



PARKING SCHEME TO STOP "HOLIDAY DUMPERS" AROUND MANCHESTER AIRPORT "DELAYED TO THE NEW YEAR"

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A scheme to stop holidaymakers parking on residential roads around the airport has been delayed to 2016.

Several roads in Wythenshawe are earmarked to become residents-only parking stopping sunseekers leaving their cars for up to three weeks at a time - and taxi drivers hanging around waiting for airport fares.

Residents have been battling for a parking scheme for five years. Around 300 people live on the roads earmarked for the scheme - Shadowmoss Road, from Cornishway upwards, Ringway Road, including Wynfield Avenue and Croyde Close and "Treemar" - Trenchard Drive, Emerald Road and Maroon Road.

The airport offered to foot the 87,000 pounds bill with an extra 10,000 pounds a year to keep it running.

Manchester council, who will run the scheme, told the M.E.N they were working for a September launch - but that date has now been shelved.

A council spokesman said: "We've listened to concerns from residents about parking on their streets, and now aim to have a parking scheme operating in the area very early in the New Year."

"The slight delay is due to an informal consultation we have held with residents, which included sending letters and holding a drop in session to explain the scheme in more detail."

"We have set a slightly longer lead-in time than usual to give residents plenty of time to apply for permits over the Christmas period."

"Our colleagues at Manchester Airport, who are funding the scheme, are fully aware of the timescales we have set and the council will continue to carry out enforcement work to deal with illegal parking in the area before the scheme is set up."

Rod Havercroft, residents' association chairman, said: "How long have we been trying to make this happen? How long's a piece of string."

"The problem is people go on holiday and leave their cars outside our houses for three weeks at a time."

"There have been delays due to council administration and various procedures with statutory notices and consultation."

He said he hoped signs, road markings and resident car registration could start in December for scheme completion in January.

The scheme will work by residents registering their vehicles.

Wardens will then do the rounds to check people are registered and allowed to park there.

Residents would pay 45 pound a year for a parking pass, with visitor passes also available.

Any unregistered cars will be ticketed and could be towed away.

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