

Annex 2 Car parking background

		99/00	2000 -2001	2001- 2002	2002 - 2003	2003 - 2004	4 year %	2004 - 2005	2005 - 2006	2006 -2007	2007- 2008	4 year %
a) Visitor												
Short Stay - Castle	0.80	0.90	1.00	1.20	1.40	1.60	78%	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	25%
Short Stay - Other	0.70	0.80	0.90	1.10	1.30	1.50	88%	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	33%
Standard Stay	0.60	0.70	0.80	1.00	1.20	1.30	86%	1.30	1.30	1.30	1.30	0%
On Street		0.70	0.80	0.90	1.10	1.30	86%	1.40	1.40	1.40	1.40	8%
Foss Bank	0.60	0.70	0.80	1.00	1.20	1.20	71%	1.20	0.70	0.70	0.70	-42%
Evening (14 hours)		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	
b) Resident												
Short Stay - Castle	0.70	0.80	0.90	1.10	1.10	1.30	63%	1.70	1.70	1.70	1.70	31%
Short Stay - Other	0.60	0.70	0.80	1.00	1.00	1.20	71%	1.70	1.70	1.70	1.70	42%
Standard Stay	0.50	0.60	0.70	0.90	0.90	1.00	67%	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0%
On Street		0.70	0.80	0.90	1.10	1.30	86%	1.40	1.40	1.40	1.40	8%
Foss Bank	0.50	0.60	0.70	0.90	0.90	0.90	50%	0.90	0.70	0.70	0.70	-22%
Evening (14 hours)		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	

York's standard say car parks are now cheaper than in many other neighbouring towns and comparable City's.

	Ave cost per hour	York resident pays per hour	York cheaper by	
Cambridge.	£1.45	£1.00	31%	80p (just one car park) £1.40/£1.50 and hour - more on Saturdays and higher charges for stays of longer than 5 hours
Leeds.	£1.35	£1.00	26%	£1.20 - £1.50 an hour up to 22.00
Sheffield.	£1.15	£1.00	13%	95p/£1.15/£1.35 an hour up to 20.30. on street starts at 45p for 20 mins.
Harrogate.	£1.05	£1.00	5%	90p - £1.20 an hour. Evening charge £1.00

Initiatives taken during last 4 years to address resident and business concerns expressed about car parking rates include:

- Reduced evening parking charges to a flat rate £2 (£1 for residents) for up to 14 hours parking (6:00pm – 8:00am). Residents evening parking charge of £1 likely to be dropped altogether shortly (reducing Council income by around £75,000 a year)
- Extended the maximum stay at short stay car parks from 3 hours to 5 hours (affects 3 car parks)
- Redesignated medium and long stay car parks as “standard” stay car parks with no maximum time limit
- Introduced payment by phone option

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- Froze 80% of day time parking charges (real terms reduction of about 15%) at least until April 2008. Usage of City centre car parks is now similar to the numbers of users of 5 years ago and was very buoyant during 06/07.
- 50% reduction in cost of frequent user passes for low emission vehicles in VED classes A & B.
- Substantially cut the costs of parking at Foss Bank
- Printed over 20,000 leaflets at traders request for distribution to customers (only a small number were actually used)
- Ran a trial, late night, park and ride service for a year (but with few passengers using the service)
- Halved the cost of annual season tickets (with further discounts, for low emission vehicles, bringing costs down now to only £500 pa)
- Opened additional Park and Ride site at Monks Cross. Park and Ride usage has now increased to over 3 million passenger journey's per year
- Trialled a "free parking" evening in the run up to Christmas 2005 (with no measurable affect on numbers entering the City) but at a cost of around £5000 to the Council.
- Additional, on street, evening parking spaces provided