

Parking Improvements' Assessment Matrix

Introduction

The Improved Parking Scheme Matrix, assumes we are taking a holistic approach to the Proposed Scheme, to try and make the biggest positive change in the area for our finances.

This will include, improving safety by designing out crime, making improvements for the disabled in the area, additional vehicular accesses and improved access to disabled car parking spaces. In addition, improvements for waste collection facilities will achieve the aim of increasing more residents into recycling, and to try and minimise the loss of amenity space.

1. Parking Needs

This to be assessed by an evening visit, where the number of vehicles not parked in a space will be recorded, as will vehicles parked on the verge or doubled parked. This will be then presented as a total percentage of available off road parking to achieve the score;

2. Garage Condition

This to be assessed by the Housing Capital Team, where an average score will be assessed from all of the stock that would be demolished under the proposed Scheme. A score of 1 is equivalent to the stock being in perfect condition, with a score of 10 being the worst. Any holes in the roof or wall material will score 10. One Officer to undertake all surveys to ensure a consistency of scoring is achieved;

3. Visual Audit

This will include the total area of the site including the garage blocks, and will take place jointly by Community Safety and Engineering and Design, to assess the benefits of the Scheme. Deciding on how improving passive surveillance and the removal of dilapidated structures will improve the environment, and help to make the area safer and cleaner. This will be scored as 1, that being no improvement will be achieved, and a score of 10 being an achievement of a major improvement. Local Members are invited on this audit exercise to enable them to indicate particular areas of concern. Crime figures will be used as part of the visual audit.

4. Waste Collection

This covers possible improvements to waste collection, endeavouring to include as many residents as possible onto recycling collection and improving the present Service. Also included, is removing potential fire risk from where wheelie bins are stored, and helping to make the waste collection system more efficient, by having wheelie bin collection areas where bins can be grouped on the day of collection. This will be scored by the appropriate Officer.

5. Landscape Improvements

Any Landscape Capital Scheme can make a substantial improvement when work is undertaken in conjunction with Parking Improvement Schemes. The removal of shrubs where considered applicable can add substantial benefit with regards to passive surveillance.