

## **KIRKLEES COUNCIL**

### **(TRAFFIC REGULATION) (NO 18) ORDER 2023**

#### **RESIDENTS PERMIT AREAS – KIRKLEES**

##### **Statement of Reasons for proposing to make the Order**

The council intends to change the way it administers the residents permit parking schemes so as to make all permits annual ones whereby there will be an expiry date for each permit and new ones will have to be applied for each year and also to introduce a £50 administration charge for each permit payable upon approval of the application.

Making permits annually renewable will ensure that the council has an accurate database of current valid permits which will assist in identifying fraudulent and inappropriate use of invalid permits.

Some permits are already subject to a payment but by making all permits subject to an administration charge this will ensure effective administration of the permit scheme continues.

All other details of the schemes remain unaffected.

The council is also proposing at some point in the future to introduce “virtual” permits as a valid form of permit in residents permit parking schemes to rationalise and improve accessibility for residents to obtain appropriate permits for their vehicles and for their visitors. Permit applications will still need to be made and verified/confirmed and when confirmed the vehicle will be able to use the parking place without the need for a valid permit to be displayed as is the current requirement. The requirement to pay for a permit will still apply and no permit will be produced and issued or confirmed until the appropriate administration charge payment has been made. The council intends to “roll-out” the introduction of virtual permits and residents will be contacted directly at the appropriate time although at present the implementation of these proposals cannot be definitely confirmed.

It is intended that these proposals will ensure the effective administration of the current schemes, the effective enforcement of the restrictions and also with the upkeep of the permit areas themselves.