

## **Abbey Foregate Residents Parking Survey**

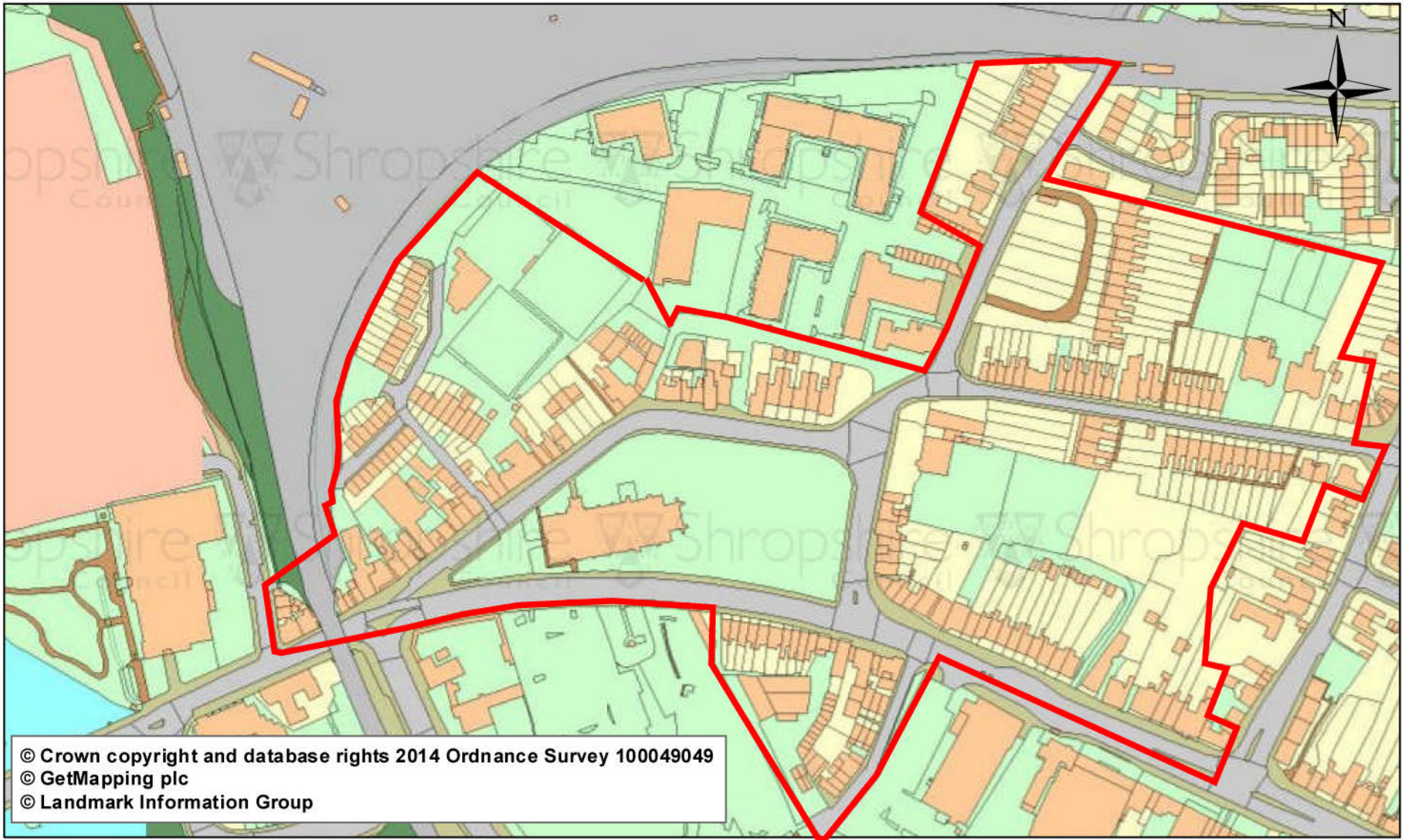
Shropshire Council will be carrying out a survey of residents within part of the Abbey Foregate area to see if they would support a Residents Parking Scheme. This survey will take place between 13 April and 11 May 2015.

Those residences included in the survey will receive a letter, this will outline the scheme and seek their view. This is the first process step in the possible introduction of a residents parking scheme. If the support response level is met then Shropshire Council will develop detailed proposals for wider consultation and discussion.

Those residences that are being approached are shown in the plan below.

Also included below is a plan showing the existing waiting restrictions in the area, and a copy of the rules relating to the introduction of a residents parking scheme. These details are to supplement the outline details included in the letter we have sent to the households within the bounded area of the plan below.

If further information is required please e-mail [traffic.engineering@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:traffic.engineering@shropshire.gov.uk) or telephone 0345 678 9006. Please note, for this survey we will only respond to queries from those residents we have included in the survey.



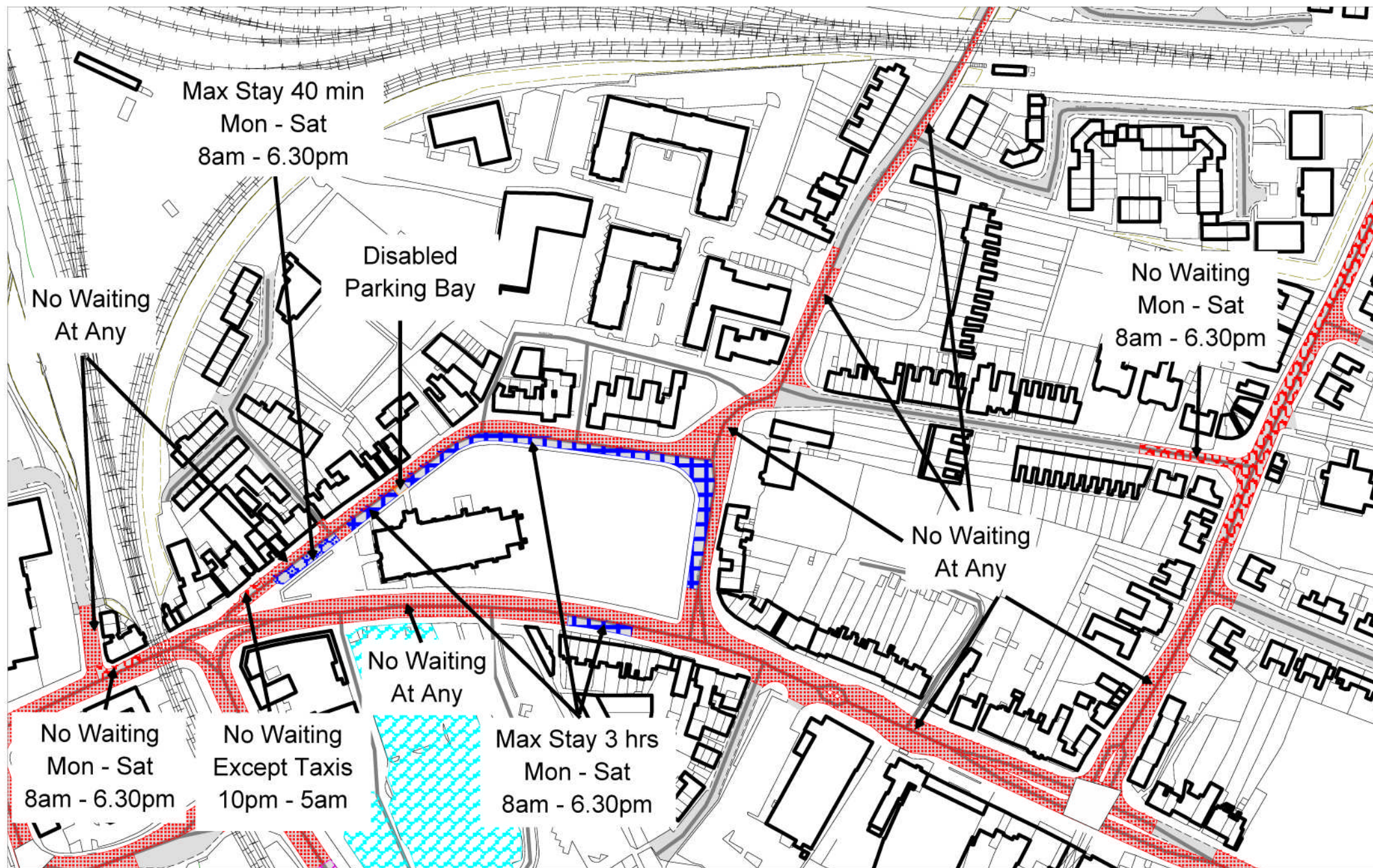
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### Abbey Foregate - Residents Parking Survey

(Views of households within the bounded area (in red) are being sought on whether they would support a residents parking scheme)



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## **Residents' Parking Scheme Policy**

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#### **1. Definition**

A residents' parking scheme is a scheme whereby an area has a consistent set of traffic regulation orders that prohibit parking within the area but exempts the residents' and to an extent visitors of the residents from these restrictions.

In order to ensure the enforcement officers can identify residents and their visitors permits are issued which need to be displayed on the vehicles.

Unfortunately, in order to carry out the administration and to cover the costs of enforcement there needs to be a charge for these permits.

**A resident's parking scheme will NOT guarantee the residents' a parking space in their street or within the area and it is possible that more permits may be issued than available spaces.**

#### **2. Restrictions**

The normal restrictions within a residents parking scheme are:

Prohibition of Waiting and Loading – Indicated by double yellow lines, yellow marks on the kerbs and signs. This means that you may receive a parking ticket for parking and loading at the times on the signs.

Prohibition of Waiting – Indicated by double yellow lines. This means that you may receive a parking ticket for parking. However, you are allowed to load and unload your vehicle. Enforcement officers will monitor a vehicle to see if the owner/driver is going to and from the vehicle with items such as shopping. But once the vehicle is loaded or unloaded it will need to be moved.

Limited Waiting bays – These are marked parking bays where residents and visitors' with permits can park but those without permits will only be able to stay for a limited period. Staying longer than this period may result in you receiving a parking ticket. This "limited period" will be decided during the consultation on the scheme.

In areas where there is both residential properties and commercial properties the length of time people can stay in limited waiting bays may be controlled by pay and display machines. In this case the residents' and visitors' permits will exempt the users from charges and time restrictions.

Prohibition of Waiting and Loading and Prohibition of Waiting orders will operate from 24 hours a day 7 days a week including bank holidays.

The restrictions within the limited waiting bays will normally operate from 8am to 6pm Monday to Saturday (including bank holidays).

### **3. Signs**

Signs will comply with Traffic Signs Regulations and General Direction 2002.

Signs will be installed at the entrances and exits of a residents parking scheme which will indicate the times that the restrictions within the area will be in force.

Smaller signs will be erected within 5m (16ft) of each end of a parking bay. If the bay is longer than 30m (98ft) then additional signs are required such that the gap between signs is no more than 30m (98ft). Signs will be on lamp columns or posts unless permission has been granted for them to be placed on walls.

Where possible posts and signs will be erected at the boundary line between properties and will avoid any signs being placed directly outside windows.

Signs are not required next to double yellow lines unless there is a loading restriction.

Parking bays for specific purposes will be signed and marked appropriately i.e. Taxis, Loading, Buses, Disabled Badge Holders or Motorcycles.

### **4. Markings**

Markings will comply with Traffic Signs Regulations and General Direction 2002.

White box markings will be provided at locations where it is **safe to park**.

These will **not** be segregated into individual spaces. All other lengths of road within the area will be marked with double yellow lines indicating a prohibition of waiting.

There may also be marked bays for specific vehicles such as Taxis, Loading, Buses, Disabled Badge Holders or Motorcycles. At these locations there will also be the appropriate signs.

H bar markings will be placed across dropped crossings, driveways and other vehicle accesses including garages where these are within the area covered by a marked bay. Parking on these markings, even if you are the owner of the property could result in you receiving a parking ticket.

## **5. Safe to park**

It is **NOT** considered safe to park:

- Within 10m of a junction
- On any road which is less than 4.3m (14ft) wide kerb to kerb
- On both sides of a One Way road that is less than 6.1m (20ft) wide kerb to kerb (parking will only be allowed on one side of the road).
- On both sides of a two way road less than 8.4m (27ft) wide kerb to kerb (parking will only be allowed on one side of the road).
- Within turning heads.
- Within 25m (80ft) of a traffic signal controlled junction or a round-about, (not mini roundabouts)
- Within 20m (64ft) of a bend, hump backed bridge or similar obstruction to the driver's line of sight.
- Outside of a school, hospital or similar establishment.
- On the approaches to zebra or signal controlled crossings.

These rules are in accordance with the Highway Code but also allow a clear running lane of 2.4m (8ft) for emergency vehicles such as Fire Engines.

This may result in restrictions being placed where some people normally park and a loss in the number of parking spaces available to residents. However, the Council cannot encourage parking in an unsafe location or any where vehicles may obstruct emergency vehicles.

This may mean that there are no marked/safe parking spaces outside your house and you may need to park in a neighbouring street.

## **6. Parking on the Footway**

It is not normally legal to park on the footway. Where Double yellow lines are present these apply both to the carriageway and the footway and therefore vehicles parked behind them may still receive a ticket. Otherwise, the police can take action as you are causing an obstruction.

Footway parking can be authorised in some areas and appropriate signs will be erected to illustrate that this is the case. However this will only be considered in cul-de-sac or similar streets where the traffic flow are light and the risk to pedestrians who may need to walk in the road to pass round a parked vehicle is minimal.

## **7. Parking on Verges**

Parking on highway verges will also be prohibited and unfortunately funding is not available to convert verges into parking areas. The funding for residents parking schemes comes from the Local Transport Plan and this funding is not available to be used for measures that encourage car ownership such as creating additional parking unless it can be clearly demonstrated that it resolves a safety issue.

## **8. Parking in Council managed off street car parks**

Allowing permit holders to park in Council managed off street car parks will be considered in some circumstances where there is a suitable car park close to the proposed area. However, permit holders will only be allowed to park between designated hours, to be determined as appropriate.

## **9. Blue Badge Holders' Parking**

Blue Badge Holders can by national legislation park within any marked parking space for an unlimited period therefore they do not require a resident's permit.

Blue badge Holders can also park on double yellow lines for up to 3 hours as long as they are not causing an obstruction. This is not recommended within a residents parking area as every effort will have been made to provide spaces where it is safe to park.

If there is a specific need a disabled parking bay may be provided and a time restriction can be placed on this bay.

## **10. Residents' Parking Permits**

Residents of properties will be entitled to purchase 2 residents parking permits at £50 (as at April 2011, subsequently the tariff for permits will be set in the annual fees and charges budget report.)

Each permit can be registered to two vehicles. The registration of these vehicles will be clearly shown on the permit. Only one vehicle may be parked per permit at any given time. Applicants for permits must be normally resident at an address within the zone.

The permits will only be valid for one calendar year from the date of purchase and the permit holder will be responsible for contacting the Council to renew the permit.

In some schemes there will NOT be sufficient spaces on street for all the residents to park even if they have purchased a permit.

### **-Costs**

The £50 cost of the permit (at Dec 2010) is calculated as follows:

Administration Costs	£ 13
Initial Cost of Producing Permits	£ 6
Enforcement Costs	£ 31

Total £ 50

If your vehicle has gone in for repairs or similar and you have a courtesy or similarly temporary vehicle you can either use your visitors permits or if the situation is likely to continue for more than 5 days you can obtain a 1 month permit for the vehicle for £5.

If you change your vehicle, lose your permit or your permit becomes damaged there will be a £5 charge to re-issue or replace your permit.

You will need to change your permit when you change your vehicle as the number plate on the permit will be incorrect.

### **-Refunds**

A refund will be available on the permit if surrendered one month before its expiry date. The refund will be  $1/12^{\text{th}}$  of the cost of the permit multiplied by the number of whole calendar months left before the permits expiry date.

i.e. A £50 permit with the expiry date of 4<sup>th</sup> July which is surrendered on 14<sup>th</sup> February will be receive a refund of  $4/12^{\text{th}}$  of £50 = £16.67. The whole months being March, April, May, June.

## **11. Visitors' Parking Permits**

Residents will be able to purchase books of parking permits which can be given to their visitors. Each book will contain 20 ½ day permits. The first 3 books each year will be at a reduced rate of £10 but subsequent books will cost £50. (This will be a 12 month period starting from the date of the first purchase of day permits).

When using these permits your visitor will have to scratch off:

the day (1-31),

the month (January – December),

And

if they are using the permit in the Morning or Afternoon.

They will also have to write the registration of the vehicle on the permit and display it in the windscreen of their car.

In order for the visitors to get the best use out of these permits the Morning permit can be placed in the vehicle from midnight of the evening before the date scratched off and will be valid till 1pm the following afternoon. i.e. a permit which has the 31<sup>st</sup> and October and AM scratched off is valid from midnight on 30<sup>th</sup> October to 1pm 31<sup>st</sup> October.

Similarly the afternoon permit will be valid from 11am of the date scratched off till midnight the same day. i.e. a permit which has the 31<sup>st</sup> and October and PM scratched off is valid from 11am on 31<sup>st</sup> October to midnight on 31<sup>st</sup> October.

## **12. Permits for Businesses**

Permits will not be issued to business premises within the scheme as the main purpose of these schemes is to provide space for residents.



### **13. Permits for Guests of Hotels, Bed and Breakfast establishments or holiday let establishments that have short stay residents.**

These establishments will be able to buy Visitors' Permits as per residents of the area as long as they pay business rates on the premises. However, the books of permits will cost £40 per book of 20 ½ day permits. (As at December 2010. The tariff for books of permits will be set in the annual fees and charges budget report.)

Half day permits will operate as the Visitors' permits detailed above.

### **14. Health Emergency Badges for Doctors and similar, Carers Permits, Permits for Tradesmen and those working on properties**

The council has policies for dealing with the above when traffic regulation orders would/could result in difficulty for these people from carrying out their duties. These can be found, within Shropshire Parking Strategy Waiver Policy on [WWW.Shropshire.gov.uk/parking](http://WWW.Shropshire.gov.uk/parking), click on Shropshire Parking Services and then Parking Waivers.

### **15. Weddings, Funerals and other family parties**

Exemptions will be included in the orders for vehicles directly connected to weddings and funerals such as the wedding car or the hearse. However, other arrangements will have to be considered for other guests. This can be dealt with by using your visitors' permits. However, in schemes where there is limited parking it is important to consider the affects of your party on your neighbours.

### **16. Restricted Zones**

Restricted zones are zones where the Department for Transport have authorised the removal of the yellow lines indicating the parking restrictions. However, the restrictions are still in place and additional signs are needed to inform the motorists that this is the case.

Restricted zones are only normally used in small conservation areas where the yellow lines may be consider detracting from the historic or important street scene.

However, previous use of these restricted zones has proven to be controversial and has resulted in many visitors not understanding where they can park and therefore receiving a parking ticket.

Restricted zones of this nature will only be considered in very exceptional circumstances.

### **17. 20 mph Speed Limits**

Should there be sufficient support for a residents' parking scheme officers of the Council will also consider the implementation of a 20mph limit.

During the informal consultation stage speed monitoring equipment will be placed in the roads being considered and should the average speed in all the roads within the

scheme be below 25mph a 20mph limit will be advertised during the statutory consultation stage.

Where the average speed is below 25mph experience has shown that the erection of the 20mph signs can reduce the average speed by 5mph. However, this is an average speed and there will be drivers who will exceed the new 20mph limit. In addition the police do not normally enforce 20mph limits and rely on the nature of the streets to ensure/encourage appropriate speeds.

There is no funding within the residents parking schemes budget to construct traffic calming measures. If the average speeds are above 25mph additional traffic calming would be required and a 20mph scheme would not be included within the residents parking scheme.

20mph signs would be required throughout the area.

Introduction of speed limits would need to be in compliance with Shropshire Council Urban Speed Limit Policy.