Proposed Permit Parking Scheme

Frequently Asked Questions

**What is the purpose of a permit parking scheme?**

A permit scheme or zone is an area where on-street parking can be controlled in order to help local people park and is usually offered where vehicles not belonging to residents are making parking difficult. The extent of the zone needs to be considered carefully to disperse any displaced parking. It should be noted that the scheme does not guarantee residents a space on the public highway but it helps manage inconsiderate or commuter parking on local roads.

**How does it work?**

Residents will be able to purchase a permit for a specific vehicle allowing them to park in any space reserved for permit holders, identified by signs. The owner of the vehicle must live at the property to which the permit has been issued. Residents will also be able to purchase permits for visitors and limited business permits will be made available. The hours of operation vary according to each zone but restrictions generally operate during the working day Monday to Saturday.

**How do visitor parking permits work?**

Residents can purchase books from the Council containing 5 single-use permits for any visitors. These are like scratch cards and must display the date on which they are used if the visitor needs to park at any time during the restriction.

**How would business permits be managed?**

Priority is given to residents’ parking needs first and the remaining space allocated on a case-by-case basis. The council may limit the number of business permits that can be purchased which would restrict the number of workers who are able to park within the zone. This would be kept under review.

**What does a permit scheme cost?**

The current costs of permits are as follows. Please note that these prices are reviewed annually and could change.

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| Type | Cost for a Yearly Permit | Replacement Permits (lost, stolen, damaged, vehicle registration change) |
| Resident Permit - First | £16 (free for Blue Badge holders) | £11 |
| Resident Permit – Each Additional | £32 | £11 |
| Carers Permit | £16 (£32 if first permit is already issued at the property) | £11 |
| Residents Visitors Permits | £3 for each book of 5 all day tickets | £3 for each book of 5 all day tickets |
| Business Permit | £125 | £20 (£11 for a vehicle change or if a crime reference number is provided for a stolen permit) |

**What if I change my vehicle?**

You will need to apply for a replacement permit specific to the registration of the new vehicle at a cost of £11.00.

**Why would we have to pay for permits?**

The Council cannot commit to any funding after implementation so if there is a demand for the scheme then it would need to be self-financing. The cost of permits is set to cover ongoing operation, administration and maintenance costs only.

**What if I do not own a car but have regular visitors?**

If you do not own a private vehicle you will still be able to purchase visitor parking permits for family, friends and trades people. Those who have a regular carer can apply for an annual carers permit.

**What if I have access to off-street parking?**

If you park on private land such as your own driveway or an off-street designated space, then you will not be required to purchase a residents permit, but you would need to purchase visitor permits if you or any visitors need to park on the road. Plans will be amended to better reflect the proposed extent of the restriction.

**What happens if I have any work done on my house?**

Trade vehicles will need to display a valid visitor permit for each day they park on the public highway during the restriction.

**What would it mean for Blue Badge holders?**

Blue Badge holders would also need to display a valid permit to park within the permit area although their first resident permit would be free of charge. No advisory disabled bays can be marked out within a permit zone and existing road markings would need to be removed.

**How would it be enforced?**

The Council employ a parking enforcement contractor who could issue a Penalty Charge Notice to a vehicle, except an emergency vehicle, which is parked in the permit zone during the hours of restriction and not displaying a valid permit. Enforcement of any new restrictions in Ladywood will be considered as appropriate, alongside existing priorities elsewhere.