



Birmingham Transport Summit Nottingham's Workplace Parking Levy

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Why a WPL for Nottingham



- Congestion
- Air pollution from vehicle emissions
- Severe financial constraints
- Aging transport infrastructure
- Unlocking economic vitality



WPL – A Different Approach



- Demand management tool
- Applies to employers only
- Modest charge
- Disincentive
- Manage and reduce employers provision of parking
- Encourage sustainable transport
- Ring fenced revenue – inward investment – transport improvements



Legislation & Process



- Transport Act 2000 & WPL Regulations
- Local Traffic Authorities
- Must be “*desirable for directly or indirectly facilitating the achievement of local transport policies*”
- Net proceeds ring-fenced for transport policies

Technical details



Applies to employers who are required to licence for workplace parking places occupied by:

- Employees
- Pupils & students
- Regular Business Visitors

It is the employer of the occupier of the places who is liable

Scalable & Flexible – local decision making



Nottingham's WPL - Outcomes



- 40% of journeys to work now by public transport (pre Covid)
- 33% fall in carbon emissions since 2005
- >£98m for public transport raised
- Unlocked £1.2bn inward investment
- Improved transport infrastructure
 - *New tram network – 19m passengers p.a.*
 - *One of Europe's largest fleet of electric buses*
 - *Improved cycling networks*
 - *Electric vehicle charging infrastructure*
 - *World's largest fleet of Bio-Gas double decker buses*
- Academically evaluated – constraining congestion growth – vibrant local economy



The Nottingham City WPL Model



Nottingham's multi Award Winning WPL Scheme

Without WPL

- there would be no business incentive to minimise parking provision and encourage more sustainable commuter travel
- further public transport investment, particularly NET Phase Two, would have been unaffordable



Lessons Learned



- Clear vision with identified deliverables
- Political stability and resilience
- Properly resourced project team - Communications
- Strong business case