

West End Metered Parking Scheme - The Latest from the Streets



At the meeting on 29th June 2005, the Roads and Lighting Committee, for the time being, withdrew Napiershall as an area targeted for introduction of the restricted parking scheme. With your voice adding to the repeated protests, you can halt further introduction, and at the 6 monthly review of the currently implemented schemes, have them amended. It has been estimated that only 6% of residents to date have written a letter of objection (less than 2% of residents wrote to ask for restrictions being implemented) - see www.meteredparking.org.uk for ways of making your voice heard.

NEWS FLASH - Online petition to Scottish Parliament now available at www.meteredparking.org.uk - sign this from the comfort of home!

How do these schemes effect your neighbourhood?

Case Study 1

Mrs X, 73 yr old lady, restricted mobility, requiring physical therapy, living in Woodlands, does not drive. Requires twice daily visits from Care Services, one daily meals on wheels, ad hoc physio/health workers. Relatives visit daily, has daughter who lives in England, drives with 2 year old granddaughter and visits 3 weeks per year.

Implications: Care services 2 x 45 mins/visit per day = 90 mins = 60p/day x 365 = £219.00

Meals on wheels visit 10 mins/day = 10p/day x 365 = £36.50

Health workers average 40 mins per week = 40 mins 20p/week x 52 = £10.40

Total Public Service Parking Cost = £265.90/year MINIMUM

Daughter cannot park anywhere in Woodlands for full duration of her 3 visits, £2.00 per period x 3 periods per day = 21 periods per week, after 2 weeks the daughter uses all of Mrs X's annual allocation for visitor coupons (40 per year), and therefore has to shuttle between the nearest parking place, possibly Napiershall, and her mother's house in Woodlands with shopping, child, mother etc. **Cost > £80.00**

Is this sensible, caring or just? Should a pensioner (and her family), living in the targeted areas for Parking Zones be immediately penalised because of a disability beyond their control. What if this was your neighbour, relative or mother, how would you feel then?

At the same meeting, the roads and lighting committee reduced the permit fee from £150.00 per annum to £50.00. Previously the council held firm at £150.00 as this was a carefully calculated price point which would produce revenue neutral funding to administer the scheme. Slashing the levy to 1/3 original cost is a remarkable fire sale, or is it? What you were paying for before was a city wide lighting improvement scheme. Please consider the tactics used by new entrants to a reluctant market, loss leading, bargain basement pricing being in force until resistance is overcome, returning to the price point that the council will surely dictate, there is no assurance for the duration of this reduction. **(See over for more details)**

Case Study 2

Ms J, 26 yr old woman, single parent, low income, living in Belmont St, car owner. Works from 11.00am - 4.00pm daily. Recently moved into a newly converted (2003) mortgaged property.

Implications:

Not entitled to permit therefore cannot park in street after 8.00am or before 10.00pm, may feed meter for 3 hour max. Not aware of introduction of charging system before buying property, forced to pay charges which she can ill afford.

This tax is not focused on low income residents or pensioners, was consideration given to establishing a means to pay? No, it effects everyone. It is imposed by YOUR locally elected representatives. This can be still be amended if YOU contact YOUR councillor and tell them what YOU think.

Who are the councillors who decide the future of your area?

At the meeting of the Roads & Lighting Committee held on 29th June 2005 the following Councillors voted on the proposal to proceed with the Traffic Management Orders for Woodside, Woodlands and Kelvingrove;

FOR: William O'Rourke (Chair), Frank Docherty, Michael Kernaghan, Gerald Leonard, John McKenzie, Catherine McMaster, James McNally, Steven Purcell, Craig Robertson, George Ryan, James Scanlon, Ruth Simpson, Allan Stewart, Niall Walker & Alistair Watson. **AGAINST:** John Mason and Bashir Ahmad. **ABSTAINED:** Jim McKechnie abstained due to having an interest in the Woodlands Traffic Order. **APOLOGIES:** Josephine Dodds, Christopher Mason, Kirsteen Mosson, James Mutter & Alan Rodger. **ALSO PRESENT:** Iris Gibson & Haleema Malik.

As well as opposing the introduction of the schemes, John Mason unsuccessfully proposed an amendment, seconded by Bashir Ahmad, calling for further public consultation including a leaflet drop in every household in the affected areas.

To see what your councillor thinks of the proposals visit www.meteredparking.org.uk and if you disagree with them you can e-mail them to let them know.

➔ Turn over for further information

The REAL CONSEQUENCES you now face

1. You ARE NOT guaranteed a space at ANY TIME
2. There has been a reduction in the total number of existing parking spaces
3. There are NO resident only bays, as there are for example in Hillhead
4. In certain areas, restrictive timing of 8 am-10 pm does not relate to deterring commuters, only your visitors
5. There are NO precautions against overflow of commuters to nearby areas
6. You are issued with a maximum of 40 (£2 per 6 hour max.) visitor permits per year = £80.00, PAID BY YOU!
7. Each vehicle requires a £50.00 permit on top of your Council Tax
8. You now pay differing permit costs to other parts of the city, how long will this last? - SEE TABLE BELOW
9. Was your house developed/converted after January 2000? You are NOT entitled to apply for permits
10. Doctors' surgeries / Church / Disabled - parking restrictions are cause mobility problems
11. Some local businesses ARE beginning to suffer, as a previous example, just look at Maryhill Road post restrictions
12. Last but not least, this may well effect YOUR property value! Particularly if your building was developed after Jan 2000

Area	No of Permits Allowed per household	Cost
Garnethill & Hillhead	1	£135.00/permit
http://www.glasgow.gov.uk/en/Residents/GettingAround/Parking/residentsparking/residentparkinggarnethillhillhead.htm		
City Centre	Applications CURRENTLY accepted for more than 1 car	£250.00/permit
http://www.glasgow.gov.uk/en/Residents/GettingAround/Parking/residentsparking/citycentreresidents.htm		
West of City	Applications CURRENTLY accepted for more than 1 car	£50.00/permit
Woodside / Spiersgate / Belmont / Park / Woodlands / Cranstonhill / Sandyford / Kelvingrove		
http://www.glasgow.gov.uk/en/Residents/GettingAround/Parking/residentsparking/proposedparkingcontrolswestofcity.htm		

What can you do?

ACTION POINTS

- Sign the petition online, email everyone in your address book that you think would be interested in supporting, please remember that you DO NOT need to be a resident in the effected areas to sign, so pass it to your cousins in Carnoustie, or your aunt in Arrochar - every signature counts. Check that they have done so, and encourage them to pass it on as well.
- Ask questions of your councillor, they speak on behalf of your ward, their opinion should not be more important than the majority view of the constituents, nor should they disregard any reasonable request for information or clarification, if your letters are not answered to your satisfaction (or not at all), then contact your councillor again, it would also be wise to send the same letter, addressed to the Director of Land Services, Robert Booth.
- We are trying to co-ordinate an accurate figure of all registered objections made to the city council, please email us with copies of your objection as an attachment to meteredparking@hotmail.co.uk (take a digital pic of your letter/reply), stating the date you originally sent it to the council, we will then have information to reflect a truer set of figures.
- Read the survey of Ward Councillors for the following areas: ** these councillors vote on the Roads & Lighting Committee

Anderston
Firhill
Hillhead
Kelvindale
Kelvingrove

Alex Mosson
Haleema Malik
Niall Walker **
Mary Paris
Malcolm Green **

North Kelvin
Partick
Woodlands
Wyndford

Jim McKechnie **
Aileen Colleran
Hanzala Malik
Kirsteen Mosson **

Survey Results can be found at www.meteredparking.org.uk

Find out if they are FOR or AGAINST the scheme - you may be surprised!

- Your neighbours are your immediate source of help in fighting this campaign, discuss it with them and let them know that every single voice is required, just one person in each block acting as a conduit for information is most effective.
- Remember the poster campaign on the website, put one in your window, this raises awareness, however it is not a substitute for writing a letter to your councillor and the Director of Land Services (they don't count posters!).
- On the website there are sample objection letters, and links to councillors email addresses for your convenience.
- Submit your email address to meteredparking@hotmail.co.uk so that we may keep you up to date with activities.
- Regularly visit the website for updated information, unfortunately it is expensive and inefficient to print and leaflet drop.

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