

NEWSLETTER

Proposed Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) Erdington



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Thank you to everyone who has responded to the consultation so far and to those who attended the Erdington Ward Committee meeting on 16th September 2015. **The purpose of this newsletter is to provide feedback and to respond to queries that have been raised to date.**

To ensure you have time to register your views we have **extended the consultation deadline to 30th October 2015.**

HOW DID WE GET HERE

Informal consultation was carried out in 2012 in response to some local demand for parking controls in parts of Erdington. Around 69% of respondents were supportive of a permit scheme and other measures proposed across the area. The results provided justification for further work, however, officers were not able to progress any proposals at the time due to Council resources and the prioritisation of other highway schemes across Birmingham.

WHERE ARE WE NOW

We now have the opportunity to carry out further informal consultation to understand what people who live, work and visit Erdington think about the current parking situation and what proposals they would like to see.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

All of the feedback provided at the Ward Committee meeting and during the informal consultation process will be considered and changes will be made to the plans. Depending on the comments received one or more of the proposals could be retained, refined, changed or left out entirely.

After the 30th October deadline the level of support will be reviewed and, where a majority is in favour, a final package of proposals will then be subjected to statutory consultation before any decisions are made by a Cabinet Member. This would be the legal part of the process and would allow for the introduction of a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to support any agreed parking restrictions.

SPECIFIC ISSUES RAISED SO FAR

'Why is no waiting at all times proposed on Moor End Lane.'

The restriction was shown on the plans for informal consultation purposes and was aimed at protecting residents from displaced parking. We are aware of the concerns about no waiting at all times along the length of the road and understand this would be impractical for residents of Moor End Lane. We will consider this road carefully once we have collated all feedback but we are expecting to make significant alterations to the proposal at the next stage.

'The proposals for Orchard Road are unclear... unreasonable.'

A maximum stay of 1 hour between 9am and 5pm has been put forward in line with the existing restrictions on Orchard Road north of Holliday Road. The current plans indicate a gap in the restrictions in the vicinity of a specialist school which is under review and we have become aware of concerns about residents not having access to off-street parking. Please be assured that we will consider all the feedback received in working towards a final recommendation.

'Why are you now proposing restrictions on Dunvegan Road and Bracadale Avenue?'

Originally, these roads were consulted but were not part of the proposals. Following the first consultation it was felt appropriate to offer residents the opportunity to be included. The feedback received will be considered though residents should think about the potential for displaced parking should other controls be put in place.

'What is being proposed in the centre on the High Street and Sutton New Road?'

Along the High Street the Council is proposing an increase in the maximum length of stay from 1 to 2 hours free of charge to help support local trade. We are exploring options to introduce pay for parking on Sutton New Road which would help to increase turnover of spaces for visitors and discourage all day commuter parking.

'What will happen when the new leisure centre is built?'

It is for individual development proposals and planning applications to put forward safe and appropriate access and parking arrangements in view of the situation locally at the time. Please let us know about any concerns you may have and, if you support the restrictions, what days or times you feel would be most appropriate.

'There are parking problems on Church Road...Osborne Road...and Edwards Road with its new Skills Centre.'

The key objective of this informal consultation is to help us understand residents' concerns and determine the level of support for change. Permit schemes, specifically, are intended to help manage parking issues for the benefit of the local community. If you would like a permit scheme, please let us know what days and hours of restriction you feel would be necessary where you live and why.

'There are errors or inconsistencies in the consultation documents' and 'maps are not clear.'

This is an informal consultation stage with no legal implication and is aimed at helping the Council understand the current situation and what local people want. The proposals, including proposed days and times of restriction, are all open for discussion at this stage. There will be further statutory stage of consultation where anyone can formally object to one or more of the proposals.

'We haven't been consulted.'

Consultation packs were hand-delivered to each property in August although could have been mistaken for unsolicited mail. There is still plenty of time to visit the website and get involved.

CONSULTATION DEADLINE EXTENDED TO 30th OCTOBER

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.

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, such as those in Swan Gardens, 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. Dedicated disabled bays are expected to remain on High Street, Barnabas Road, Mason Road and Wilton Road for the sole use of badge holders outside the permit zone.

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 Erdington will be considered as appropriate, alongside existing priorities elsewhere.

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