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Residential Parking Schemes Make Fairest Possible Use of Available Space

The Government notes the Opposition's Press Release regarding Zone 2 parking. The Government's position on parking is detailed in the Sustainable Traffic, Transport and Parking Plan (STTPP). The Plan clearly explains that Residential Parking Schemes will be implemented as a direct result of stakeholder feedback and involvement, which identified the need for these schemes.

As stated explicitly in the STTPP and its supporting documents, which were subject to public consultation and scrutiny, the Residential Parking Schemes aim to provide residents with an improved chance of parking whilst still supporting the needs of visitors and commercial activities in the area. The Schemes do not aim to guarantee a parking for everyone, but aim to address the issue of demand for parking exceeding the number of available spaces.

To clarify, in Zone 2 there are 2700 unique addresses competing for 500 on-street parking spaces. These spaces were included in order to increase the number of parking spaces available within the Residential Parking Scheme in Zone 2 to residents.

Each Residential Zone has different parking requirements in terms of its residents and other users. Travel data compiled in the development of the STTPP shows that in Zone 2 residents predominately require long-stay parking, whereas commuters from other residential areas, tourists and visitors require shorter-term parking.

Whilst not everyone can be guaranteed to find a parking space at any given time, the Residential Parking Schemes aim to make the fairest possible use of the available parking in the limited room that Gibraltar has. Within Zone 2 there is parking available for all as follows:

- Pay & Display 190 spaces within Ragged Staff Car Park, Romney Huts, Line Wall Road, Landport Ditch and Flat Bastion Road;
- Free day-time parking is available at Landport Ditch, Coaling Island and Mid-Town Car-Park;
- Private Parking facilities are also provided by the ICC Building;
- There is also free parking just outside Zone 2 at Grand Parade.

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