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## UPDATE ON PARKING STRATEGY

While the Borough Council is currently preparing its own Parking Strategy (better late than never), the County Council, as the highway authority, has a draft document of its own which will apply across the whole of Surrey, i.e. in all 11 boroughs. The document is now open for public consultation on the internet and you are urged to comment before 9th November.

**Within the County's parking strategy are proposals for residents parking permits at £50 for the first car, "curfew" parking where restrictions are in place for say a couple of hours each day which are intended to remove long-stay commuters, costs of Visitor Permits and plans for short-term parking operated with parking meters. There is also the possibility that some roads which already have yellow lines could have them removed for residents parking or short-stay parking.** During our discussions with the County Council we have insisted that any schemes implemented in our borough are self-financing, i.e. no profit is made from them. So the costs of putting the scheme in place and enforcing it must balance the charges for permits or parking meter rates.

Please take the opportunity to comment via the website or let us have your views as soon as possible. Go to [www.surreycc.gov.uk](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk) and within the Roads & Transport section there are consultation documents—the one you need is called Parking Strategy.

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