

Car Parking Permit Scheme in the Town Centre Flats – TFEC Response

TFEC response on the consultation of a proposed car parking permit scheme on housing car parks areas:

In the majority of these areas, due to age and health problems, tenants require some form of vehicle assistance in keeping mobile including ambulance bays duty of care.

Unfortunately these car parking spaces provided by the Council for these tenants are consistently being abused by car users who are not tenants and this situation will only get worse. A fact which we accept but the proposal to implement an annual £30 charge and a visitor charge of £30 we find unacceptable for the following reasons:

1. To implement a charge for parking to tenants and visitors without a guaranteed dedicated space for the tenant, we feel would be wrong.
2. With the increases that have taken place in general and the governments proposed 6.8% rent increases, considering most of the affected tenants are on fixed income and these proposed charges are not attracting Housing Benefit relief, we think these charges would impose an unnecessary financial burden on the tenant for the foreseeable future.

As we have said we feel that the situation does need resolving and with ever increasing car parking charges on pay and display areas this situation will get worse. Whilst we appreciate that funds from the Housing Revenue Account are tight we would for the above reason ask you to consider these options – fund the parking permit scheme from the Housing Revenue Account repair budget, fund the scheme but with a maximum annual charge of £10 per tenant to help subsidise the scheme or leave it as a status quo.