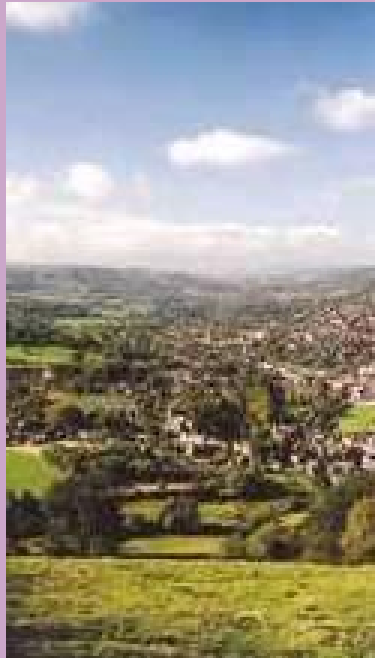


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Decriminalised (Civil) Parking Enforcement

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PARKING ENFORCEMENT**

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Background

- **Derbyshire County Council is responsible as Highway Authority, as follows:-**
- **NORTH WEST:**
 - **High Peak Borough Council, Derbyshire Dales District Council**
- **NORTH EAST:**
 - **Chesterfield Borough Council, North East Derbyshire District Council, Bolsover District Council**
- **SOUTH EAST:**
 - **South Derbyshire District Council, Amber Valley Borough Council, Erewash Borough Council.**

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What is Decriminalised (Civil) Parking Enforcement?

- **Decriminalised Parking Enforcement (DPE), soon to be known as Civil Parking Enforcement (CPE), is a Government scheme to allow the Police to put more money into fighting crime as it moves the parking enforcement to Derbyshire County Council.**
- **It will link the on-street and off-street (car park) enforcement and, most importantly, has to be acceptable to the County Council, the 8 District & Borough Councils and the Department for Transport.**
- **Derbyshire County Council, in partnership with all the District and Borough Councils, will apply to Department for Transport for these CPE powers.**

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Why Do It?

- **We are happy to take this on as it will improve Road Safety and Demand Management.**
- **Those who do park dangerously will get a ticket and with increased enforcement staff it will deter others from doing so.**
- **If we put in 30 minute parking places to serve local shops, those who overstay, sometimes all day, will get a ticket and with increased enforcement staff it will deter others from doing so.**
- **.....It's better for the majority of road users.**

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What Happens After?



- **There will be no more Traffic Wardens issuing Fixed Penalty Notices, but Parking Attendants (soon to be called Civil Enforcement Officers) will put Penalty Charge Notices (PCNs) on vehicles.**
- **The Police will still be responsible for enforcing Obstruction of the footway and carriageway. This includes parking alongside Solid White Line Systems in the middle of the road.**

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How and What did we Decide?

- **It has to be proven to work, both financially and operationally.**
- **We carried out a Study which found that the best approach was to use a single contractor to deliver the enforcement along with another contract to deal with Ticket Processing across the whole County. A report on this was approved by full Cabinet in March 2007.**
- **It is proposed that ten District Councils will manage the Civil Parking Officers on our behalf.**
- **A Website will be set up to help inform people of parking restrictions, enforcement policies and the appeal.**

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Costs implications

- **It is not a money making scheme the aim is to release the Police from this duty and to financially break even.**

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What do the Police Think

- **Derbyshire Constabulary support the County taking on DPE Powers.**
- **We can not do this without their full agreement.**
- **In the meantime the Police will continue to support the current enforcement on-street.**

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Signs and Lines

- **We are checking all the Orders and the condition of signs and lines and where needed worn out signs and lines will be replaced.**
- **The Traffic & Safety Staff are also looking at all the parking, limited waiting and loading restrictions to make sure they are needed and suit the local conditions. e.g. a factory has shut so the yellow lines are not needed anymore.**
- **If you have any suggestions or would like to make a request for a certain restriction to be reconsidered please leave it in the suggestion box.**

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Conclusions

- **We have identified all the signs and lines that need replacing and this will be done before we start enforcing.**
- **We have are reviewing the restrictions to make sure they are appropriate for the highway network now and in the future.**
- **So if you have any suggestions of where restrictions need reviewing please put them in the suggestion box.**
- **We are aiming to introduce DPE in during 2008.**

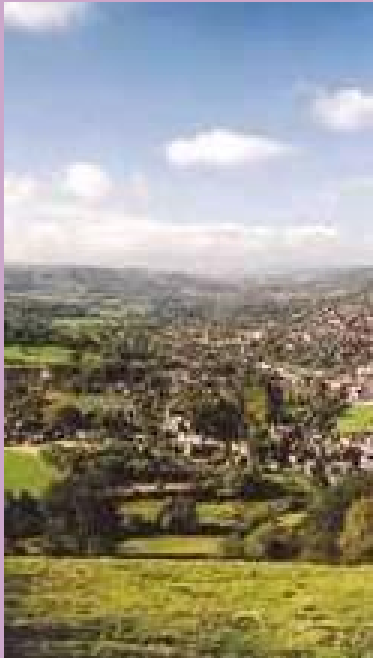
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