

Hythe Quay Parking Proposal

Currently parking on the Hythe Quay is unregulated with no formal agreements in place for the business and charities using the facilities. To rectify this and minimise any risk of legal challenge from third parties', officers have started liaising with organisations based at the quay.

There is a need to regulate the parking at this location and stop abuse of the parking facility as well as bringing the asset in line with Maldon District Council's fees and charges policy. The overarching aspiration of the council is minimising vehicular movements at this location with parking and access for the businesses and charities only, and to increase pedestrian visitors and tourism to the quay.

The proposal for a season ticket for the Hythe is £638 per space per annum (in line with other town centre car parks). Business and seasonal staff could purchase a 6 month pass at £319.

In addition to this we would like to offer season tickets for in prom park @ £132 per annum (residents' rate). These are currently restricted to a 2-hour period, however, for organisations based at the quay we propose increasing the time limit to an "all day" pass.

Discussions are on-going with South Essex Parking Partnership and the Highway Authority in relation to the future on-street parking at the quay. As stated above, the council would like to reduce vehicular movements and increase pedestrian traffic and are looking at options for vehicular access for businesses, charities and residents based at this location.