

## RESIDENTIAL PARKING SCHEME IN GREAT YARMOUTH

### RESIDENTIAL/BUSINESS PROPERTIES

The Residential Parking Scheme is operational between the hours of 08:00 and 18:00.

Within the Residential Parking Zone there are approximately 2100 residential properties, with some of these being described as houses of multiple occupancy, i.e. they have been developed into flats or bedsits. This gives an approximate number of 2500 private dwellings.

The businesses within the Parking Zone are many and varied including, Hotels and Guesthouses, Cafes, Takeaways & Restaurants, Amusement arcades and Gift shops. Of these properties some are seasonal and others are year round concerns.

### INCOME & EXPENDITURE

The initial start up costs, which included additional computers and admin staff, recruitment of inspectors, new Excess Charge Notices and development of application forms and other associated paperwork came in at around £70,000 this cost includes signage and lining of the parking bays.

The Residential Parking Zone has now been operational for 3 years and continues to need subsidising from the Seafront, On Street Pay and Display surplus as follows:

February 2007 to 31 March 2008 the income from two years permit sales and fourteen months excess charge notices was £191,501 with the cost for enforcement and administration being £226,680 giving a shortfall of £35,179.

April 2008 to 31 March 2009 the income from permit sales and excess charge notices was £100,267 with the cost for enforcement and administration being £162,626 giving a shortfall of £62,359.

I do not have the figures for April 2009 March 2010, but again there is expected to be a shortfall.

The quantity and income from permits has levelled out, however the quantity and income from excess charge notices has decreased and we can only assume that this is down to both residents of the Borough and visitors to the Town being more aware of the scheme.

For the initial period it was assumed that there would most probably be a shortfall that would need to be subsidised and sufficient amounts (£80,000 per year) were committed to allow for this support.

However from this current financial year 2009/10 the agreed commitment to support residential parking reduces to £40,000 per year, which clearly would not cover the shortfall if the income level remains on par with previous years.

### CHARGES FOR RESIDENTIAL PARKING PERMITS

Residents (for all vehicles registered to that address) - £25.00

Residents visitor (one per property) - £25.00

Business (one per business property address) - £100.00

Business visitor (one per business property address) - £25.00

Daily permit books for hotels/guesthouses (one per business property address) - £100.00 plus £25.00 printing charge, each book of permits contains 365 daily permits, however if they are all issued within the twelve months they cannot purchase any more until the new issue period is due. There are no refunds paid on any unused permits.

Excess charge notices issued to vehicles not complying with the designation order are £25.00 if paid within 14 days or £55.00 if paid after this.

All of the above have remained unchanged since the scheme was introduced in 2007.

All of the above charges are currently under review.

#### RESIDENTIAL PARKING ENFORCEMENT/APPEALS

The Residential Parking Zone is patrolled by Inspectors that are employed by GYBC. If a vehicle is found to be in contravention of the parking places order (e.g. no valid permit, expired or fraudulent permit) the inspector will then issue an Excess Charge notice. Once they have issued the Excess Charge Notice the inspector does not have the authority to cancel it. As a matter of course the inspectors will take photo's to use as evidence in court, if so required.

GYBC further enforces by means of legal letters, summonses and court proceedings if, after 28 days, no payment or contact has been made by the legal registered keeper of the vehicle. After 28 days the process is started by requesting the registered keeper details from DVLA.

Any and all appeals must be made in writing and are decided on a case by case basis.