

## **Principles and Policy for Neath Port Talbot Parking Services.**

The following principles are currently the basis of the Council's parking policies: -

- Parking Policy should support the Council's objectives of sustainable development and environmental enhancement by improving road safety, and reducing traffic and congestion and encouraging use of off-street car parks in town centres.
- Parking Policy should underpin the vitality and viability of town centres by appropriate controls of on and off-street parking.
- Parking controls should be applied selectively to address specific conflicts but not used unnecessarily.
- The parking account should include all relevant costs and income and be transparent.
- Parking policies should consider equality and disability issues.

Flowing from these principles, the following parking policy statements are also proposed for adoption: -

- P1** Within town centres convenient short-stay parking to meet local need in support of the local economy will be given priority.
- P2** Long-stay parking will utilise spaces in less convenient locations or on the periphery of centres.
- P3** Local residents' ability to park close to their houses will be protected, particularly through the regulation of on-street parking in and adjacent to town centres, e.g., through residents' parking schemes and controlled parking zones.
- P4** Parking charges will be used in town centres and other locations experiencing high demands in order to manage parking use.
- P5** Suitable provision will be made to allow access for disabled people.

## **Residents and Permit Parking Policy**

To obtain a permit:

- You must own and drive a vehicle.
- You must produce a valid vehicle registration document (V5) or a valid motability agreement together with a current driver's licence. **MOT certificate of insurance documents are not acceptable as proof of ownership.**
- Both of these documents must have your correct name and address on them which must correspond to the name and address on the application form.
- If applying by post **do not send your original V5 and driving licence;** copies only please.
- A permit is **only valid for the vehicle to which it is issued** and cannot be used on any other vehicle.
- A permit **must be returned** when being renewed or when changing a vehicle.
- If a permit is lost, destroyed or not removed from a vehicle when it is sold, a charge of £5 will be made for the issue of a duplicate permit.
- A maximum of 2 permits only will be issued where no alternative off-street parking is available i.e. garage, driveway etc.
- There will be an administrative charge of £20 for the issue all parking permits.
- A maximum of 2 temporary permits will be issued while awaiting the return of the vehicle registration documents.
- Permits will be issued for commercial vehicles however they should not exceed 3.5 tonnes.
- Permits will be issued for caravanettes, mobile homes however they should not exceed 3.5 tonnes or be longer than 4.38 metres.
- A family visitor permit will only be issued providing there is no valid residents permit issued to the property and has to be counter signed by a General Practitioner.
- Holiday visitor's permits will only be issued for a maximum 2 week period.

**Any enquiries please telephone Parking Services on 01639 763939 or  
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