

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR INFRASTRUCTURE
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QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 26th FEBRUARY 2024
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 4th MARCH 2024**

Question

“Will the Minister explain the rationale for the proposed 10.1% increase to the cost of residential parking permits, as outlined in [R&O.3/2024](#), following a recent increase in July 2023; and detail what consideration has been given, if any, to the impact these increases will have on those already struggling with the ever-increasing cost of living?”

Answer

St Helier’s Residential Parking Zone (RPZ) permits are defined in a Road Traffic Order and any price increase requires agreement from the Infrastructure Minister before it is amended by Order. The timing of this requires the Parish of St Helier to submit any proposed price changes by November each year which, in turn, means the most recent RPI figures available – which are for September 2023.

Under the terms of the RPZ agreement between the Department of Infrastructure and the Parish, the minimum value of receipts from RPZ permits must cover all associated costs of running the RPZ scheme; these running costs include the enforcement, maintenance and administration of the scheme and associated roads. This was the underlying reason for the increase to RPZ prices for this year and why annual increases are generally linked to RPI.

Whilst it is appreciated there maybe concern in relation to the level of increase given the current economic climate, it may also be helpful to reassure members that the proposed annual cost of RPZ from May 2024 will be between £220.18 and £441.67 and that the average cost of a St Helier RPZ permit will still represent good value when compared to a Season Parking Ticket.

I am also aware that the Constable of St Helier is currently leading a formal review of the Parish’s RPZ Scheme.