

## Why will the charges be different in the towns?

The charging levels reflect the consultant's view on the potential impact to the local economy of each of the towns, the amount of available parking spaces and user demand. This information was gained through background research by consultants Faber Maunsell which included car park user surveys.

## Why are Easingwold and Great Ayton not affected?

These towns have a significant amount of free car parking spaces available which are not managed by Hambleton District Council. It would not be economically viable therefore to introduce charging here – but if there is a demand for this it will come out through the consultation process.

## Won't the side streets be congested as people look to park there?

We will look very carefully at parking displacement issues in our conversations with North Yorkshire County Council and the police and reflect them in our residents on street parking provision. We also anticipate that people may consider using different methods of transport.

## When will the scheme come into effect?

The final arrangements will be subject to approval by Council next year (2008). Once the formal acceptance of the policy has been obtained charging will come into effect in July 2009.

## How much money will it raise?

If our preferred levels of charging are adopted we expect to achieve a target net figure of £450,000. If the outcome of the consultation process is for a different parking structure to the one we are proposing we still need to achieve this result.

## What will the money be spent on?

Balancing Hambleton's long term budget and maintaining service delivery – including the new kerbside recycling scheme.

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# Stakeholder Consultation on Car Park Charging

## Frequently Asked Questions

**January 2008**

Members and Officers from Hambleton District Council have been outlining their plans to introduce car parking charges across Hambleton with effect from July 2009.

Background information is contained in this leaflet.

If you would like to comment on our proposals please write to us at:

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Or contact us at: [www.hambleton.gov.uk](http://www.hambleton.gov.uk)

### Further information

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## Why are you introducing car park charges now?

Hambleton's current financial position is healthy – but only in the short term.

This is due to the long term effect of central Government's decision to cap the Council in 2005. Although we are currently the third lowest charging authority, a council tax increase is not an option to us as it would result in another capping measure.

And – like other authorities – we are suffering the detrimental effect of the stringent Comprehensive Spending Review 2007. So we need to generate additional income to balance long term budget and preserve service delivery – including the new kerbside collection programme – at current levels.

Around £450,000 per year will be required from 2009 – 2010.

## What are the other options?

We could stop our capital spend or make service cuts of £130,000 pa until 2017.

£1.3m over 10 years represents in 2007/2008:	
Waste Collection	£1.3m
Street Cleaning	£700,000
All leisure centres	£600,000

## Why are you consulting people when you've already decided to start charging?

We have made the decision to implement car park charging in the financial strategy which was revised in response to capping but it is very important that we set it at a level that residents and local businesses find acceptable, and does not impact on the vitality of our market towns.

## Who are you consulting with?

Car park users, businesses, parish and local groups, and our statutory consultees – for example North Yorkshire County Council and North Yorkshire Police. We will also be inviting comments from residents through an article in the February edition of Hambleton News.

## What are you consulting on?

- The acceptability of our proposed levels of public car park charging in Bedale, Northallerton, Stokesley and Thirsk
- Short and long stay charging options for Bedale
- Parking arrangements in Stokesley
- Limited stay shoppers high street/market place parking
- Balance of long/short stay provision
- Residents' parking concessions
- Blue badge parking provision
- Displacement issues

## What about residents' parking?

We will be consulting with North Yorkshire Police and North Yorkshire County Council about arrangements for residents' on-street parking.

## Will there be any parking concessions?

Concessions have been considered by Cabinet but they are not cost effective – it would lead to a marked increase in charges to pay for a concessionary scheme if we are to achieve the required revenue generation. For example, Northallerton would have to increase to 50p per hour, £2.25 per day.

Therefore we have no plans to introduce concessionary parking at this stage but this will be discussed in the consultation process.

## How will you collect the money?

We anticipate using solar power collection and ticket issuing machines. This is the most cost effective and environmentally friendly option currently available.

## How will you enforce it?

In the gross costs we have budgeted for the appointment of two enforcement officers but we will need to review strategy pre/post-implementation to ensure we have the correct level of enforcement.

Effective management is essential to the success of the scheme – off street parking management by Hambleton District Council will be co-ordinated with the management of on-street parking through consultation with North Yorkshire County Council and North Yorkshire Police.

## How much are you proposing to charge?

We are consulting on these levels of charging:	
Bedale	50p per day long stay, free short stay
Stokesley	20p per hour short stay, £1.00 per day long stay
Northallerton and Thirsk	40p per hour short stay, £1.50 per day long stay
Charging will apply 8am-6pm Monday-Saturday inclusive	
Lorry parking, Applegarth	£5 per night

*There will be some free limited stay high street/market place parking available.*

## How do these charges compare to other towns nearby?

● Guisborough 60p/£2.50	● Richmond 50p/£3.00
● Helmsley £1.00/£4.50	● Ripon 50p/£1.60
(Boroughbridge and Catterick – free but supermarket parking, not general off-street)	