

The Council of Formentera has struck a deal to rent a 2,778-sq.m. parcel of land at the entry to La Savina – just across from Parc Illes Pitiüses – that will be used for public parking. The lot has capacity for 103 compact cars and ten spaces for oversized vehicles up to ten metres long.

Formentera Council president Jaume Ferrer explained that the measure came as a response to "pleas from individuals which, despite failing to meet the residency requirements in order to obtain the regulated parking decal, were seeking a solution to their predicament".

According to the CiF president: "We want to respond to the needs of those people who don't have the decal, and at the same time prevent this space from turning into a long-term car park". Thus, the lot will be open to any car – with or without decal – for a maximum of five days. To ensure drivers adhere to the five-day minimum, they will be required to print a ticket – cost-free – at the time of parking.

As previously stated, the new lot will contain ten spaces specifically adapted for vehicles up to ten metres long. Ferrer reiterated that, given the new regulations prohibiting parking for any vehicle which exceeds the size of a normal parking space, "this new car park will create a space for oversize vehicles". Such vehicles, unlike regular-sized cars, will be required to exhibit a company parking pass in order to use the new car park.

Satisfaction with the new system

President Ferrer professed he was "both satisfied by and grateful for local response to the project. In a relatively short period of time, a large part of the population has already picked up the parking decals and is making a serious effort to get accustomed to a new style of parking".

The CiF president called to mind the accord with Port Authority, effective this August, by which the Council and the Balearic authority will oversee a shared command of parking in the port.

Ferrer explained that fact was the principal motive behind the current project's speedy rollout, adding "[the project] remains open to improvements – whether based on experience we see on the ground or recommendations from experts and drivers themselves. This was a condition that was made clear from day one at gatherings of the Consell d'Entitats."