – High Street
OJ	O10	Thatcham – Pipers Lane, Aylesford Way

Current Charges (8am to 6pm)

ID	Monday to Saturday, inc. Public Holidays						Sunday			
	→30m	→1hr	→2hr	→4hr	→8hr	8hr→	→30m	→2hr	→4hr	4hr→
O1	Free	£1.00					Free		£1.00	
O2	Free	£1.00	£1.50	£3.00			Free		£1.00	
O3	Free	£1.00	£2.20				Free		£1.00	
O4	Free	£1.00	£2.00				Free		£1.00	
O5		£1.00			£2.00			£1.00		
O6		£1.00	£2.00		£3.80			£1.00		
O7		£0.50	£1.00		£1.50		£0.50		£1.00	
O8	Free	£0.50	£1.00		£1.50		£0.50		£1.00	
O9		£0.80	£1.30	£3.80	£6.00	£10.00		Free		
O10		£1.00			£1.50			£1.00		£1.50

Thatcham, Piper Lane (O10) charges apply at all times.

Proposed Charges

ID	→ 30m	→ 1hr	→ 2hr	→ 3hr	→ 4hr	4hr →	Evening	
Daily charges								
OA	Free	£1.20					£1.00	
OB	Free	£1.20	£2.20					£1.00
OC	Free	£1.20		£2.20			£1.00	
OD	£1.00					£1.50	£1.00	
OE	£1.20		£2.20		£4.00		£1.00	
OF	£1.20			£1.70		£2.00	£1.00	
OG	Free	£1.20		£1.70		£2.00	£1.00	
OH	£1.00		£1.50	£2.00	£2.50	£6.00	£1.00	

Blue badge holders can park for free, with no time-limit, at on-street charging bays.

Comparison vs inflation @ 32%

ID	→ 30m	→ 1hr	→ 2hr	→ 3hr	→ 4hr	4hr →	Evening	
Daily charges								
OA	Free	£1.20					£1.00	
OB	Free	£1.20	£2.20					£1.00
OC	Free	£1.20		£2.20			£1.00	
OD	£1.00					£1.50	£1.00	
OE	£1.20		£2.20		£4.00		£1.00	
OF	£1.20			£1.70		£2.00	£1.00	
OG	Free	£1.20		£1.70		£2.00	£1.00	
OH	£1.00		£1.50	£2.00	£2.50	£6.00	£1.00	

Discounts (PC2)

None.

SECTION 4 – SEASON TICKETS

Parking Strategy Additional Proposals

- **PC8. Length of season tickets:** Increase the options to allow a choice of monthly direct debit, or quarterly or annual up-front payment options.
- **PC9. Cost of season tickets:** For consistency, the cost of season tickets will in future be linked to the cost of a day's parking.

Background Information

Newbury has five separate season tickets available, but all charged at the same rate. The current season tickets are:

- Kennet Centre
- Northbrook
- Pelican Lane
- Central (Central KFC, Library)
- Surface (Eight Bells, Football Club, Northcroft Lane West, West Street)

Season tickets are not popular for the Newbury Surface car parks, and they will no longer be sold for these locations. All existing season tickets will continue until expiry. Now that the Newbury Station car park is operational, season tickets will be introduced for this location. Kingsland Centre, Thatcham will also be added.

A new monthly direct-debit option (**PC8**) will be introduced across all season tickets, with quarterly and annual tickets also available. A monthly ticket is calculated as 10 daily payments, 25 for a quarter, and 80 for an annual ticket. Prices rounded to nearest £5. The higher relative payments for shorter-term parking contributes towards the additional administration costs involved.

The most expensive Newbury annual season tickets, allowing more central access are comparable to the average benchmark price.

Current Charges

Location	Quarterly	Half Yearly	Annual
Hungerford (Station Rd)	-	-	£425
Newbury	£350	-	£1,150
Pangbourne (Station Rd)	£160	£315	£500
Theale (Main)	-	-	£160

Proposed Charges (PC8, PC9)

ID	Location	All Day Price	Month (x10)	Quarter Year (x25)	Annual (x80)
ST1	Newbury (Central KFC, Library)	£13.00	£130	£325	£1,040
ST2	Newbury (Kennet Centre)				
ST3	Newbury (Pelican Lane)				
ST4	Newbury (Northbrook)	£5.50	£55	£137.50	£440
ST5	Newbury Station	£7.30	£75	£180	£585
ST6	Hungerford (Station Road)	£3.00	£30	£75	£240
ST7	Theale (Main)				
ST8	Pangbourne (Station Road)	£6.00	£60	£150	£480
ST9	Thatcham (Kingsland Centre)	£3.50	£35	£90	£280

Discounts (PC2)

Group	Season Tickets	Discount
Council-approved volunteers	All except Northbrook (ST4)	50% discount if vehicle and valid blue badge are registered to the same person.

Benchmarking – 2023 charges for neighbouring key-attractor locations.

The figures below are for parking any day of the week. Basingstoke and Bracknell also sell permits for Monday-Friday only, and Swindon offer these as well as Monday-Saturday.

	Day	Month	Quarter	Half-Year	Annual
Andover	£5.90	-	£200	-	£680
Basingstoke	£17.00	£125	£345	-	£1,236
Bracknell	£10.50	£120	-	-	£1,300
Oxford	£35.00	£128	£378	-	£1,300
Reading	£20.00	£167	£480	-	£1,600
Swindon	£45.00	-	-	-	£2,255
Winchester	£17.00	-	£850	-	£3,128
Windsor	£18.40	-	£435	£860	£1,700
Wokingham	£7.00	£84	£242	£478	£950
AVERAGE	£19.53	£125	£419	£669	£1,572

SECTION 5 – RESIDENT PERMITS

West Berkshire Council operates on-street permit parking in [specific residential zones and roads \[48KB\]](#) where parking is in high demand. The scheme enables residents to purchase parking permits which allow them to park in sections set aside for permit holders.

Parking Strategy Additional Proposals

- **RP1. Permit tiers:** Parking zones are to be allocated to a tier based on the location of the spaces, the reduction in income from spaces using charging bays, and the availability of public transport options.
- **RP2. Resident permit charges:** To incentivise sustainable and active travel, a premium will be applied to second permits. Discounts can be applied where this contributes to other Council aims.
- **RP3. Permit zones:** Newbury zones will be simplified to reduce confusion for residents.

Background Information

There are currently eight separate permit zones in Newbury (excluding Park Terrace). These will be simplified as follows (**RP3**).

New Zone	Description	Replacing Old Zones
North (N1)	North of the Kennet & Avon canal	N1, NW1, Parts of C1 (Northcroft Lane, Northcroft Terrace, West Street)
Central (C1)	Between the canal and railway line	E1, W1, Parts of C1 (Arcade Mews, Carnegie Road, Kings Road West)
South (S1)	South of the railway line	SE1, SW1, SW2

Permits will now be charged in four tiers (**RP1**).

Tier	Description	Locations
1	Resident permit bays are in parking charge areas	Hungerford – High Street (HHS) Newbury – Park Terrace (PT)
2	Good bus and rail services and car club availability.	Newbury (except Park Terrace) (C1, E1, N1, NW1, SE1, SW1, SW2, W1)
3	Reasonable bus and rail services	Hungerford (except High Street) (H1) Pangbourne (P1) Thatcham (TM) Theale (TE)
4	Bus services only	Chieveley (CH) Lambourn (L1)

As West Berkshire is currently the lowest cost of all neighbouring local authorities, it is proposed to keep the base charge to £30 for Tier 4, but increase the charge for all other tiers. All still remain good value compared to the cost of a season ticket in a car park. The cost of any second permit (**RP2**) will be charged at a 50% premium but will not be introduced until 2025/26. Blue Badge holders will now need to pay for each permit required.

Current Charges

Location	Characteristics	Charge
Hungerford, High Street Newbury, Park Terrace	Spaces otherwise chargeable to the general public.	£70
All other zones	Non-charging zones.	£30

Blue badge holders are currently free.

Proposed Charges (RP1, RP2, RP3)

Tier	Permit Zones	1 st Permit	2 nd Permit (2025/26)
1	HHS, PT	£80	£120
2	C1, E1, N1, NW1, SE1, SW1, SW2, W1	£50	£75
3	H1, P1, TE, TM	£40	£60
4	CH, L1	£30	£45

Discounts (PC2)

Group	Discount
Blue Badge Holders (DP3)	50% discount on all permit costs.

Benchmarking – 2023 charges for neighbouring local authorities.

Local Authority (location)	1 st Permit Charge	2 nd Permit Charge if different
West Berkshire	£30.00	
NEIGHBOURING LOCATIONS		
Wokingham	£30.00	
Swindon	£38.50	£82.50
Reading	£46.00	£173.00
Hampshire (all locations)	£50.00	£70.00
Oxfordshire (Woodstock)	£65.00	
Oxfordshire (Banbury, Bicester)	£66.00	
Oxfordshire (Didcot, Oxford)	£70.00	
Wiltshire (all locations)	£80.00	£100.00
Oxfordshire (Wantage, Wallingford)	£100.00	
Oxfordshire (Henley)	£110.00	
Oxfordshire (Abingdon)	£132.00	

SECTION 6 – RESIDENT VISITOR PERMITS

These are to enable guests and visitors to park during restricted periods. Each visitor permit is valid for one vehicle per day.

Parking Strategy Additional Proposals

- **RP4. Visitor permit charges:** The cost for a Resident Permit-Holder to purchase larger quantities of visitor permits in any year will be higher. This is to protect the integrity of the scheme and ensure that spaces are available for genuine visitors.

Background Information

As the cost is already high compared to neighbouring local authorities, it is not proposed to increase the base cost, however, a resident requiring more permits will pay more. The alternative would be a cap on the number of permits allowed each year like most authorities. This may be considered in future years. These permits are not available for High Street, Hungerford or Park Terrace, Newbury.

Current Charges

Location	Charge per 5 visitor permits	Equivalent per permit charge
Hungerford, High Street Newbury, Park Terrace	n/a	n/a
All other zones	£5	£1

Proposed Charges (RP4)

Total permits purchased during year	Charge per 5 visitor permits	Equivalent per permit charge
HHS & PT permit zones	n/a	n/a
5 to 100	£5	£1.00
101 or more	£7.50	£1.50

Discounts (PC2)

None offered for visitor permits as it would be difficult to administer and enforce.

Benchmarking – 2023 charges for neighbouring local authorities.

Local Authority (location)	Per Permit Charge	Batch Size	Limit
West Berkshire	£1.00	5	None
NEIGHBOURING LOCATIONS			
Wokingham	Not available		

Local Authority (location)	Per Permit Charge	Batch Size	Limit
Wiltshire (all locations)	£0.60	10	100
	£3.60		50
Swindon	Free	25	50
	£0.66		None
Oxfordshire (Abingdon)	Free	25	25
	£0.88		25
Oxfordshire (all other locations)	Free	25	25
	£1.00		25
Oxfordshire (Oxford / Henley)	Free	25	25
	£1.10		25
Reading	Free	20	40
	£1.25		60
Hampshire (all locations)	£1.30	10	Based on previous use

SECTION 7 – VISITOR (SPECIAL PARKING) PERMITS

These permits are only available to residents who do not drive, who are registered disabled, and who would otherwise qualify for a resident parking permit. They enable the resident to maintain an independent lifestyle, allowing for assistance visits from family, friends and carer.

Background Information

It is proposed to keep the fee for this permit in line with the minimum (Tier 4) Resident Permit fee. These permits are not available for Hungerford, High Street or Newbury, Park Terrace.

Current Charges

Visitor (Special Parking) Permit	£30 each year
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Proposed Charges

No change.

Resident Permit tier prices

Tier	Permit Zones	1 st Permit
1	HHS, PT	£80
2	C1, N1, S1	£50
3	H1, TE, TM, P1	£40
4	CH, L1	£30

Discounts (PC2)

None offered. These permits are only available for disabled residents.

SECTION 8 – ALL ZONE PERMITS

These permits allow professional carers to park in a resident permit bay whilst visiting clients in their home.

Parking Strategy Additional Proposals

- **RP5. All-zone permits:** A charge is introduced for these permits to cover the cost of issuing and administration, but the time limit for parking is extended to two hours.
- **RP6. Commercial care providers:** All-zone permits are made available to assist vulnerable users in resident parking zones, but that a premium is charged to the commercial care provider.

Background Information

West Berkshire are unusual in not charging for these permits. A small sample of nearby local authorities charge up to £300 for each permit where they run a similar scheme. It is proposed that the a charge is made for these permits that at least covers the Council cost, but that the time limit for parking in any location is increased from one to two hours.

Current Charges

Medical professionals and non-profit care companies only.	Free	Maximum stay of 1 hour in any location.
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Proposed Charges (RP5, RP6)

Medical professionals and non-profit care companies only.	£10	Maximum stay of 2 hours in any location.
Commercial care providers	£50	

Discounts (PC2)

None offered. These permits are only available for care providers.

SECTION 9 – SCHOOL STREET PERMITS

These permits allow users to enter a School Streets zone during hours of operation.

Parking Strategy Additional Proposals

- **EN2. School Streets enforcement:** The programme will be rolled out to further schools with identified parking problems at school start and finish times subject to resource availability.

Current Charges

School Streets Permit	No charge
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Proposed Charges

School Streets Permit	No charge
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Discounts (PC2)

Not applicable.

Background Information

Whilst the number of schemes are low, it is not proposed to charge for these permits. If introduction and enforcement costs increase and income from Penalty Charge Notices is low, it may become necessary to charge in the future.

SECTION 10 – PARKING DISPENSATION AND SUSPENSIONS

Parking Strategy Additional Proposals

Background Information

Dispensations will authorise a vehicle to temporarily park in contravention of certain Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs).

Suspensions will temporarily remove restrictions covered by a Traffic Regulation Order to allow works on the highway to be carried out or to reserve areas of highway for authorised users.

Current Charges

Parking Dispensation - £15.00 per day, per vehicle

Parking Suspensions - £15.00 admin charge per application. £10.00 per single bay (5m) required. £10.00 for each additional day required (Day 1 included in admin charge)

Proposed Charges

No planned changes

Discounts (PC2)

None offered.