

Explanatory Notes

How does a Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) work?

Permits are required to park in the CPZ during the days and times it operates. Residents and businesses in the CPZ are eligible to apply for these permits, which include – for residents – permits for their visitors.

There is flexibility to shape the CPZ to meet local needs, but consideration also needs to be given to potential mis-understandings of inconsistency, and efficiency of enforcement:

- CPZ restrictions can operate only on specified days / times (e.g. Monday to Friday 8am to 6.30pm) or at all times. The restrictions only apply to the highway, so do not affect parking on driveways etc.
- A CPZ will usually allow non-permit holders to park for a short time (typically 2 hours) without the need for a permit during the time the CPZ restrictions apply, either in designated places, or throughout the zone.
- Most new CPZ's in residential areas will allow parking anywhere, except where yellow lines are marked or where there are places marked for special uses (e.g. disabled person parking places). It is then up to drivers to ensure that they park responsibly and in accordance with the Highway Code, including where they choose to park partly on a pavement. *This approach is only possible where the same restrictions apply throughout the CPZ – signs are provided at the entries to the CPZ and also at regular intervals within the CPZ.*
- In areas where there is a mix of residential and business premises, the CPZ may have parking places marked on the street (including where vehicles are allowed to park partly on the pavement) – each parking place will have a sign saying what restrictions apply - the restrictions in a parking place may change at different times of the day / day of the week.

How many permits are issued to residents and how much do they cost?

- Each property eligible for parking within a CPZ will be permitted to apply for a maximum of TWO permits. Where parking capacity does not allow for two permits per household, it may be restricted to one.
- Residents who believe they have a genuine need for the allocation of additional residents permits for a property may apply to the council for a review. Each request will be considered on a case by case basis and the authority retains the right to limit or withdraw the permits issued to a property at any time.

Note – Restrictions apply on some properties and developments which will take precedent.'

- The current annual cost for up to two permits is currently £65 each.

- Residents (aged 17 or over) would be able to apply for up to 50 visitor parking permits per year; the first block of 25 issued are free, and the second block of 25 currently cost £25. A cap is applied of a maximum of 100 visitor permits per property.
- Properties which were granted planning permission on the basis of being car-free developments (for example purpose-built student accommodation) will not be eligible for any permits.

The above is a very brief summary of the proposed eligibility for permits for residents – special provisions apply for businesses, Blue badge holders, carers, contractor’s vehicles etc. More detailed information on permit eligibility as provided in the current CPZ’s in Oxford can be found at: <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/public-site/parking-permits>

Which roads would be included in a CPZ in the area?

Please refer to the additional document enclosed to see the list of affected roads.

What happens next?

It is anticipated that the feedback from the consultations will be presented to elected members in Spring 2021, where priorities will be set for a future programme of new parking zones in the City. Subject to approval and funding, formal consultations on new schemes are likely to start later this year.

Any objections to the formal consultation will be reported to the Oxfordshire County Council Cabinet Member for Environment’s decisions meeting – these are public meetings, which members of the public may apply to address. The date of this meeting will be given in the letter you will receive for the formal consultation.