

DETAILED ANALYSIS OF RESIDENTS' SURVEY FINDINGS

The survey of residents has produced a wealth of information. Below is a summary of the data. The percentages vary from those in the consultants report attached as **ANNEXE 2** as the percentages in the tables below exclude those who returned the survey but did not express an opinion on particular questions.

VEHICLE OWNERSHIP

AREA	No of Reponses	Total No of cars (% of total)	No of cars without off street space	No of cars without off street space or a permit	No of cars which should not have permits because of the availability of off street parking
A	471	604 (100)	475 (79)	38 (6)	43 (7)
B	201	249 (100)	195 (78)	20 (6)	11 (4)
C	158	217 (100)	147 (68)	20 (9)	9 (4)
D	189	253 (100)	151 (60)	29 (11)	6 (2)
E	120	185 (100)	113 (62)	13 (7)	7 (4)

HOW CLOSE CAN VEHICLES BE PARKED TO THE OWNERS HOME?

68% of respondents who answered the question could normally park in the same street and 60% of those could normally park within 50m of their home.

Distance from home	Area A %	Area B	Area C	Area D	Area E
Within 50m	35	44	40	38	63
More than 50m but in the same street	33	18	33	16	29
Different Street	31	38	27	45	8

TIMES WHEN PROBLEMS ARE EXPERIENCED

Respondents were asked to rank how difficult it is to park on a scale of 1 to 5 where 1 is no problem and 5 is very difficult. The table below shows the proportion respondents ranking 4 or 5 as a percentage of those who gave a ranking. The higher the percentage the more people who found it difficult to park.

WEEKDAYS

	Before 8am	8am to 12	12 to 6pm	6pm to 8pm	After 8pm
A	67	26	18	78	87
B	54	22	29	60	67
C	56	15	20	62	72
D	32	23	33	43	51
E	33	4	7	39	53

SATURDAYS

	Before 8am	8am to 12	12 to 6pm	6pm to 8pm	After 8pm
A	75	67	69	70	78
B	58	54	55	59	62
C	63	44	44	61	57
D	30	48	55	40	39
E	34	20	33	38	44

SUNDAYS

	Before 11am	11am to 5pm	5pm to 8pm	After 8pm
A	45	42	54	66
B	49	45	54	61
C	44	41	54	67
D	40	42	47	62
E	36	22	33	49

The most difficult periods for parking are experienced in the evenings and at weekends. The respondents from Area A reported particular difficulties.

CAUSES OF PARKING PROBLEMS

Residents were asked which categories of users caused a significant problem. Many of the respondents did not answer these questions. From those who did the following is a summary:

- Area A Shoppers at weekends
Visitors to local pubs/restaurants (evenings and weekends)
Skips were also highlighted as an issue

- Area B Shoppers at weekends
Skips were also highlighted as an issue

- Area C Shoppers on Saturday
School parking seen as an issue

- Area D Shoppers at weekends
Rubbish skips
Visitors to local pubs and restaurants (evenings and weekends)

- Area E Visitors to recreation ground

OPTIONS

Residents were asked to score each below option between 1 and 5, 5 being very much in favour and 1 being very much against. The table below shows the percentage of those in favour of a particular option (scores 4 or 5) as a percentage of those who expressed an opinion (those answering 1,2,4,or 5).

OPTION	A	B	C	D	E
Do nothing and let people compete for space	18	19	26	19	22
Limit the number of permits for new residents to one per household	47	50	50	49	47
Set a limit on the number of permits issued and introduce a waiting list for new applicants	35	44	44	40	33
Increase the cost of permits, particularly for a second permit to try to deter ownership of a second vehicle	35	49	47	46	56
Increase the cost of a permit and undertake annual checks on eligibility	33	39	40	36	38
Strengthen the proof applicants need to provide to show they are resident and conduct more detailed checks to make it harder for non residents to get permits	84	84	82	82	84
Restrict the number of visitors permits available to residents	25	28	28	31	32
Reduce the maximum parking period for non permit holders from 2 to 1 hour (excluding area D)	66	58	40	N/A	54
Increase the charge for visitors permits to discourage use	18	26	16	16	31
Change the hours of control	54	42	47	40	41

REDUCTION TO ONE PERMIT PER HOUSEHOLD FOR NEW RESIDENTS

The table below shows the effect, based on the data provided by respondents, of reducing permit eligibility to one per household for new residents. It would take a considerable time for this drop to occur as the change would depend on people with two vehicles moving out.

AREA	A	B	C	D	E
Permits Held	466	156	139	118	102
Reduction if 1 per household	103	42	30	19	25
%	22	27	22	16	25

It should be noted that although the option is supported by just under half of the respondents there was strong opposition.