

CPZ Proposals - Frequently Asked Questions

What is a Controlled Parking Zone?

A Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) is an area where all of the kerbside space is managed by way of yellow lines or parking places.

What are the benefits of a CPZ?

Parking controls manage who can park and, depending on the type of user, how long they can park for. Long-stay parking by non-residents is discouraged, leaving more space for residents and their visitors. Maximum lengths of stay create a turnover of parking that benefits businesses, improving accessibility for customers.

Would I need to pay to park?

If the proposal was to proceed, parking charges would only be introduced after the work to implement the CPZ was completed. Where a CPZ is to be implemented, the Council contacts residents and businesses as work nears completion with everything they need to know.

Would I need a permit to park?

Parking controls would only take effect following the completion of any works to install lines and signs. The Council would send out details of when and how to apply for a permit in advance.

How does a Permit Parking Area work?

Only residents of a certain road/roads may park in a Permit Parking Area (PPA). Whilst there are generally no road markings, except for some individual marked bays (such as pay and display or disabled persons' parking places), signs will show that parking is permitted only by specific permit holders. Residents who hold a PPA permit may park elsewhere in the wider zone (excluding other PPAs), however, only those with a specific PPA permit may park within it.

Is the Council proposing controls on private property?

CPZ proposals only affect roads that have been adopted for maintenance by the Council. Any concerns raised regarding restrictions extending onto private roads will be subject to further investigation as part of the ongoing review process. Please note that the Council does not actively pursue the adoption of roads.

Is it possible to get a permit for a work van or a company car?

Yes. If you have a work vehicle, then you do need evidence from your place of work to show that you are the main driver of that vehicle, but it is possible to get a permit in such circumstances.

Is it possible to get a permit for my moped or motorbike?

Yes. Permits for motorcycles are currently issued for free.

Where could I park during any works?

We would work street by street across different parts of the zone, so you would be able to park in neighbouring streets.

Would there be any new lines and signs?

To make sure that parking could be managed effectively, we would need to introduce new signs and road markings. We would keep these to the minimum required and, if possible, would attach signs to existing buildings and railings (only after contacting relevant residents or businesses to seek permission).

I have a blue badge, how might a new CPZ affect me?

Blue badge holders who live in a CPZ and own a vehicle are entitled to a free permit; they are also entitled to additional visitor permits at a reduced rate. Blue badge holders can park without limit of time and without payment in pay and display bays and shared-use bays. The allowance to park on certain yellow lines would still apply.

What provisions would there be for carers?

The Council offers Essential User Parking Permits to qualifying healthcare workers. Carers can currently make use of pay-and-display parking or visitor permits, should they need to park a vehicle within any CPZ. Any blue badge holder would be entitled to receive a double allocation of visitor permits (at reduced cost) that could be used to allow carers to visit. The Council is currently preparing proposals to make additional arrangements for carers, in the form of Carers' Permits.