

CITY OF WESTMINSTER

MOTORCYCLE PARKING PLACES

**THE CITY OF WESTMINSTER (MOTORCYCLE PARKING PLACES)
(NO. *) ORDER 200***

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Statement of Reasons

The charging scheme for motorcycle parking, designed to be revenue neutral, was introduced in August 2008 under experimental traffic orders. Due to the ever increasing pressure on Westminster's finite kerbside space, the scheme introduced a small charge for motorcycle parking. The decision to do so was made in order to reflect motorcyclists' increasing use of and demand for these limited resources. Although not a main consideration upon implementation, environmental issues have since also become more pertinent.

The experimental nature of the Orders meant that formal objections could be made and that the scheme would be reviewed prior to any decision being made to either scrap it or to make it permanent with or without amendment. A summary of formal objections and a review of the scheme were accordingly presented to the City Council's Built Environment Policy and Scrutiny Committee on 31st March 2009 which then submitted its recommendations. These have been taken into account in the preparation of the report.

The scheme has raised significantly more revenue than was originally forecast and has proved to be unpopular with some sections of the motorcycling fraternity. However, the ever increasing demand from motorcyclists for kerbside space remains and coupled with environmental issues, the fundamental recommendation upon balance is that the scheme be made permanent but with modifications.

In response to the scheme's unexpected levels of revenue, it is recommended that all on-street charges for motorcycle bays be reduced and that provision of parking spaces for motorcycles in off-street car parks be increased and become free of charge. This addresses the objections of those motorcyclists who feel they should not have to pay to park as well as those that feel socially excluded because they are unable to use the Pay by Phone payment system. As regards the latter it is recommended that a cash and cheque pre-payment facility be developed. This report also recommends that the provision of security devices continue on-street where appropriate.

In recommending that motorcyclists who are residents' permit holders be given free yearly motorcycle parking permits, the City Council recognises that the scheme should give extra benefits to its resident motorcyclists.

In terms of fairness and proportionality, the report also recommends that a first PCN cancellation upon challenge policy be continued.

Whilst the recommendations will not satisfy those motorcyclists completely opposed to the concept of charging in principle, they are in line with Parking Services' charter of being firm, fair and excellent.