



## Penrith Parking Protocol FAQs

*This document is intended to help residents understand the proposed Penrith Parking Protocol and summarise key information.*

### 1. What is a Parking Protocol and why is it needed?

A Parking Protocol is a policy used by Westmorland and Furness Council to manage residents and visitors parking in the area.

The protocol makes accessing on-street parking permits a fair and consistent process and enhances on-street parking conditions by ensuring a reasonable number of permits are issued in an area.

### 2. Why are we consulting with you on the Penrith Parking Protocol?

The protocol once approved will form part of the Penrith Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) and the Authority follows a prescribed statutory process when making or altering a TRO, in order to inform those impacted and also seek representation.

### 3. What will change as a result of the Penrith Parking Protocol being introduced?

The introduction of the Penrith Parking Protocol is expected to bring about several key changes, affecting residents in different ways;

**Consistency and Fairness:** A significant portion of residents will notice a more equitable and consistent process in parking management. This change aims to ensure that parking rules are applied uniformly.

**Visitor Access:** There will be improved parking accessibility for visitors. This enhancement is intended to make it easier for residents to have guests, addressing a common concern under the previous system.

**Renewal Challenges for Some:** A small minority of residents might face challenges when renewing their permits. This particularly applies to those who bring large or commercial vehicles home from work. The new protocol sets



specific guidelines for such vehicles to address concerns around space usage and safety.

**Unchanged Situations:** For a large number of residents, there will be no noticeable change in their day-to-day parking situations. The protocol mainly aims to address specific issues and streamline and enhance the existing system.

#### **4. What is a Traffic Regulation Order?**

A traffic Regulation Order (TRO) is a legal process that enables the Highway Authority to regulate or prohibit the movement of traffic on the highway. They apply to the regulation of speed, movement and parking of vehicles as well as regulating pedestrian movement and Cyclists. These Orders are important to have in place to regulated parking bays, providing an area for motorists to park within the vicinity of their property, for work or when visiting the local amenities or friends/family and enable the enforcement of people found to be contravening those restriction.

#### **5. How many parking permits can I apply for?**

If you live in a residential property with no off-street parking provision such as a drive or garage, you can request a maximum of 2 permits.

If your residential property has off-street parking provision, your entitlement is reduced, and you may only be entitled to 1 or just visitor permits.

#### **6. There are more than 2 vehicles registered to my property**

In Penrith, each household with no off-street parking can obtain up to two resident parking permits. If you have more than two vehicles, you'll need to find alternative parking or use permitted on-street parking during off-peak hours.

#### **7. I have a works vehicle which I bring home, can I not park it outside my house?**

You can park your work vehicle at home if it's registered to your address and weighs under 3000kg. You're eligible for a resident parking permit in this case.



Remember, using a work vehicle for commuting might be considered a taxable benefit.

#### **8. Will I have my permit taken off me?**

No, your permit remains secure. Policy changes will only affect you when you change your vehicle, move house, or need to renew an expired permit.

#### **9. Are there Carers Permits?**

Yes, those receiving care can apply for a carer's permit which should be kept at the property. For short visits, carers can use a parking disc to indicate their duration of stay.

#### **10. I have a vehicle that weighs more than 3000kg, can I get a permit?**

The Council may issue a permit for heavier vehicles at their discretion, particularly if it's your only means of transport. However, if granted, you'll be eligible for just one permit for the oversized vehicle.

#### **11. I have a campervan, am I entitled to a permit?**

Campervans are only eligible for permits if they weigh less than 3000kg and are your primary vehicle i.e. in regular use for transport and are not simply stored on the highway. For campervans over this weight, the same one-permit policy applies if a permit is granted using the council's discretion.