



Car Park Tariffs and Permit Charges Consultation

April 2022

The council wishes to seek the opinions, suggestions and comments of all members of the community with regards to suggested changes to the way in which charges for parking on the Public Car Park in Dent are levied.

This consultation is open until 30 April 2022 at Noon and responses will be accepted in hard copy, email (clerk@dentwithcowgillpc.co.uk) and by completing the online version of the consultation.

Background

For a number of years the council has offered a variety of permits allowing parking on the car park:

- 1) Free permits for all full-time, permanent residents of Dentdale
- 2) Transferable permits charged at various costs for the use of holiday cottages and second home owners
- 3) Motorhome permits which have been charged at the same rate as transferable permits, for the use of full-time permanent residents only to store their motorhome on the car park
- 4) Commercial vehicle permits charged at £150 to allow full-time permanent residents to park a commercial vehicle on the car park

The tariffs on the ticket machine had been set at:

Upto 1 hour	£1.50
Up to 2 hours	£2.50
Up to 3 hours	£3.20
Up to 4 hours	£4.00
Up to 24 hours	£5.00
5 day ticket	£20.00
7 day ticket	£30.00

The council reviewed this situation in 2021 and resolved to make changes to the permits by removing the transferable permits altogether and requiring all visitors to pay for a ticket through the ticket machine. This was not communicated to the second home and holiday cottage owners in a timely manner and therefore, after some deliberation, the council decided to allow purchase of a transferable permit in 2022 at an increased cost of £250 per permit and promised that a full review of all permits would take place before 31 March 2022.

The Proposals

Having conducted the full review during February and March 2022, the council is now in a position to consult with the public on its proposals for car parking charges moving forward.

The council proposes that:

Ticket Machine

Tariffs on the ticket machine will remain the same for all tickets with the exception that the 7 day ticket will be reduced to £15 in line with YDNPA car parks and will increase in line with YDNPA car parks. The 5 day ticket will be removed.

These tariffs will be reviewed again in September 2022, ahead of budget setting for 2023-2024.

Free Residents Permits

The council considered that the criteria of being on the electoral roll and living in the dale was vague and not manageable.

It is proposed that payment of council tax is a better criteria. The onus will be upon the applicant to provide evidence that they have paid council tax before a permit is authorised.

Permits will be issued with the registration number of the vehicle on. For those council tax payers not residing permanently in the dale (second home owners) wanting more than one residents permit, they will be required to provide proof of ownership of the vehicle for which they require a permit.

Holiday Cottages

The council considered a number of options for transferable permits for holiday cottages including, £780 per annum (£15 x 52 weeks), £390 per annum (£15 x 26 weeks) and £275 in line with the charges Bath House are levying. However, given that the weekly fee is to be reduced to £15, it was preferred that all visitors to the dale (day visitors and those staying in accommodation) should pay for parking through the ticket machine.

Businesses that pay Business Rates

The council recognises that there are a number of businesses in the dale that pay Business Rates and are not eligible for Small Business Rate Relief. It is considered that payment of business rates is a contribution to the local economy in a similar way to Council Tax and that these business should be offered some support. The proposal is to offer these business (on proof of payment of Business Rates) transferable permits at a cost of £150 per permit per annum.

Motorhomes

There are currently no motorhomes being stored on the car park long term and so the proposal is to remove this facility in order to free up space for other vehicles.

Commercial Vehicles

The council recognises that the parking of vans and other commercial vehicles around the village causes problems. For this reason the proposal is to allow residents permits to be issued for these vehicles that are owned or used by residents of the dale.

The council believes that these proposals are correctly priced, transparent and fair to everyone and welcomes all comments, suggestions and feedback.

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