

PARKING SCHEMES AND CHARGES

To: Highways and Community Infrastructure

Meeting Date: 13th February 2018

From: Graham Hughes, Executive Director – Place and Economy

Electoral division(s): All

Forward Plan ref: 2018/023 **Key Decision:** Yes

Purpose: To seek approval for proposed residents' permit charges and approve an addition to the Residents Parking Scheme Policy

Recommendation: Committee is asked to approve:

- a) The Residents' Parking Permit Charges
- b) An addition to the Residents Parking Scheme Policy to allow valid blue badge holders to apply for one free visitors permit per annum
- c) An addition to the Residents Parking Scheme Policy that enables specific local circumstances to be accommodated by agreement between the Chair of Highways & Community Infrastructure and the Local County Councillor. This will be applicable to new schemes introduced from 2018 onwards.

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1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Cambridgeshire County Council supports the aims of the Greater Cambridge Partnership to ease congestion and prioritise sustainable and active travel, making it easier for people to travel by bus, rail, bicycle and on foot within Cambridge and beyond.
- 1.2 Effective management and charging of car parking can be used as a traffic management tool to encourage and incentivise modal shift to more sustainable methods of travel, which will help to ease congestion and improve air quality.
- 1.3 A report was presented to the Highways & Community Infrastructure (H&CI) committee on 14th November 2017 outlining a suite of parking recommendations aligned to future growth across Cambridge. Three of the four recommendations were approved, however the Committee asked officers to review proposals for residents' parking charges with particular reference to visitors' permit charges and the types of permits available, and bring a revised report back to a future committee meeting.

2. RESIDENTS' PARKING PERMIT CHARGES

- 2.1 Residents' and visitors' permit charges have not been increased since 2011. Since this time the cost of providing residents' parking schemes across the city has increased whilst income has generally remained at the same level. Currently the scheme is not covering its costs.
- 2.2 An initial review of permit costs and revenue was undertaken in January 2016 which showed a deficit in the region of £88k per annum. Subsequent cost savings and contractual changes have reduced this deficit to around £21k per annum. However, the introduction of permit limits in line with the new Residents' Parking Scheme policy (three residents' permits per household and 20 visitors' permits per applicant, each visitor permit allowing 5 stays) and in particular the limit on visitor permits, will further compound this deficit and is likely to result in an overall loss in the region of £81k. This is set out in the table in paragraph 2.11.
- 2.3 Based on the expected costs to be met in coming years, permit costs have been reviewed and set at levels that can be expected to generate the funding required to cover the cost of providing the service, thereby ensuring that the schemes are financially sustainable for the council.

Proposed new charges

- 2.4 It is not permitted to use residents' parking schemes as a device to generate an income. However, permit costs can be used as a traffic management tool in line with County Council policies and the Greater Cambridge Partnership City Access Plan aims of encouraging modal shift towards more sustainable methods of transport. Any surplus made must be reinvested in line with the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 into highway and transport provision in the area.
- 2.5 The introduction of a 'standard' scheme charge of £52 (£1 per week) has been used as a base from which the charges for the other scheme regimes have been calculated. New scheme proposals will use the 'standard' charge of £52 with an additional charge of £1.25 per hour for each additional hour of operation. The proposed 'standard' permit charge covers the basic cost of enforcement, administration and maintenance (signs & lines).

- 2.6 Set out below are the details of both the existing charges along with the proposed new charges to be implemented from April 2018:

Operational Hours	Current Residents' Permit Fees	Proposed Annual fee
Mon to Fri 9am-5pm	*N/A	£52.00
Mon to Sat 9am-5pm	£52.00	£62.00
All days 9am-5pm	£60.00	£72.00
Mon to Sat 9am-8pm	£70.00	£84.50
Mon to Sat 8am-8pm	£76.00	£92.00
All days 9am-8pm	£81.00	£98.25
Mon to Fri 10am-7pm	£50.00	£56.25

*There are no current schemes with these operational hours

- 2.7 Visitors' permit fees are currently £8 and each permit allows 5 visits which equates to £1.60 per day. It is proposed to increase visitors' permit fees to £12, equating to £2.40 per day. This will ensure that the cost of providing residents' parking is covered, together with providing some flexibility to accommodate fluctuations due to various discounts and concessionary permits available.
- 2.8 The increase also aims to encourage the use of sustainable transport alternatives such as walking, cycling and public transport; thereby reducing congestion in the city in-line with the council's traffic management duties, the Greater Cambridge Partnership City Access Plan, County Council policies and the Residents' Parking Scheme Policy.
- 2.9 Set out below are details of both the existing charge along with the proposed fee:

Permit Type	Current Visitors' Permit Fee	Proposed fee
Visitor Permit	£8.00	£12.00

- 2.10 The proposed increase in residents' permit costs is forecast to generate an income of £227k. This would not cover the full cost of providing the service which is £501k. However the forecast income from the sale of visitor permits is £308k and this will address the shortfall of income from the residents' permits. The total income of residents and visitors permits will potentially create a surplus of £34k which would be reinvested into highways and transport.
- 2.11 The forecast financial position, with the policy changes but no increase in permit prices, is as follows:

Forecasted Revenue and Cost	£
Forecasted Revenue for 2017/2018 - Residents permits	£202k
Current Cost of Providing the services	£501k
Forecasted Revenue shortfall	-£299k
Forecasted Revenue for 2017/2018 - Visitors permits	£278k
Forecasted Revenue shortfall	-£21k

Estimated loss as a result of limiting permits	-£60k
<u>Forecasted revenue shortfall if there is no change to visitor permit charges</u>	-£81k

- 2.12 With the proposed changes in permit and visitor permit prices, the projected financial position is as follows:

Introduction of the Proposed Permit Prices	£
Estimated Revenue - Residents' Permits	£227k
Current Cost of Providing the Service	£501k
Forecasted Revenue Shortfall	-£274k
Estimated Revenue – Visitors' Permits	£308k
<u>Potential contribution for allowable transport uses or contingency</u>	<u>£34k</u>

- 2.13 The Residents' Parking Scheme Policy (approved by H&CI committee in March 2017) introduced additional permit types such as tradespeople permits. Set out below are details of the proposed fees for both existing and new permit types, emission discounts and other parking concessions.

Concession	Definition	Proposed fee
Residents' permits (existing permit type)	If a residents' main place of residency falls within a scheme and they own or have use (on a regular basis) of a vehicle of the type permitted, they can apply for a residents' permit. Additional information will be required to support the application such as proof of residence and copy of a valid certificate of insurance showing the applicant as the main driver. This type of permits is only valid within designated residents' permit only parking bays and limited to 3 per household per year.	The yearly fee varies depending on the operational hours of the scheme.
Visitors' permits (existing permit type)	Residents' living within a scheme can apply for visitors' permits. Proof of residence will be required to support the application.	Proposed £12.00 per permit (each permit allows 5 visits)

	This type of permit is only valid within designated residents' permit only parking bays and limited to 20 per applicant, per year.	
Free Medical permit (existing permit type)	<p>If a resident is receiving short-term or long-term care in their own home they may be able to apply for free medical permits.</p> <p>These permits can be used by anyone who provides care, including friends and family members, not just registered professionals.</p> <p>The applicant's doctor will need to assess the medical condition or mobility issue and provide an estimate of the number and frequency of official visits required.</p> <p>These permits are only valid within designated residents' permit only parking bays.</p>	Free
Health Care Worker Dispensation (existing permit type)	<p>Registered healthcare workers or social care providers, such as community nurses and doctors, can apply for a Health Care Worker dispensation permit if undertaking unscheduled, emergency based visits to patients or carrying drugs or heavy medical equipment.</p> <p>These permits are valid within designated residents' permit only and on-street Pay & Display parking bays.</p>	£25 per year
Doctor Permit (existing permit type)	<p>Doctor's permits enable General Practitioners easy access to their vehicles in the case of an emergency.</p> <p>These permits are only valid within designated Doctor Permit only parking bays.</p>	Free
Medical Permits (existing permit type)	<p>Medical permits offer those working in the medical profession short-term parking.</p> <p>These permits are surgery specific and only valid within designated Doctor Permit only parking bays located outside the surgeries.</p>	£64.50 per bay, per year
Business Permits (existing permit type)	<p>If a business has no access to off-street parking and a vehicle is essential to the operation of the business, the business can buy a permit to allow parking within their scheme during operational hours. A limit on the number of permits issued may be set where considered appropriate.</p> <p>These permits are only valid within designated residents' permit only parking bays.</p>	<p>Permits are charged at one and half the cost of the relevant residents permit.</p> <p>(i.e. if a residents permit costs £52, a business permit will be £78)</p>
Motorcycle Permit (existing permit type)	<p>Motorcycle permits are available for residents who own motorcycles.</p> <p>These permits are only valid within designated residents' permits only parking bays.</p>	<p>Permits are charged at half the cost of the relevant residents permit.</p> <p>(i.e. if a residents' permit costs £52, a</p>

		motorcycle permit will be £26)
Temporary permit (existing permit type)	Temporary permits are used when a resident within a scheme is awaiting documentation to support their application for an annual permit. They are valid for 3 months.	The full cost of the residents' permit.
Hire Car permit (new permit)	Hire car permits are used when residents' are using a courtesy/hire car. Permits can be purchased on a weekly, monthly or quarterly basis.	Equivalent to the daily cost of a visitor's permit. (i.e. week (based on a five day week) $£2.40 \times 5 = £12$) Month (based on a 20 day month) $£2.40 \times 20 = £48$
Tradesperson Permit (new permit)	A tradesperson who is working on a property within a parking permit scheme and can demonstrate a clear operational need for their vehicle to be parking in that restricted area, can apply for a tradesperson parking permit either in advance or on the day it is required. Permits can be purchased on a daily, weekly or monthly basis. A tradesperson permit is only valid for the parking scheme for which they apply. Permits are limited to 2 permits at any one time.	Equivalent to the daily cost of a visitors permit plus a £5 admin fee (i.e. Day $£2.40 + £5 \text{ admin fee} = £7.40$ Week (based on a 5 day wk). $£2.40 \times 5 + £5 \text{ admin fee} = £17$ Month (based on a 20 day mth). $£2.40 \times 20 + £5 \text{ admin fee} = £53$)
Waiver (existing permit type)	A waiver is a permit that allows parking on single or double yellow lines and in pay and display or resident bays. Waivers are only issued where the vehicle is absolutely necessary for completion of a specific task.	£20 per day
Low emissions discount (new)	A discount on resident's permits is offered where vehicles registered after March 2001 have CO2 emissions less than 75g/km.	20% reduction in the cost of a residents permit. (i.e. if a residents permit costs £52, the permit will cost £41.60)
Blue Badge Holders (existing permit type)	Valid blue badge holders are permitted to park in residents' and pay & display bays when a valid blue badge is correctly displayed. There is no time limitation.	N/A

Short-term parking options	Pay and display bays are also available in most residents' parking schemes which offer short-stay parking. Other options such as mixed use bays (used by both those displaying a valid pay & display ticket or residents/visitors' permit) can also be considered where appropriate.	Costs vary across the city.
Car Club permits (existing permit type)	Car Club permits are available to accredited car club operators. These permits are only valid within designated Car Club only parking bays located across the city.	£52.00 per year
City Centre Access Permits (existing permit type)	Permits are issued allowing vehicles access to the historic City Centre for those with severe physical disabilities. To qualify, applicants must be in receipt of the War Pension Mobility Supplement, Mobility Allowance, appropriate higher rate Disability Living Allowance, or equivalent Personal Independence Payments.	Free
Blue Badge Holders Free Visitors' Permit (proposed)	Permit will allow those that hold a valid blue badge to apply for one free annual visitors' permit per annum. The validity of application will be checked with the County Council's Blue Badge Team. This permit will only be valid in designated residents' parking bays.	Free

- 2.14 Whilst the potential revenue from the new permit types has not been taken into account in the above forecast figures, if approved they may impact on the projected revenue generated by reducing the number of full price residents' and visitors' permits obtained.
- 2.15 With significant changes, such as the introduction of permit limits and the launch of new permit types, there is a degree of uncertainty regarding the revenue forecast moving forward. The proposed permit charges should ensure that Residents' Parking Schemes will be cost-neutral to the Council, accommodate revenue fluctuations or potentially provide a surplus that would be reinvested into highways and transport related schemes. Subject to committee approval, the new permit costing structure will be introduced in April 2018.
- 2.16 The free medical permits are designed to make it easier for those receiving and providing regular care within the community. Once a GP has confirmed the level of care required in the home, a resident can apply for free medical permits which entitles their care provider to park without time limit in a 'permit holder only' bay. There is no limit to the number of free medical permits that can be requested. This established and successful scheme currently has over 1,100 valid permits.
- 2.17 Free medical permits, health care worker dispensations and short-stay pay and display parking (available in most residents' parking schemes), offer residents in receipt of care in their home a number of parking options.

- 2.18 To address potential social isolation of people with disabilities, a new permit type is proposed. A Blue Badge Holder Free Visitors Permit will allow those that hold a valid blue badge to apply for one free annual visitors' permit per annum. This permit will only be valid in designated residents' parking bays. Whilst not all people with social isolation and caring needs will be eligible for a blue badge and as such will not benefit from this initiative, it will offer those that are eligible the opportunity to receive social visits free of charge without having to purchase standard visitors' permits.
- 2.19 The proposed new Blue Badge Holder's Free Visitors Permit is in addition to the range of permits which were approved by this committee in the Residents' Parking Scheme Policy in March 2017. For this reason approval for the addition of this permit, to the policy is sought.
- 2.20 Initial investigation has shown that the Blue Badge Holder's free annual Visitors' Permit is a practical and feasible option and requires only minimal changes to the back-office and IT schemes. There will be a cost to setting-up and administering this new permit type along with the inevitable financial impact offering this type of concession presents, both of which will need to be covered by the Residents Parking Schemes.
- 2.21 The Residents Parking Scheme Policy was approved by H&CI committee in March 2017. The changes and new initiatives this policy introduced will be fully implemented in April 2018 along with the proposed new permit pricing structure. Once the policy is established, a review will be undertaken to examine the impact of the changes, consider any further changes or additions to the policy and ensure the Residents Parking Schemes are cost-neutral to the authority.
- 2.22 The existing Residents Parking Schemes will be run in-line with the current Residents Parking Scheme Policy approved by H&CI in March 2017. However it is recognised that as new Residents Parking schemes are extended further out from the City Centre into neighbourhoods without the associated city centre parking demands and with their own local community pressures, some flexibility may be required over and above the existing policy.
- 2.23 Therefore, where there is a specific community or business requirement that can be accommodated within a new Residents Parking Scheme (introduced from 2018 onwards) officers will work with the Chair of Highways & Community Infrastructure and the local County Councillor to agree a suitable approach to accommodate such isolated instances on a case by case basis and it is proposed that the policy be amended to reflect this.

3 ALIGNMENT WITH CORPORATE PRIORITIES

3.1 Developing the local economy for the benefit of all

Effective parking management encourages the use of more sustainable modes of transport, which will reduce congestion and support economic growth.

3.2 Helping people live healthy and independent lives

The following bullet points set out details of implications identified by officers:

- Balanced parking provision and effective parking management will offer those with special needs real choices throughout the city by improving transport links and pedestrian access.
- Reduced congestion will have a positive impact on air quality levels, reducing air pollution.

3.3 Supporting and protecting vulnerable people

The following bullet points set out details of implications identified by officers:

- Blue badge holders can park for free in-line with the conditions set out in the blue badge scheme.
- Free medical permits for those receiving medium/long term care in their homes are available. This provides an exemption from having to purchase visitor permits for carers.
- Blue badge holders can apply for one free visitor's permit which offers up to 5 free visits per year.

4. SIGNIFICANT IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Resource Implications

The following bullet points set out details of significant implications identified by officers:

- The Greater Cambridge Partnership Executive Board approved funding of the associated implementation costs for Residents Parking' Schemes.
- The ongoing revenue costs of running Residents Parking Schemes will be generated via the purchase of permits and the schemes should be cost-neutral to the council.

4.2 Procurement/Contractual/Council Contract Procedure Rules Implications

There are no significant implications for this priority.

4.3 Statutory, Legal and Risk Implications

The following bullet points set out details of significant implications identified by officers:

- Failure to manage parking effectively will increase congestion, air pollution and undermine road safety.
- Failure to cover the cost associated with on-street parking management will have a negative impact on budgets and other works needed in relation to transport / maintaining the highway.
- The Council has power under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to set and review charges for parking in its area. In doing so it has to have regard to the objectives of the Act "to secure the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of vehicular and other traffic (including pedestrians) and the provision of suitable and adequate parking facilities on and off the highway". The procedure for amending the charges is set out in the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996. There is no statutory obligation to consult on the proposals to increase the cost of parking permits and the Council need only give 21 days' notice that they intend to do so. As set out in 2.14 above it is essential to ensure that any rise in the cost of providing parking permits does not have the motive of generating income for the council.

- The Council's Traffic Management duties under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and the Traffic Management Act 2004 mean that as well as having regard to the cost of scheme administration and enforcement, charging regimes should also have regard to traffic management considerations and therefore the setting of charges can legitimately be used as a method of restraining demand to enable more effective traffic management.

4.4 Equality and Diversity Implications

Community Impact Assessments are attached, see **Appendix 1 and 2**.

4.5 Engagement and Communications Implications

There are no significant implications within this category.

4.6 Localism and Local Member Involvement

The following bullet points set out details of significant implications identified by officers:

- Local members via the Cambridge City Joint Area Committee (CJAC) and H&CI have been consulted on the proposed pricing structure.

4.7 Public Health Implications

The following bullet points set out details of significant implications identified by officers:

- Effective management of parking can have an impact on reducing congestion and improving air quality
- Consultation with Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group on medical permits

Implications	Officer Clearance
Have the resource implications been cleared by Finance?	Yes Name of Financial Officer: Sarah Heywood
Have the procurement/contractual/ Council Contract Procedure Rules implications been cleared by Finance?	Yes Name of Financial Officer: Paul White
Has the impact on statutory, legal and risk implications been cleared by LGSS Law?	Yes Name of Legal Officer: Fiona McMillan
Have the equality and diversity implications been cleared by your Service Contact?	Yes Name of Officer: Tamar Oviatt-Ham
Have any engagement and communication implications been cleared by Communications?	Yes Name of Officer: Sarah Silk

Have any localism and Local Member involvement issues been cleared by your Service Contact?	Yes Name of Officer: Tamar Oviatt-Ham
Have any Public Health implications been cleared by Public Health	Yes Name of Officer: Iain Green

Source Documents	Location
<i>Residents' Parking Scheme Policy</i>	https://ccc-live.storage.googleapis.com/upload/www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/Residents%27%20Parking%20Scheme%20Policy.pdf?inline=true

Appendix 1

COMMUNITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT



Directorate / Service Area		Officer undertaking the assessment
Place & Economy.		Name: Nicola Gardner Job Title: Parking Policy Manager Contact details: 01223 727912
Service / Document / Function being assessed		
Traffic Managers – Permit Charge Review		
Business Plan Proposal Number (if relevant)	N/A	
Aims and Objectives of Service / Document / Function		
<p>The aims of the permit charge review includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developing a pricing structure that reflects the actual cost of providing Residents' Parking Schemes. Ensuring Residents' Parking Schemes, as a whole, are cost neutral to the County easing the pressure on the on-street parking account which currently supports this service. Moving forward, ensure there is sufficient contingency to accommodate revenue fluctuations due to the discounts being offered. 		
What is changing?		
<p>Residents' and visitors' permit charges have not been increased since 2011. Since this time the cost of providing residents' parking schemes across the city has increased whilst income has generally remained at the same level. Currently the scheme is not covering its costs. The forecast deficit is in the region of £81k.</p> <p>To address this funding deficit and to ensure the sustainability of residents parking, a new permit pricing structure has been proposed which better reflects the costs associate to providing this service. The proposed cost increases should ensure Residents' Parking Schemes are self-funding and that there is the flexibility to accommodate revenue fluctuations.</p>		
Who is involved in this impact assessment?		
e.g. Council officers, partners, service users and community representatives.		
Parking Services Team Finance Team Cambridge City Joint Area Committee Highway and Community Infrastructure Committee		

What will the impact be?

Tick to indicate if the impact on each of the following protected characteristics is positive, neutral or negative.

Impact	Positive	Neutral	Negative
Age		X	
Disability		X	
Gender reassignment		X	
Marriage and civil partnership		X	
Pregnancy and maternity		X	
Race		X	

Impact	Positive	Neutral	Negative
Religion or belief		X	
Sex		X	
Sexual orientation		X	
The following additional characteristics can be significant in areas of Cambridgeshire.			
Rural isolation		X	
Deprivation			X

For each of the above characteristics where there is a positive, negative and / or neutral impact, please provide details, including evidence for this view. Describe the actions that will be taken to mitigate any negative impacts and how the actions are to be recorded and monitored. Describe any issues that may need to be addressed or opportunities that may arise.

Positive Impact
Negative Impact
Permits are chargeable. The cost of a residents' permit will depend on the complexity of the scheme, but could impact negatively on those with least ability to pay.
Neutral Impact
<p>The protected characteristics are not relevant in the delivery of this permit pricing structure as no distinction is made when delivering the service.</p> <p>The following permits are available to support the protected characteristics:</p> <p>Free Medical Permits</p> <p>If a resident is receiving short-term or long-term care in their own home they may be able to apply for free medical permits. These permits can be used by anyone who provides care, including friends and family members not just registered professionals. The applicant's doctor will need to assess the medical condition or mobility issue and provide an estimate of the number and frequency of official visits required. These permits are only valid within designated residents' permits only parking bays.</p> <p>Health Care Dispensations</p>

Registered healthcare workers or social care providers, such as a community nurse and doctors, can apply for a Health Care Worker dispensation if undertaking unscheduled, emergency based visits to patients or carrying drugs or heavy medical equipment. These permits are valid within designated residents' permits only and on-street P&D parking bays.

Blue Badge Holder's Free Visitors' Permits (Proposed)

If a resident holds a valid blue badge, they may apply for one free visitors' permit. This allows the resident to receive up to five visits per annum with no charge. The applicant will need to provide their blue badge details at the point of application. These permits are only valid within designated residents' permits only parking bay.

In addition, Blue Badge holders are permitted to park in residents' only parking bays and pay & display bays for an unlimited time period.

Tradespeople permits

A tradesperson who is working on a property within a parking permit scheme and can demonstrate a clear operational need for their vehicle to be parking in that restricted area, can apply for a tradesperson parking permit either in advance or on the day it is required.

Permits can be purchased on a daily, weekly or monthly basis. A tradesperson permit is only valid for the parking scheme for which they apply.

Issues or Opportunities that may need to be addressed

None Identified

Community Cohesion

If it is relevant to your area you should also consider the impact on community cohesion.

Neutral impact

Appendix 2

COMMUNITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT



Directorate / Service Area		Officer undertaking the assessment
Place & Economy.		Name: Nicola Gardner Job Title: Parking Policy Manager Contact details: 01223 727912
Service / Document / Function being assessed		
Traffic Managers – One free Visitors Permit (allowing 5 visits) issued to valid Blue Badge Holders per annum.		
Business Plan Proposal Number (if relevant)	N/A	
Aims and Objectives of Service / Document / Function		
The aims of the permit charge review is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To address the social isolation of people with disabilities. 		
What is changing?		
<p>A new permit type is being proposed which offers Blue Badge holder one free Visitors' Permit per annum which can be used in any vehicle.</p> <p>Whilst not all people with social isolation and caring needs will be eligible for a blue badge and as such will not benefit from this initiative, it will offer those that are eligible the opportunity to receive up to five free visits per year.</p> <p>The new Blue Badge Holder's Free Visitors' Permit is in addition to the range of permits which were approved by this committee in the Residents' Parking Scheme Policy in March 2017.</p>		
Who is involved in this impact assessment?		
e.g. Council officers, partners, service users and community representatives.		
Parking Services Team Highway and Community Infrastructure Committee.		

What will the impact be?

Tick to indicate if the impact on each of the following protected characteristics is positive, neutral or negative.

Impact	Positive	Neutral	Negative
Age		X	
Disability	X		
Gender reassignment		X	
Marriage and civil partnership		X	
Pregnancy and maternity		X	
Race		X	

Impact	Positive	Neutral	Negative
Religion or belief		X	
Sex		X	
Sexual orientation		X	
The following additional characteristics can be significant in areas of Cambridgeshire.			
Rural isolation		X	
Deprivation		X	

For each of the above characteristics where there is a positive, negative and / or neutral impact, please provide details, including evidence for this view. Describe the actions that will be taken to mitigate any negative impacts and how the actions are to be recorded and monitored. Describe any issues that may need to be addressed or opportunities that may arise.

Positive Impact
This new permit type will offer Blue Badge holders one free Visitors' Permit per annum which can be used in any vehicle. Those that are eligible, will be able to apply for this permit which gives them the opportunity to receive up to five free visits per year.
Negative Impact
There will be a cost to set-up and administer this new permit type along with the inevitable financial impact offering this type of concession presents, both of which will need to be cover by the residents parking schemes.
Neutral Impact
The protected characteristics with the exception of valid Blue Badge Holders will not be impacted by the introduction of this new permit type.
Issues or Opportunities that may need to be addressed
None Identified

Community Cohesion

If it is relevant to your area you should also consider the impact on community cohesion.

Neutral impact
