

**Public Questions  
Council – 22 February 2023**

**1. From Mrs Mary Lawes to Councillor Ray Field, Cabinet Member for Transport and Digital Transformation**

Residents Permit Holders in Marine Crescent/Parade, The Stade/Folkestone Harbour & in some streets in zone (G) and (G1) are unable to park near their homes.

Why does this council give priority parking for visitors, 1 hour parking and contractors above resident permit holders, who cannot park near their homes because of these decision by council and the Cabinet member for Transport?

**ANSWER:**

Thank you for your question, Cllr Lawes.

Our top priority when we introduce such schemes is to protect spaces for residents. However, the council also has a responsibility to consider the broader requirements of all road users. The shared use parking installed in sections of some roads in Zone G, G1 and Fishmarket allows visitors to park for a limited period, usually up to 1 hour. Residents with permits can park for as long as they wish. This approach is welcomed by many residents as it allows people visiting them briefly to be able to park for a short period without having to purchase a visitor permit. The few limited waiting spaces in Fishmarket were installed to assist traders, who had requested some free spaces for their customers. The Stade has 'permit holders only' parking. There are no 1-hour bays in Marine Crescent/Parade.

There have been no complaints from residents. However, I have asked officers to increase enforcement patrols and continue to monitor the parking situation in zone G and G1.

**SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION:**

How do you enforce 1 hour parking? People are parking there for whole days and no enforcement takes place.

**ANSWER:**

I have taken note of what you have said and no doubt we will respond.

*After the meeting, the following further response was provided:*

*Thank you for your supplementary question, Cllr Lawes. Vehicles without permits parked in 1 hour parking bays are logged by the civil enforcement officers on their handheld computers. The valve positions on the vehicle tyres are recorded. The CEO then returns after the hour, and if the vehicle hasn't moved, a penalty charge*

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*notice is issued. Our records show 3050 penalty charge notices were issued to vehicles parked for longer than permitted during the past financial year.*