

## **Position Statement - Parking of Car parking within Clitheroe Town Centre.**

Car parking within Clitheroe town centre is provided through several different regimes that are designed to meet the differing needs of the motorist, be they commuter, resident or visitor.

Ribble Valley Borough Council operates a balance of long and short stay off-street car parking in the centre. The use of all the car parks is subject to a tariff between the hours of 8:00AM and 6:00PM, this tariff being designed to ensure a turnover of vehicles appropriate to the designation of the car park. Short, long and contract stays are accommodated. The designations and the operation of the car parks, meaning the balance between long and short stay provisions, the timings of the chargeable and free periods, and the actual rates of charges, are periodically reviewed.

Whilst the provision and regulation of on-street parking falls within the responsibilities of Lancashire County Council as the Highway Authority for the area, there is a degree of correlation between these two publicly provided off and on street provisions. Both regulated and unregulated on-street parking is available within the town centre. No charges are levied for on-street car parking apart from an annual administration charge to residents specifically participating in the Clitheroe Town Centre Residents Parking Scheme.

In addition to these on and off street provisions, four relatively major publicly accessible off street car parks are available within the town centre core by national and local supermarket operators. They serve the corner stones of the retail sector and have been developed within the appropriate planning framework. These privately owned and operated car parks all offer limited stay (maximum 2 hours) parking without charge. Two of these have been opened within the last five years.

A further series of smaller car parks are provided by the commercial and retail sectors for their employees or contract users.

The town centre is currently well provided for by this mixed private and public portfolio. However, opportunities for the further development of parking within the town centre are actively considered, and sites have been identified, that would be suitable for use as car parks if demand is sufficient.

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