

Controlled Parking Zones explained in full and FAQs

A CPZ is a system of parking bays and parking permits that prioritises parking for local residents, businesses and their visitors and customers. It deters the parking of non-resident and commuter-type motorists in locations dedicated to permit holders, making it easier for residents to park near their homes, and access to business to be maintained. Yellow lines may be put in additionally in areas where there are specific parking issues which would benefit from greater regulation.

How do CPZs work?

Parking bays and single yellow lines operate during specified operational times. A CPZ and its operational times are indicated by signage when entering a CPZ and on corresponding parking bays. Signs will also indicate when you are exiting a CPZ. Parking, indicated by parking bays, will only be permitted where it is considered safe to do so; yellow lines are marked out in locations where parking would be dangerous or cause an obstruction – i.e. on bends, corners, dropped kerbs and junctions.

The single yellow lines would operate for the same time as the CPZ unless indicated otherwise by signage adjacent to the line. Only resident and business permit holders will be able to park in permit parking bays in the area during the CPZ operational times. Each parking bay will be signed accordingly and will display a permit code depicting who may park in the bay. Permit holders will be able to park in the parking bays with the corresponding code. Parking bays will not be in force on Christmas Day, Good Friday and Bank holidays.

Parking may take place in the parking bays without the need to display a valid permit or voucher and on yellow lines if no obstruction is being caused when the CPZ or yellow lines are NOT in operation. In some locations, double yellow lines can be introduced for safety reasons to deter obstruction, and maintain sightlines and traffic flow. No parking will be allowed at any time on these lines.

What are Resident Permit bays?

Resident Permit holder bays are for resident permit holders. They are also available for visitors displaying a valid visitor voucher.

What are 'Past this point' parking areas?

'Past this point' is a form of controlled parking which is managed without the introduction of parking bays or yellow lines. These areas are usually used in a cul-de-sac or a small network of roads with little or no through traffic. This type of zone aims to reduce the visual intrusion of road markings and signs and maximise parking provision in locations where parking demand is high but available kerb space is low. Roads within 'Past this point' areas would not have marked out designated parking bays or yellow lines but restrictions will be enforced through roadside signs. This would mean that only zone entry signs would be needed on each road stating 'permit holders parking only past this point' with the operational period and occasional repeater signs that will state 'permit holders only' with the operational times.

How much will a parking permit cost me?

The current charges for parking permits are listed under Appendix 1 below. Other permit types are also available. For further information please go to <https://www.barnet.gov.uk/citizen-home/parking-roads-and-pavements/Parking/parking-permits.html>

Please note that permit and voucher charges are subject to review and change.

Resident Permits are issued electronically, so you do not need to display a paper copy in your vehicle. Some other permits are paper copies and will therefore need to be displayed in your vehicle.

What about my visitors?

Visitors may park in resident permit bays during their hours of operation by activating a visitor voucher for their vehicle. Visitor vouchers are purchased by residents and are issued electronically, and can be activated for use in advance of the visitor arriving or immediately. For those without access to the internet or prefer not to use virtual vouchers, visitor vouchers can also be issued in paper scratchcard form and used by scratching off the relevant time and date and displaying in the vehicle. Visitor vouchers are single use and are valid for 1 day.

Will there be any special 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.

What happens if I need a delivery?

Continual (observed) loading/unloading is permitted for up to 40 minutes in parking bays or on single yellow lines, as long as no obstruction is being caused.

What about motorbikes?

Solo motorcycles can park without charge in the parking bays.

How is parking enforced?

Any vehicle parked in a Resident Permit Holder bay without a valid permit, or on the footway, or on a yellow line, or overstaying in a restricted bay, is likely to be issued with a Penalty Charge Notice (parking ticket).

Will I be able to park across my dropped kerb (vehicle crossover)?

No, not during the CPZ hours of operation. A yellow line waiting restriction will be marked across all dropped kerbs which will deter all vehicles from parking. Any vehicle parked on a yellow line, including residents, during the hours of operation will receive a Penalty Charge Notice.

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

Blue Badge holders living in the CPZ, who use Disabled Persons' parking bay provided at their request close to their home, will see no change to their bays.

How will this apply to Disabled (Blue) Badge holders? - Parking for disabled visitors

Blue Badge holders can park for free for an unlimited time in the ordinary Resident Permit Holder parking bays provided their Blue badge is displayed.

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

No. The income received from permits contributes towards the enforcement 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.

Appendix 1 - Parking permit charges

Current costs and charges

Resident permit prices are based on vehicle CO2 emissions. Permits are valid for a year. Until 1 September 2020, we have introduced a three month resident permit to help spread the cost of your parking permit. You can apply, or renew, choosing your preferred duration of either three months or a year (12 month).

If you have a diesel car, you will be charged £10 per car on top of the relevant price band. Until 1 September 2020, the diesel surcharge will not apply. This is to provide greater flexibility to residents by allowing permits to be issued for three month periods, without needing to pay the diesel surcharge upon each renewal of the permit.

If you have more than one household car, you will be charged £25 per additional permit on top of the relevant price band.

If your vehicle has 7 passenger seats or more, you can apply for a reduction on your permit price. The discount only applies if your vehicle falls into band 7 or above. The discount excludes any supplements which apply if your car is a diesel vehicle, or if you have more than one household car.

If your vehicle has been imported into the UK, was first registered before 1 March 2001, or has been modified, our permit system may not be able to retrieve emissions data for your vehicle. This is because the details are not held by the DVLA. Your permit price will be calculated using the engine size (cylinder capacity).

Please refer to the below table.

Band	CO2 g/km Emissions	Engine size (cc) equivalent	Annual Price 1st Permit	Annual Price Additional Permit	Three Month Price 1st Permit	Three Month Price Additional Permit	Annual Price 7+ Seater Vehicle Permit	Three Month Price 7+ Seater Vehicle Permit
1	0		£15.00	£40.00	£3.75	£10.00	£15.00	£3.75
2	1-50		£25.00	£50.00	£6.25	£12.50	£25.00	£6.25
3	51-75		£25.00	£50.00	£6.25	£12.50	£25.00	£6.25
4	76-90		£50.00	£75.00	£12.50	£18.75	£50.00	£12.50
5	91-100	up to 1000cc	£50.00	£75.00	£12.50	£18.75	£50.00	£12.50
6	101-110	1000cc to 1099cc	£50.00	£75.00	£12.50	£18.75	£50.00	£12.50
7	111-130	1100cc to 1200cc	£65.55	£90.55	£16.39	£22.64	£65.00	£16.25
8	131-150	1201cc to 1300cc	£71.25	£96.25	£17.81	£24.06	£65.00	£16.25
9	151-170	1301cc to 1549cc	£85.50	£110.50	£21.38	£27.63	£65.00	£16.25
10	171-190	1550cc to 1800cc	£99.75	£124.75	£24.94	£31.19	£65.00	£16.25
11	191-200	1801cc to 1900cc	£114.00	£139.00	£28.50	£34.75	£65.00	£16.25
12	201-225	1901cc to 2449cc	£142.50	£167.50	£35.63	£41.88	£71.25	£17.81
13	226-255	Over 2450cc	£171.00	£196.00	£42.75	£49.00	£85.50	£21.38
14	256+		£182.25	£207.25	£45.56	£51.81	£91.35	£22.84