

Introduction to Parking and Traffic matters in Epping Forest

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1. On Street Parking

- On street refers to adopted public highway, maintained roads in the public realm,
- Single and double yellow lines, parking restrictions, resident and permit holder parking, pay and display, limited waiting and disabled parking etc,
- Road safety and free flow of traffic and the use of the public highway for all motorists,
- Introduction of new restrictions and maintenance of existing

2. Off Street

- Anything that is not a public highway,
- In our context we refer to 22 Council owned car parks and any other land that is in Council ownership for example housing land,
- Outsourced contract with NSL Limited for enforcement (penalty charge notice), cash and cashless collections,
- Car parks are in high demand, between 1/04/2018 and 31/03/2019 there were 1,445,559 parking sessions in the car parks,
- All car parks are ParkMark accredited and are regularly maintained



3. NEPP (North Essex Parking Partnership)

- Post 2012 District and Borough Council in Essex were responsible for On Street enforcement arrangements across Essex,
- ECC ends agreements and NEPP model of governance emerged - Epping Forest, Harlow, Uttlesford, Braintree, Colchester, Tendring and Essex have one member each in the Joint Committee,
- 4 out of 6 in off street enforcement, Parking restriction backlog improvement



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4. Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) Schemes

The North Essex Parking Partnership

Parking Schemes

- ECC **Safety** required in identified areas to reduce *known* personal injury collisions involving vehicles and pedestrians
- ECC **Congestion** required in situations where the flow of traffic on *key routes* is impaired by parked vehicles
- ECC **New development** where restrictions are required to complement other measures such as traffic calming schemes or to assist with new developments such as new roads; includes improvement schemes
- ✓ NEPP **Socially Necessary** to answer local concerns where restrictions are required to manage commuter, shopper or residents parking



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4. Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) Schemes

- Under NEPP each partner authority can nominate up to six schemes a year in October, this does not include Resident Permit Parking schemes which are self financing and, currently, are approved in addition to the six per Council,
- For a new scheme a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) application has to be completed (this can be provided by EFDC or NEPP officers)
- A scheme has to have over 80% approval from local residents
- New Schemes can take up to 24 months from submission to implementation

5. Street Furniture Application Process

- EFDC is responsible for maintenance and installation of street furniture on the public highway within the District, this includes:
 1. Street name plates, Litter bins, Benches/Notice Boards & bus shelters,
 2. Town and Parish Councils are responsible for any street furniture they have installed,
 3. EFDC will consider requests for new street furniture based on the evidence of need



6. Local Highways Panel

- ECC uses Local Highways Panel to delivers capital (non maintenance) improvement schemes like traffic calming, road safety, walking, passenger transport, cycling and public right of way etc
- Epping Forest Local Highways Panel oversee: services provided by Highway Rangers, Section 106 highway improvements
- For 2019/20 the Panel has a budget of just under £700,000
- This includes EFDC's contribution of £100,000 towards match funding

7. Role of District Council and County Council

- ECC is responsible for all matters relating to the public highway (pot holes, maintenance, bollards, paving, dropped kerbs, footways, bus stops, central islands, drainage gullies and drains etc)
- ECC is responsible for strategic transport and infrastructure,
- ECC has delegated parking control measures to NEPP but can introduce restrictions when needed,
- EFDC is responsible for off street car parks, street name plates, litter bins and some bus shelters but EFDC officers will provide support and advise Members

Questions and further information

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