

THE ELEMENTS OF A RESIDENTS PARKING SCHEME

With a residents parking scheme all parking on street will be defined. The defined or safe parking spaces will either be for permit holders or paid for (pay & display).

THE EFFECT ON EACH ROAD

Parking bays will be accommodated wherever possible on street. However, there will be a reduction in the amount of on-street parking because parking on corners will be prohibited by yellow lines to improve safety, and all dropped kerbs (the access to your front garden parking) will be protected by a yellow line. Although you may feel that your road does not currently suffer from parking problems, non-resident drivers could start parking in your road if the scheme goes ahead in other roads. In making a recommendation to the Neighbourhood Committee, consideration will be given to all the responses received.

HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?

Residents Permit: It will cost just over £1 per week (£60 per annum) to hold a permit. If you are a resident within the zone and are the keeper of a vehicle, you will be eligible to buy a Resident Permit. This price reflects the costs associated with managing the scheme, employing parking attendants and maintenance of the zone.

A resident may only apply for one permit and each permit will be linked to a specific car registration, however there are no restrictions on the number of permits issued to any household. For example if 2 people live at the same address and each owns a car registered at that address, both can buy a residents permit. If however you have two vehicles and have off-street parking for one vehicle, a single permit can be issued showing both vehicles registration numbers, thus allowing either vehicle to park on street during controlled hours. There is a restriction on the height of vehicles that a permit can be obtained for and large vans; lorries; camper wagons or mobile caravans will generally not be permitted. Quarterly and half yearly permits will also be available. Displaying such a permit will allow you to park in any Permit Bay or Shared Use (pay and display) Bay within the area without further charge, during the hours of operation of the zone.

Resident's Visitors Permit: Residents will be able to buy books of 10 Resident's Visitors Permits at a cost of £10.00 (£1.00 per half day) to give to their visitors. These permits, when displayed, will allow a car or van to park in Permit or Shared Use Bays within the zone. Resident's Visitor Permits can be used by visitors or residents. It is not necessary to hold a Residents Permit to purchase Visitors Permits. The number of books purchased by any household is currently limited to 10 a year to prevent abuse such as sales to non-residents. However, this number can be increased in exceptional circumstances.

Business Permit: Businesses located within the zone will be eligible to purchase up to two permits to meet their operational needs. Vehicles displaying these permits will be able to park in Permit Bays and Shared Use Bays. The cost of permits is £90 for the first, and £150 for the second. Consideration will be given to requests for additional permits but will only be granted in exceptional circumstances.

Shared Use Bays: The Shared Use Bays will be available for anyone upon payment at an adjacent pay and display machine. The cost will be 40p an hour up to a max stay of 4 hours. The minimum fee accepted is 10p for 15 mins. All Shared Use Bays can also be used, without charge, by holders of Residents or Business Permits, as well as Resident's Visitor Permits.

Free time limited Bays: Free parking bays are proposed close to the shopping parade and will permit free short term parking. For longer term parking shared used bays close by can be used.

Disabled Parking: Any designated bays for disabled people within the area will remain unchanged. Anyone displaying a valid blue badge will also be able to park free of charge in any Permit or Shared Use Bay within the area of any new zone.

Motorcycle Parking: Motorcycles will be able to park free of charge within designated Permit and Shared Use bays.

WHAT ABOUT?

Stopping people from obstructing the crossover to my property? The parking bays will terminate at each crossover and the drive is then protected by a single yellow line waiting restriction. This prevents other drivers from obstructing residential access during the hours of operation of the zone. If a vehicle is parked across the access in the controlled hours, the Council's parking attendants will be able to issue a ticket for parking on a yellow line during the stated hours. Outside of the controlled hours the Police may remove the vehicle.

I have a crossover and at the moment I park over it. Will I still be able to do this? No. A yellow line will be placed over the extent of the crossover and will prohibit any vehicle from parking, during the operational hours. You will be able to park once the zone is no longer operational i.e. in the evenings and any days not covered at the weekend.

Deliveries? Provided no obstruction is caused, legitimate delivery vehicles will be able to park free of charge for a max of 20 minutes in parking bays or for 40 minutes on yellow lines whilst loading or unloading providing there are no loading restrictions in place at that location.

Doctors or nurses on call? A doctor or nurse on an urgent visit to your house is able to display a Health Emergency Badge, which enables them to park within parking bays without charge or penalty.

Maintenance Engineers / Builders? A maintenance engineer or builder undertaking a call would be able to use a Resident's Visitors Permit or park in a Shared Use Bay. Special arrangements may be possible when long term building works are being undertaken.

Outside the hours of operation? Outside the operational hours of the zone, no restrictions apply and parking in bays is not controlled or restricted. The single yellow line controls will not apply either, so you may park on them subject to the Highway Code. The exception is where double yellow lines exist, which prevent parking at all times.

DEFINITIONS

Permit Parking Bays: The areas in which Resident, Business and Resident's Visitor Permit holder will be able to park displaying a valid permit. Individual bays will not be marked or specified to any one user. Tickets from pay and display machines are not valid in these bays.

Waiting Restrictions: These are either double or single yellow lines that will protect all junctions, driveways and other unsafe or obstructive parking. Single yellow lines will operate for the same time as the zone, whilst double yellow lines will prohibit parking at all times.

Shared Use Bays: Visitors who do not have access to a Resident's Visitor Permit can purchase tickets from Pay and Display machines located at Shared Use Bays. These will be provided throughout the zone. Shared Use Bays will always be provided at locations that may attract visitors from outside of the area, such as shops, churches and doctors surgeries. These bays will be time limited to a maximum stay of 4hrs. This will provide parking for shoppers, patients etc. whilst preventing all day commuter parking. Resident, Business and Resident's Visitor Permit holders can also park in these bays without further payment.

Hours of operation/control: These are the times of the day when the zone is in operation.