

Smart Park™ Case Study

The ultimate tool for the disabled motorist

What is Smart Park?

The Smart Park is an in-car parking meter, designed to take the hassle out of parking. The size of a pocket calculator, it is a simple and fair parking payment method. Privileges given to disabled motorists are preserved as they are programmed into the Smart Park device.

Based on a smart card, the device is activated by the driver before leaving the vehicle and displayed for inspection. Upon return to the vehicle, the driver simply switches it off and the payment period ends.

How does it work?

Seen as each council has its own laws and regulations for disabled motorists, each council will have its own specially programmed smartcard. The user will simply have to select the correct parking zone and the device will work according to the law. If there is an area where free parking is allowed, Smart Park will simply display the vehicle's license plate number.

How can Smart Park be customised to suit each council's needs?

The Smart Park system can be programmed to suit the needs of each individual council. It can contain the different zones, tariffs, regulations, concessions; can display the vehicle's license number for easy checking. Each council will work on the same system to make it universal across the UK, but each council can have its own smartcard containing the specific laws of that county. Easy to program, any change in law or in tariffs can be entered into the Smart Park device.

What are the benefits for the disabled motorist?

- The disabled motorist can **park hassle free** using the Smart Park device.
- The smartcard **contains all the rules and concessions** that the council allows meaning that the driver will not run the risk of getting a fine for non compliance with the rules.
- **Easy to operate**, no need to go to the pay & display machine when payment is needed. The smartcard is simply inserted into the device and the motorist is charged only for the time parked.

What are the benefits for the council?

- The Smart Park system helps **reduce the amount of fraudulent** use of the disabled permits.
- Any **payment is received in advance** as the system works with pre-paid smartcards.

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- The system is smart enough to store the **rules for each zone and parking area**. It is possible to program the system to give a grace time of for example 3 hours for parking on double yellow lines, and then charge a special fee for motorists who exceed this time limit.
- The **device can be easily checked** by law enforcement officers and displays the time parked, the permit users' vehicle license number and the zone that has been activated.
- Information about the **user's parking history can be downloaded and analysed** – making planning more accurate

Who gains?

Everybody gains from the use of the Smart Park system. The council gives better service to disabled motorists by providing a system that enables hassle free parking payments, the council also sets up a system that is very difficult to abuse, therefore reduces the amount of fraud.

For more information, please visit one of our websites www.Smart Park.co.nz; www.ganis-smartpark.com

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