

Controlled Parking Zones (CPZ) - Questions and answers

What is a Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ)?

CPZs are introduced to protect the parking needs of residents and their visitors, as well as the needs of local businesses. It makes it easier for residents to park near their homes by having parking places allocated for permit holders, who must prove they live in that area. Only permit holders are able to park in permit parking bays in the area during set times. CPZs are not in force on bank holidays.

Parking bays are marked in the carriageway to indicate to motorists where they can park. Single and double yellow lines are introduced to maintain the free flow of traffic, or for safety reasons. Single yellow lines indicate where motorists cannot park during the times of operation, which are indicated on the entry signs. No parking is allowed at any time on double yellow lines.

In some areas Permit Parking areas (PPAs) schemes may be used which are identified using 'Permit holders only past this point' signs. In these cases, parking bays will not be marked, and signs will be installed on the entry to the parking areas. This allows us to remove the need for marked parking bays and posts & signs, whilst maximising kerb space and reducing the environmental impact of the street scene.

Why is the CPZ being introduced?

Following on from concerns raised in relation to commuter and erroneous parking, the council undertook an informal parking engagement in the area; and to address the majority of the parking issues raised, it has been agreed to progress with the implementation of an experimental (trial) CPZ scheme.

What are the types of parking bays?

The CPZ proposed for your road could have the following types of parking bays:

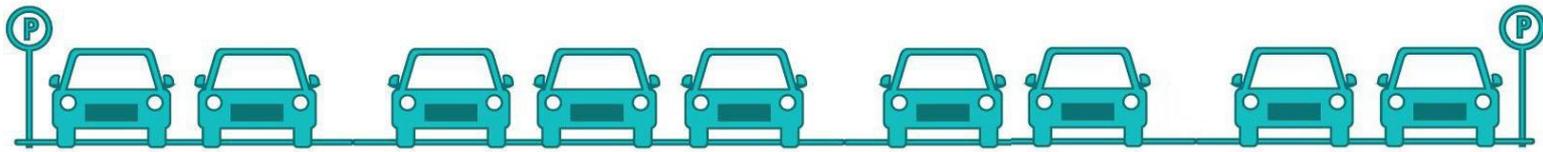
- **Resident Permit holder bays** are for resident permit holders. They are also available for visitors displaying a valid visitor voucher and disabled (blue) badge holders.
- **Permit holder bays** are for holders of residents', business or carers' permits. They are also available for visitors displaying a valid residents' visitor permit and disabled (blue) badge holders.
- **Shared use bays** are for holders of residents' or business permits for an unlimited time, or by other motorists for short-term paid for parking.
- **Short stay parking bays** are for motorists for a maximum time period (usually 30 minutes) – paid parking.
- **Disabled resident parking bays** are for residents who are disabled (blue) badge holders and are eligible for a disabled resident parking bay. This type of bay is usually located outside the disabled resident's home.
- **Electric Vehicle charging bays** Barnet Council has made a commitment to reaching net zero and improving air quality across the Borough through the Long-Term Transport Strategy and Sustainability Strategy Framework. To encourage the use of electric vehicles, we are committed to the rollout of electric charge points across the Borough.

Would I be eligible for a permit?

To be eligible for a residents parking permit, you must live and have a vehicle registered at an address within a CPZ. Permits are available for most vehicle types, provided that the vehicle is not more than 2.3m in height.

Each household would be entitled to purchase up to **4** residents' permits. Whether or not you own a vehicle, you may want to obtain resident visitors' permits. Both digital and scratch card visitor permits are available, other type of permits are also available.

Residents within the CPZ who live in a private road, or a car free/restricted development will not be entitled to purchase visitors' vouchers. Permit holders will not be permitted to park within a private road, or a car free/restricted development.



Would I have to buy a permit?

If you are a resident who lives within the CPZ and wish to park your vehicle on-street during the hours of control, then you would need to purchase a permit. **Permit applications are available to purchase online via registration on the Barnet Council website at www.barnet.gov.uk/parking/parking-permits-and-vouchers** where you can also find further information on permit eligibility.

For short periods you would be able to pay to park in short stay or shared use bays, but for longer periods residents may find it more beneficial to have a permit. Whether or not you own a vehicle, you may want to obtain resident visitors' permits. Both digital and scratch card visitor permits are available, other type of permits are also available. For further information on permits, please visit: www.barnet.gov.uk/parking/parking-permits-and-vouchers.

How much will a parking permit cost me?

Permit charges: The annual cost of a parking permit for residents in Barnet is comparable to neighbouring areas, with the average daily cost equating to just 22p!

PERMIT TYPE	FEE FOR 12 MONTHS (3-month permits are also available)
First resident permit (average emissions vehicle) *	£83.08
Second resident permit (average emissions vehicle) *	£111.37
Blue badge holders	Free
Fully electric vehicles	£18.81

**Diesel surcharges apply.*

Daily visitor permits (maximum 200 per household, per year) are available to residents, from £3 per day!

How will this apply to Disabled (Blue) Badge holders?

Parking for Residents

If you are a Blue Badge holder and have an existing disabled bay that is already allocated to you, this will be included within the CPZ and will not affect your ability to park in the bay. These bays are for disabled resident permit holders' use only. Disabled residents' permits are issued for free. Non-resident blue badge holders cannot use these bays.

If you are a Blue Badge holder and do not have a dedicated disabled bay allocated, you will be able to park free of charge in any residential parking bay within the CPZ, alternatively you may be able to apply for a designated disabled parking place where there is proven difficulty in parking near to your home, and no suitable alternative off street parking is available.

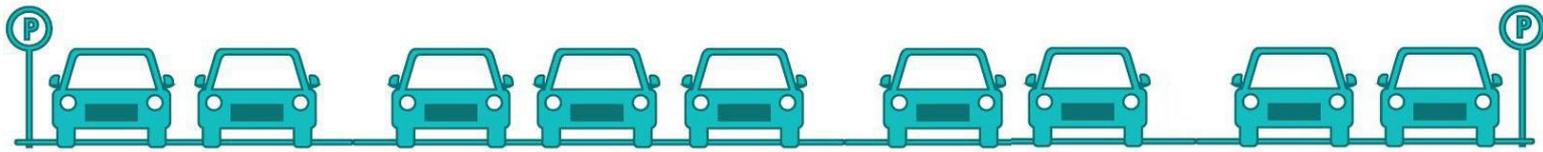
If you have already made an application for a resident disabled bay, please be advised that they will be processed as swiftly as possible and in accordance with normal procedures.

Blue Badge holders who are not eligible can park in any permit holder bay when displaying their blue badge.

Blue Badge holder residents who do not have a disabled bay within easy reach can alternatively purchase a residents' permit and park in a permit holder bay.

Parking for disabled visitors

(Blue Badge) holders can park for free for an unlimited time in a Resident Permit Holder parking bay provided their blue badge is displayed.



What parking would be available?

Parking will mainly consist of either permit holder parking or shared-use parking, both of which can be used by permit holders. Shared-use parking can also be used by Pay to Park customers, upon payment of the relevant charge. There may also be some Pay to Park places near to shops. Disabled bays are provided in suitable locations in our town centres and high street areas.

Where can't I park?

Yellow lines indicate where vehicles should not park to maintain the free flow of traffic, or for safety reasons. Single yellow lines operate during the controlled hours of a zone unless signs indicate otherwise. Double yellow lines are operational 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Where would my visitors park during the CPZ hours?

Residents can obtain residents' visitor permits as detailed on www.barnet.gov.uk/parking/parking-permits-and-vouchers. Your guests and visitors can use these vouchers to park in resident permit holders, permit holders only or in any 'permit holders past this point' area within the controlled hours.

What about visitors who do not have use of residents' visitor permits?

Visitors may park in permit bays, shared use bays or short-stay bays at any time that parking controls are not in operation. Please check the signs within parking bays for further details. There will be a number of shared use or short stay parking bays where visitors can park for a limited period of time.

Will there be Pay and Display (ticket) machines?

There will be no new Pay & Display parking bays introduced. Casual visitors who are not visiting residents can use the shared use or short stay parking bays and pay using the cashless phone payment system.

Will there be any arrangements for carers?

Yes. Carers' Permits can be obtained by providing a letter from the resident's GP, stating that they are responsible for the resident's care needs, and proof of address. A Carers' Permit is free and can be used in Resident Permit Holder bays.

Will I be allowed to load and unload within a CPZ and can I accept deliveries?

Loading and unloading will be permitted in all parking places within a CPZ for up to 40 minutes in all parking bays without the need to display a permit or visitor voucher, provided that the loading and unloading activity is seen to be continuous. This will also apply on any yellow line restriction provided that loading restrictions aren't in operation.

Are CPZs just another way for the Council to make money?

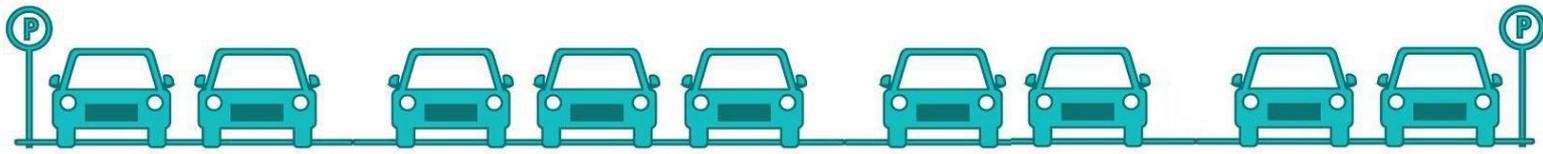
No. The income received from permits contribute towards the cost of introducing, enforcing and maintenance of the CPZs in the borough. If funds are generated through CPZs, then the Council is legally obliged to reinvest this in transport related improvements across the borough. This cost is not included in Council Tax because it is not applicable to residents who do not require parking.

Why were the operational times chosen?

Several factors including the feedback received during the engagement were considered, and the results indicated that many residents were experiencing parking problems in their road. The severity of the parking issues raised within the area and the nature of the comments received were also used to determine which methods of control would be most appropriate to help alleviate and address the issues and concerns raised.

How is parking enforced?

Any vehicle parked in a Resident Permit Holder or Permit Holders Only bays without a valid permit, on the footway, on a yellow line, or overstaying in a restricted bay, is likely to be issued with a Penalty Charge Notice (parking ticket). Visitors who park in Pay by Phone/shared use bay without purchasing a session or displaying a visitor's voucher will likely be issued with a Penalty Charge Notice.



What about motorbikes?

Solo motorcycles can park without charge in the parking bays.

I have a driveway; can I apply for a permit?

Residents who are eligible for permits and have a driveway are able to apply for permits in the normal way.

How many permits can I purchase?

Households can hold up to a maximum of **4** resident permits at any one time. You can apply for a 12-month or a 3-month permit. More information on permits can be found here <https://www.barnet.gov.uk/parking/parking-permits>

How many vouchers can I purchase?

Households can only purchase a maximum of **200** visitor permits in a **12-month period** across both types of permit offerings. Visitors vouchers are valid for a full day. More information on visitors vouchers can be found here <https://www.barnet.gov.uk/parking/parking-permits/visitors-parking-permits>

Why did I previously not receive a letter?

Letters are hand delivered when the informal consultation begins. Subsequent letters are sent informing residents of the outcome of the engagement and if agreed, further details of the proposed schemes. Any residents who have any queries related to the proposals can find further information on our Engage Barnet webpage via engage.barnet.gov.uk or email parking.consultations@barnet.gov.uk.

Where can I find the results of the informal consultation?

A Chief Officer Decision report is published under the 'Council Decisions' section on the Governance webpage here <https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/uucoverpage.aspx> and further details of the outcome of the engagement are available to view on the council's Engage Barnet website at engage.barnet.gov.uk.

What Roads will the CPZ include?

The lengths of roads and properties eligible to buy permits within the trial CPZ area are provided in the correspondence sent to you once the scheme has been approved. These details of this can also be found online at engage.barnet.gov.uk.

I have a parking permit; can I park anywhere within the zone?

Residents who have a valid parking permit for their vehicle can park in any residential parking place within their CPZ.

Why have additional parking restrictions e.g. Double Yellow Lines been implemented in my road?

Double yellow lines will be implemented at junctions, bends or within a cul-de-sac, so that road safety is enhanced, and sightlines are not obstructed. Single yellow lines will be introduced in some sections of a road to create passing places so that traffic flow is improved.

For additional information please visit our parking webpage at www.barnet.gov.uk/parking