

Information regarding

Parking for the Disabled

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Existing Service Provision

- Blue Badge holders pay for their car parking but receive an additional hour free car parking.
- In our Pay and Display car parks Blue Badge holders purchase a ticket from the ticket machine in the usual way and place this along with their blue badge on the dashboard. The Parking attendants then allow an additional hour to the expiry time.
- Those who use the MiPermit App to pay for their parking just need to ensure their blue badge is displayed to be granted the additional hour.



Parking Space Availability

Off-Street Spaces	Standard	Disabled	Total	Disabled spaces (%)
Churchfields	272	18	303	Closed
St John Street	78	4	82	4.9
New Road	54	4	58	6.8
Parkside	88	6	94	6.4
North Bromsgrove	175	10	185	5.4
Recreation Road South	272	20	292	6.8
School Drive	118	10	128	7.8
Stourbridge Road	66	5	71	7.0
Windsor Street	59	6	65	9.2
TOTALS	910	65	975	6.7



Budget Implications

- Information regarding the number of Blue Badge holders using the 'Pay and Display' car parks is limited because the pay and display machines do not record the difference between a Blue Badge holder and general users.
- Therefore, we have looked at alternative methods of estimating the current income received from Blue Badge holders using our car parks.



Method One

- Officers have undertaken a very quick survey on all car parks during a one-hour period every day for 16 days recording customers parking in the Blue Badge bays, noting the ticket value purchased.
- This has provided an income for those vehicles parked at that time.
- By extrapolating this data to include an 8 hour day and 365 days per year produces a potential annual income figure of £19,939



Method Two

- The second approach to assessing the income is to look at the number of available disabled bays expressed as a percentage of the total number of spaces. The average number of disabled bays is 6.7% of the total bays available. Taking the total budgeted income from all the car parks (£1,136,402) and calculating 6.7% gives a possible income in the region of £76K from Blue Badge holders although again this is only an estimate.



Budget Implications

- Therefore, to offer free disabled parking could cost the authority anything between £20K and £76K
- For budgeting purposes a realistic figure is more likely to be between the two therefore a potential loss of at least £48k per year would need to be planned for within the budget. Please note that this again is very much an estimate



Questions?



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