

Report

Report to:	East Kilbride Area Committee
Date of Meeting:	15 December 2021
Report by:	Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources)

Subject:	Residents' Parking Permit Zones (RPPZ) Consultation
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ Provide the Area Committee with the results of the completed Residents' Parking Permit Zones Consultation to inform the Committee's recommendation to future Executive Committee.

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Committee is asked to: -

- (1) Note and discuss the contents of this report and provide a recommendation for consideration by a future Executive Committee.

3. Background

- 3.1. RPPZs are generally located in proximity to high demand parking areas (e.g. town centres and train stations) allowing residents, their visitors and tradespeople to park easily or in some areas without paying a parking charge.
- 3.2. Over the years, the RPPZs across South Lanarkshire have been successful in achieving their aims and despite changing travel and parking demands associated with the pandemic, the need for such RPPZs is expected to remain, especially as town centres and businesses recover.
- 3.3. Members may recall that an update on RPPZ policy was reported to Community and Enterprise Resources Committee on 31 March 2020 and was then subsequently approved by the Executive Committee on 24 June 2020. This report reflected the view of Road Safety Forum which, amongst other matters, supported a proposal to introduce an administration charge of £10 for a 2-year permit period. However, it is noted that this proposal was rejected as part of the budget setting exercise for 2020/2021.
- 3.4. As part of the 2021/2022 budget setting exercise, a charge for parking permits was again considered and agreed on 10 March 2021. This was implemented as permits were being renewed over the normal 2-year cycle. This charging approach directly links to an Audit Scotland report encouraging councils to better understand costs and seek to recover them where discretionary services were being provided.

- 3.5. At the full Council meeting of 22 September 2021, a motion relating to Parking Permit Charges was tabled and it was subsequently agreed that consultation with residents living in current RPPZ areas would be undertaken. Charging for permits was 'put on hold' pending the outcome from the consultation exercise being reported to the relevant Committees. This report sets out the results of this consultation exercise.

4. Consultation

- 4.1. Letters were issued to 4,286 households on 27 October 2021 and the consultation closed on 15 November 2021. The following six towns/areas, with numbers of households shown in brackets, were consulted:

- Cambuslang (144)
- Carluke (169)
- East Kilbride (2,279)
- Hamilton (932)
- Rutherglen (744)
- Uddingston (18)

- 4.2. Households within RPPZs in these areas were asked:

- (1) whether they wished to remain in a RPPZ and pay the £5 per year administration charge; or
- (2) whether they wish to have their RPPZ removed.

5. Conclusions/Results

- 5.1. Of 4,286 households that were consulted, as of 17 November 2021, we have received 1,365 completed returns representing an overall return rate of 32%.
- 5.2. Response rates for a consultation run typically between 5% and 30%. The overall response rate of 32% achieved here is at the higher end of the scale suggesting a good connection between the Council and its customers and a general wide interest in the survey content.
- 5.3. Appendix 1 provides detail of the return rate for each of the towns/areas and given the number of the zones in East Kilbride, detail of the individual zones. The individual return rates are once again at the higher end of the scale.
- 5.4. Overall, 81% of households chose the option to pay the £5 per year administration charge (£10 over two years) and to remain part of their RPPZ. Conversely 19% wished to have their zone removed.
- 5.5. A small number of households (12 in total) indicated a preference on the completed return proforma to remain part of the zone but not pay the administration charge. A further 9 households did the same but did not choose a preferred option and have therefore not been included in the figures. These numbers are very low and not significant in terms of affecting the overall results. Some respondents also included additional comments which will be considered further as part of routine business.
- 5.6. Appendix 2 provides further detail of the split across the six geographical areas and given the scale of the zones in East Kilbride, a further breakdown of the individual zones.

- 5.7. All six towns/areas individually voted in favour of paying the £5 per year administration charge (£10 over two years) and to remain part of their RPPZ. Similarly, all 8 individual zones in East Kilbride voted in favour of paying the £5 per year administration charge and to remain part of their individual RPPZ.
- 5.8. As agreed at the full Council meeting on 22 September 2021, the above results are to be considered by the 4 Area Committees. The Area Committee should consider the results of this consultation and thereafter, provide a recommendation to a future Executive Committee on whether to accept the findings of this consultation and continue to provide permit zones with an administration charge for the permits for two years.
- 6 Employee Implications**
- 6.1. There are no employee implications as the project will utilise existing resources.
- 7 Financial Implications**
- 7.1. At this stage, there are no financial implications. However, that will be reviewed depending on the outcome of the Committee's recommendation.
- 8 Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications**
- 8.1. There are no significant implications in terms of climate change, sustainability and the environmental associated with this report.
- 9 Other Implications**
- 9.1. There are no other significant implications as result of the contents of this report.
- 10. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements**
- 10.1. At this stage, this report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a change to an existing policy, function, or strategy and therefore, no impact assessment is required. However, that will be reviewed depending on the outcome of the Committee's recommendation.

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24 November 2021

Link(s) to Council Values/Ambitions/Objectives

- ◆ Accountable, effective, efficient, and transparent

Previous References

- ◆ Community and Enterprise Resources Committee, 31 March 2020
- ◆ Executive Committee, 24 Jun 2020
- ◆ South Lanarkshire Council, 22 September 2021
- ◆ Community and Enterprise Resources Committee, 7 December 2021

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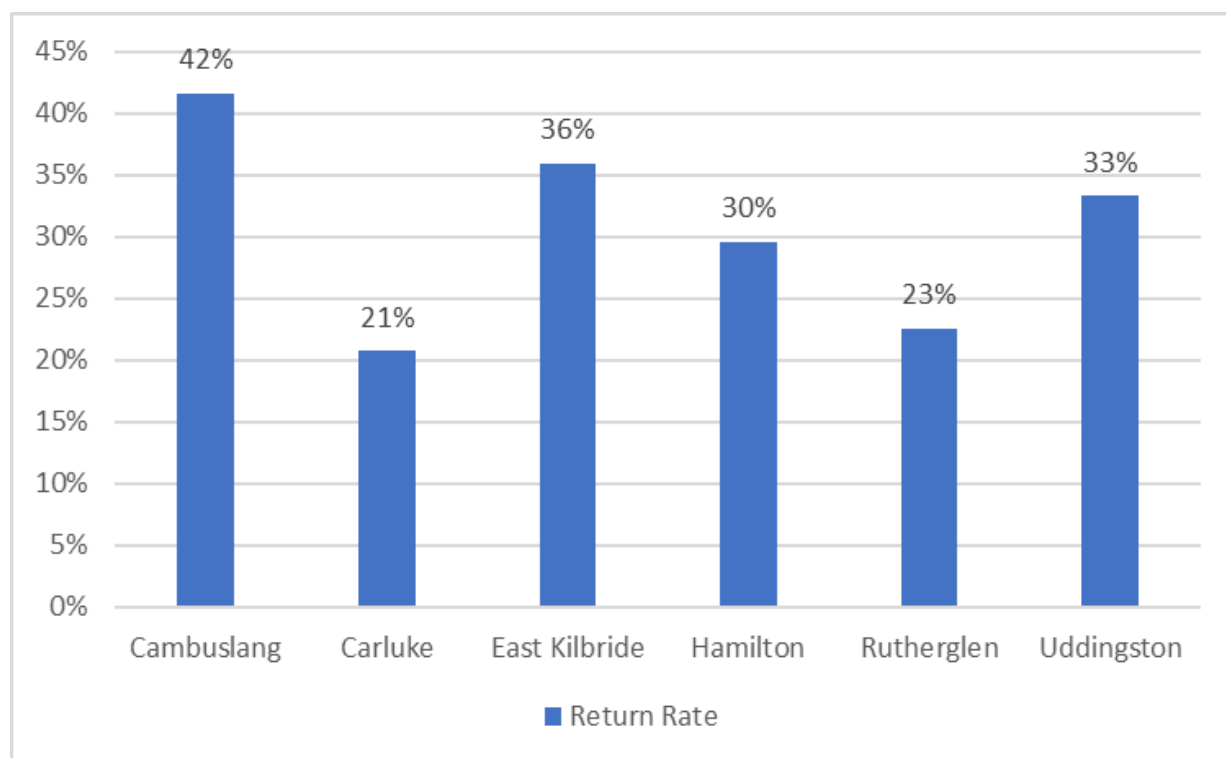
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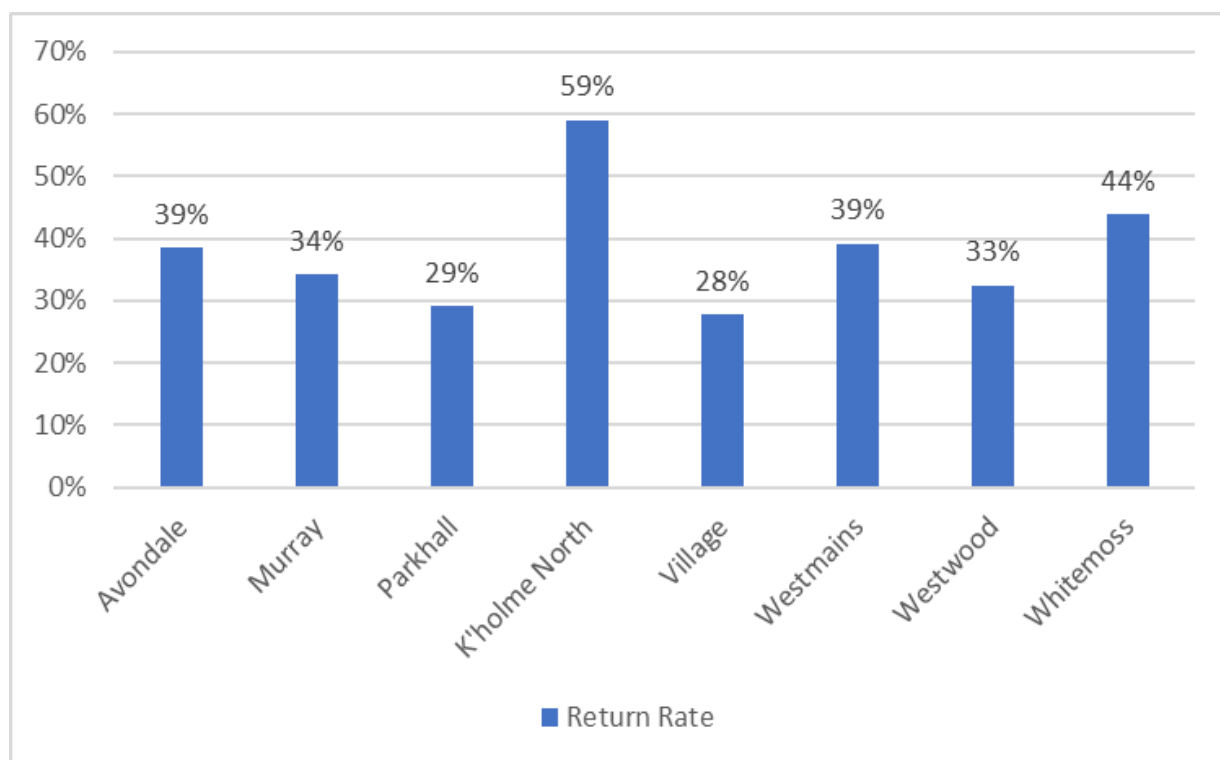
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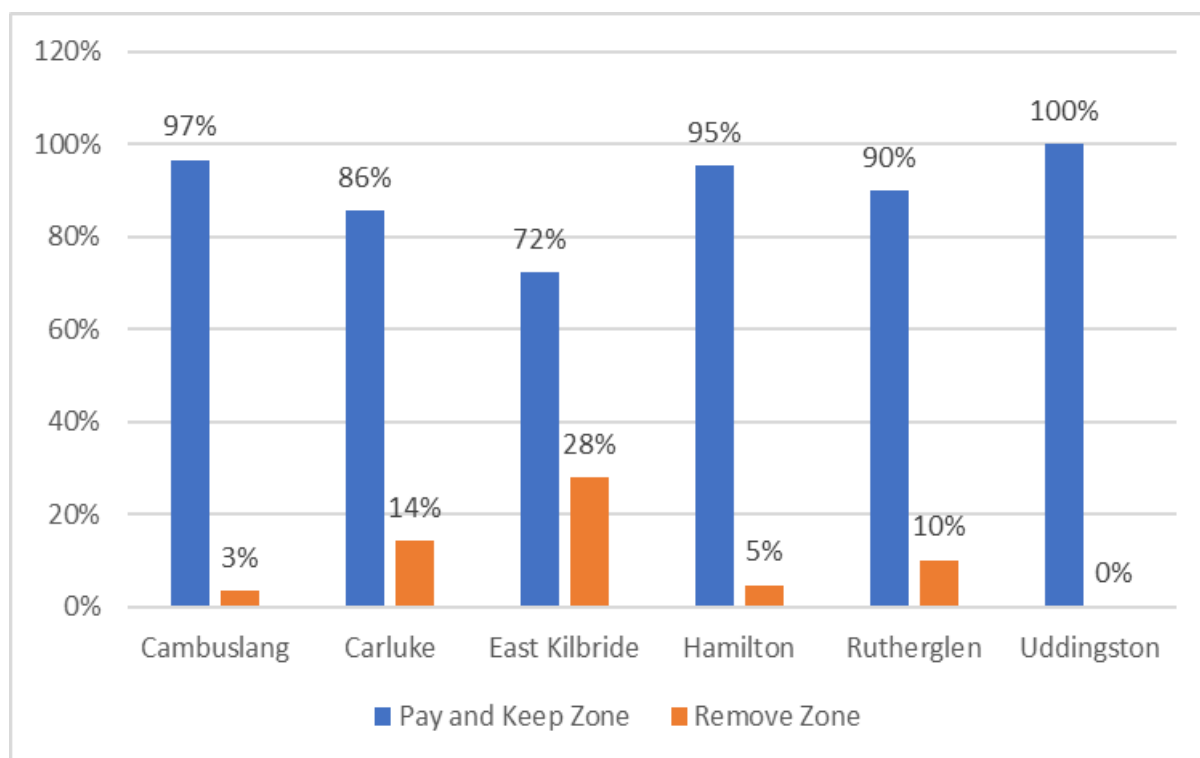
All RPPZ Areas



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