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Qualifying criteria for resident parking schemes

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The minimum essential criteria for us to consider creating a new resident's parking scheme are:

1. Off-street parking availability

Requirement - Not more than **50%** of properties in the proposed area should:

- Have existing off-street parking or
- Have the potential to form off-street parking within their curtilage (such as front garden or driveway)

Off-street parking is classed as:

- Public/shared parking area (even if not part of the highway), if accessible to residents
- Remote garages within **200 metres** of a property

2. Minimum number of properties

Requirement - More than **20 address points** must be included

- Schemes will not normally be considered for fewer than 20 address points

Addresses are counted as:

- Houses in multiple occupancy (HMOs) count as 1 address
- Flats count as 1 address per flat, if they are individually listed for Council Tax

3. Sufficient available parking

Requirement - There must be sufficient on-street space for the scheme to be workable

- This is measured by the number of full **6 m parking bays** that can be fitted minus
 - Areas needing parking restrictions (such as junctions, bends, access routes)
 - Any areas that would obstruct two-way traffic flow

Note: The scheme will not include the creation of new bays or removal of existing restrictions to increase parking.

4. Demonstrated public support

Requirement - More than **50%** of the address points must support the proposal.

- Evidence (such as an initial survey) should show this level of support
- Residents must be informed that:
 - The scheme does not guarantee a parking space
 - There will be a permit fee if implemented

5. Parking pressure

The street must consistently experience high parking demand which significantly impacts residents' ability to park near their homes.

6. Area usage

The area must not be a primary destination for non-residents, such as commercial, business or tourist areas.

The majority of properties in the proposed area must be residential, with minimal influence from businesses, transient populations, or mixed-use development.

7. Existing restrictions

The area is not currently subject to parking restrictions or policies that conflict with implementing a resident parking scheme.

Important notes

- Once a scheme is implemented, new address points added later (such as new builds, new flats) will not automatically qualify for inclusion
- All essential criteria must be fully evidenced before the scheme can progress

Suggested next steps

If your proposed area does not meet all the above criteria, it will not be considered for a resident parking scheme.

In order for an area to be considered you will be asked to provide evidence to demonstrate that all criteria are met.

Meeting the above criteria will only enable the scheme to be considered and does not guarantee its implementation.

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