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A Controlled Parking Zone for Birmingham Newtown (St Georges)

Pollution in the air, mainly caused by vehicles on the roads, is having a harmful effect on the health of people living, working, and studying in the city.

Birmingham continues to take action. We have introduced a Clean Air Zone (CAZ) including all roads within the A4540 Middleway Ring Road (but not the Middleway itself). Drivers of the most polluting vehicles have to pay a daily charge to travel through the area covered by the zone. We hope that people will choose not to pay this charge but will instead travel in another way, such as walking, cycling or public transport.

To find out more about the CAZ, and the ways in which we can all help improve Birmingham's air quality, visit: www.brumbreathes.co.uk

Birmingham Transport Plan

The plan contains a set of principles that will guide investment in transport so that it is able to serve a future Birmingham that is home to more people and that is a better environment in which to live and work for everyone irrespective of age, disability or income.

These measures are designed to:

- Reduce transport's damaging impact on the environment, supporting Birmingham's commitment to becoming a carbon neutral city by 2030
- Eliminate road danger particularly in residential areas
- Connect people with new job and training opportunities
- Reconnect communities by prioritising people over cars
- Revitalise the city centre and local centres.

You can download a copy of the Birmingham Transport Plan here -

https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/downloads/file/14861/birmingham_transport_strategy

Clean Air Zone additional measures – on-street parking

Additional schemes have been introduced throughout the Clean Air Zone to introduce parking controls on all streets to prevent anyone parking all day for free. The aim of these is to discourage people from driving into the Clean Air Zone and should make it easier for residents of the CAZ who have vehicles to park near to their homes.

Newtown (St Georges) is one of two remaining areas within the A4540 Ring Road that has yet to have Controlled Parking introduced.

We initially consulted with residents and businesses on our proposals for a Controlled Parking Zone in 2019. However, due to the outbreak of COVID-19, the implementation of the Controlled Parking Zone was delayed. This has enabled us to take on board the feedback gained from the original consultation and ensure it aligns with the latest version of the Birmingham Transport Plan. The benefit of consulting again also allows us to capture the views from residents in the new areas of housing have been built in the Newtown (St Georges) area since the original consultation.

Newtown (St Georges) parking scheme

We will be adding parking controls on streets in the Newtown (St Georges) area in 2024 and would like your views on the parking measures that we are proposing. The area covered by this scheme is on the map attached.

On streets where people live, we are proposing a resident permit scheme operating every day between 8am and 6pm. During these times only vehicles displaying a Newtown (St Georges) resident parking permit (or resident's visitor permit) would be allowed to park there. Only local residents will be able to apply for permits. The cost of one Newtown (St Georges) resident permit per property will be paid for by the council (using CAZ income) for the first two years, after which residents will have to purchase permits.

On other streets in the area where it is safe to park, paid-for parking bays would apply between 8am and 6pm with payment being required using a "Pay by Smartphone App". Business permits would be available to allow local workers to park in these pay & display bays, at a cost of £376.00** per year.

Where paid-for parking bays are not present then parking would be prohibited (double yellow lines).

Overnight, both resident parking spaces and "paid-for parking" bays would be freely available for anyone to use without cost.

Find out more and have your say

Full details of the proposals, including street by street plans of the parking restrictions and frequently asked questions about permit parking can be found online at <https://www.birminghambeheard.org.uk/economy/stgeorgesparking2024>. If you do not have access to the internet, printed plans and documents can be viewed at the Library of Birmingham, (Centenary Square, B1 2ND) during the library's opening hours.

A drop-in session will be held at Manton House Common Room, (Alma Street North, Newtown, B19 2RJ) on **Tuesday 5th March 2024 between 10am and 12noon and 5pm and 7pm**. Members of the project team will be available to discuss proposals and answer any questions.

Consultation closes on Sunday 24 March 2024.

What happens next?

After the consultation closes, we will review all your responses and make any necessary changes to the plans. After this, there will be a period of legal consultation on the Traffic Regulation Order before the scheme can be implemented.

We plan to introduce the changes in 2024. At this time, we will contact you again with details of the final plans and how to apply for permits.

If you have any questions, you can contact us on transport.projects@birmingham.gov.uk

Yours faithfully,

Robert Bird
Principal Transport Delivery Officer

** Charges quoted are subject to periodic review by the Parking Team and approval by Birmingham City Council.