

Parking in your street

Frequently asked questions

Q Who is entitled to purchase a resident parking permit?

A Any resident who lives at an eligible address within the designated scheme and is the main insured driver of a motor vehicle, small van or motorcycle is able to apply for a permit. You can apply for up to three permits per household and per year (unless specified otherwise).

Q What are the charges for parking permits?

A The cost of a resident permit for a standard scheme (Monday – Friday 9am – 5pm / 40 hours) is £52 per year, but varies depending on the amount of operational hours.

As a Resident Parking Scheme (RPS) directly benefits residents that live in the streets covered by the proposed scheme, the cost of permits is paid for by residents.

Q Can visitors park in permit holder's only areas?

A Residents would be able to apply for visitor permits which cost £12 each and allow 5 separate visits. You can apply for up to 20 permits per year. Tradespeople permits are also available for those working in an RPS. Residents do not need to hold a valid residents permit or own a vehicle to apply for visitor permits.

Q What if I am a Blue Badge holder?

A Blue badge holders can park without a permit in a residents parking area, for an unlimited amount of time, when displaying a valid blue badge.

Q When would permit parking restrictions apply?

A The proposed scheme would be operational during the days and times set out by your local County Councillor. Vehicles parked in designated permit holder bays without displaying a valid permit during these hours may be issued a Penalty Charge Notice (PCN). At other times drivers would not need a permit to park.

Q Will the introduction of a residents' parking scheme guarantee me a parking space or increase parking capacity?

A Schemes would work on a first-come-first-served basis: A permit does not guarantee that a parking space will be available and bays are not assigned to individual properties. However, residents would be able to park in any street in their zone.

The introduction of parking controls may result in an overall reduction in available space as it will be necessary to have some yellow lines to ensure that larger vehicles, such as emergency vehicles and refuse trucks are able to get through.

Q What if I am receiving short or long-term care in my own home?

A Residents that receive care in their own home can apply for medical permits which are free of charge. These permits can be used by anyone who provides care including friends and family.



Q How will this affect businesses, such as shops?

A In some RPS we allocate short-stay pay and display spaces near shops and other business premises to encourage a regular turnover of parking. Businesses operating within a RPS may be eligible for a permit.

Q What about parking on the footway alongside the road?

A The Council receives a lot of complaints about parked cars blocking footways for pedestrians, pushchairs and wheelchairs. We cannot introduce a parking scheme that allows parking on the footway and forces vulnerable road users to walk in the road. The exception to this is in streets where such an arrangement is already in place and spaces have been formally marked as such.

Q Will we have to have signs and road markings in the street?

A It is essential that drivers are aware of where they can and cannot park. Generally speaking, where parking is permitted the areas will be marked out as white boxes with upright signs alongside. Where parking is not allowed, yellow lines are used. In some schemes it is not practical to mark out bays on the road. In such areas, there will be zone entry signs and repeater signs but no bay markings. These schemes are known as Permit Parking Areas (PPA).

Q How will the scheme affect the use of my private driveway?

A You do not need a permit to park on your driveway or any other private areas of land. If you have a constructed and utilised access with dropped kerbs, we will not mark a bay across it. However, if you use your garden to park on and do not have dropped kerbs this is an unauthorised vehicular access and we may allow parking across your frontage. In this situation, you may wish to consider applying for dropped kerbs and you can obtain more information on our website via this link –www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/roads-and-pathways/dropped-kerbs-and-access-protection-markings

Q What is a PPA (Permit Parking Area)?

A A Permit Parking Area is a different way in which a Residents' Parking Scheme is signed and does not constitute a different scheme in itself. Within a PPA the number of repeater signs may be reduced, and there is no requirement to mark out bays within the area. This is generally considered in a small cul-de-sac, that is not a through road.

Q Do I need to respond?

A There is no obligation to respond. The scheme requires a consensus to move to the statutory stage and only schemes that are supported by over 50% of those who respond will progress. It is important that we gather as much feedback from residents as possible to create informed proposals based on the needs and views of your area.

For more information about Resident Parking Schemes and permits, please visit:

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents-parking