

On-street parking around the University of Birmingham and Birmingham hospitals

Recent expansions at the University of Birmingham and facilities on the Queen Elizabeth Hospital site mean that more people are now travelling to this area. Together with new homes and an increase in car ownership, there are now significant pressures on parking in local streets. This can have a negative impact on access for deliveries, buses and waste vehicles, and on the safety of all road users. Many properties do not have private off-street parking, and so there are increasing demands on the limited supply of public on-street parking spaces. We are therefore proposing measures that prioritise parking provision for local residents in local streets, and improve access and safety of local roads.

We are working with the university and hospitals to encourage as many people as possible to make their trips by public transport, cycling and walking. Where this is not possible, we want to make sure that visiting cars are parked in appropriate places, with local residents having priority for the kerb space near their homes.

This work is part of the Hospitals and University Campus Masterplan, a key objective of which is 'to reduce the demand for car based travel to the campus, and address the impact of congestion and on-street parking on the local community'.

Frequently Asked Questions...

What is the purpose of a resident parking scheme?

A resident parking 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 (especially right outside their property), but it helps to manage inconsiderate or commuter parking on local roads.

Only the permit holders will be able to park within the designated bays on the roads covered by the scheme during the hours of operation.

Will I be eligible for a permit?

If you live within one of the streets proposed for permit parking, you will be eligible to purchase a permit and you will be permitted to park anywhere within your area, as shown on the plans. The amount of permits available will be linked to the number of spaces available on-street.

How to obtain a permit?

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. Permits can be obtained via the Birmingham City Council website:

www.birmingham.gov.uk/resident-permit

www.birmingham.gov.uk/business-permit

Can I still have visitors?

Residents will also be able to purchase permits for their visitors. The visitor permits come in a book of 5, each entitling a visitor to park for 24 hours. The hours of operation vary according to each zone, details can be found on the plans.

How many permits can I buy?

Resident permits will be limited to 1 per household in the first instance, if demand does not exceed the number of permits available then second permits will be made available. No household will be able to apply for more than 2 permits. If demand for the permits exceeds the amount of permits available then a waiting list will be formed.

How much will a permit cost?

Type	Cost for a Yearly Permit	Replacement Permits*
Resident Permit – First	£19	£12
Resident Permit – Second	£38	£12
Visitors Permits x 5	£3.75	n/a
Business Permit	£142	£12**

* Lost, stolen, damaged or vehicle registration change

** Stolen Permit - crime reference number must be provided

Please note that these prices are reviewed annually and are subject to change.

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 £12.

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 an 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. You would need to purchase visitor permits if you or any visitors need to park on the road.

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 will a permit scheme mean for the Blue Badge holders?

Blue Badge holders will 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; these would be removed and replaced with mandatory disabled bays.

How will it be enforced?

The Council employ a parking enforcement contractor who can issue a Penalty Charge Notice to any vehicle (except emergency vehicles) which is parked in the permit zone or marked bay during the hours of restriction and not displaying a valid permit.

What about the business permits?

Priority is given to residents' parking needs first but a limited number of business permits may be made available to employees working within the areas. These will be available on a first come first served basis. The number of permits available for business use will be kept under review.