

Car parking strategy

The Council's Parking Strategy is contained in the West Yorkshire Local Transport Plan, which is jointly produced by all the local authorities in the region. It is part of the wider strategy to tackle congestion across West Yorkshire.

This strategy element consists of:

- continuing to reduce the number of long stay spaces in urban centres;
- in urban centres preference will be given to short stay (less than 4 hours) over long stay parking;
- continuing to convert long stay spaces to short stay;
- extending the city centre control zones outwards;
- the price of parking within the control of the district authorities, particularly long stay parking, will be raised in real terms on a co-ordinated basis;
- on street parking in key centres will be subject to charging, and the extent of the charged areas will be reviewed as centres develop and expand;
- residents' parking zones will be implemented on the fringes of controlled and charged parking areas to prevent parking being displaced to these areas;
- district authorities will introduce the de-criminalisation of parking offences and take on responsibility for enforcing on street parking restrictions (already operational in Leeds);

as part of the development control process maximum guidelines will be applied to the number of parking

- Spaces at new developments, particularly in centres, in line with the regional spatial survey ;

working towards overall reductions in parking provision in city and main town centres, converting any space released to more productive uses or environmental enhancements;

- Using additional revenue to fund initiatives linked to park and ride and improvements to car park infrastructure (for example security); and
- ensuring appropriate parking standards are included in each district authority's local development framework.