

WHAT IS A CONTROLLED PARKING ZONE (CPZ)?

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The key objective of managing parking is to reduce and control non-essential parking and assist residents, short-term visitors and the local businesses. Within any CPZ, only those within the zone are entitled to permits. This means that long-term parking will not be permitted within the permit bays during the operational times. An incremental pricing structure for 2nd and subsequent permits also assists in minimising the number of permits issued to individual residents and help discourage multiple car ownerships. CPZs comprise of various types of parking bays such as permit holder bays (for use by resident or business permit holders and those with visitor permits); shared use bays (for permit holders and pay and display) and pay and display only bays (permits are not valid).

Council appointed Civil Enforcement Officers will enforce the controls by issuing fines/Penalty Charge Notices (PCNs) to vehicles parked in contravention of the restrictions. Outside the controlled times the restrictions are not enforced. However, Civil Enforcement Officers will issue PCNs for any other parking contravention such as parking on double yellow lines, footways and parking across individual crossovers without the property owner's consent.

The Council aims to reach a balance between the needs of the residents, businesses and the safety of all road users. In the event that the majority of those consulted do not support a CPZ in their road or area officers will recommend that only the proposed double yellow lines identified at key locations are introduced to improve safety and maintain access. This would be subject to the approval of the Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Environment and Housing.

HOW WILL IT WORK?

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Parking Controls - The following are incorporated within the proposed measures:

- Double yellow lines at junctions, bends, ends of cul-de-sac and at strategic sections of the road to create passing gaps. (This will improve safety and access at all times by reducing obstructive parking that is currently taking place)

- Shared Use Pay and Display bays are also proposed where it is necessary to allow non residents to pay for parking for a short period at specific locations such as near shops, schools, churches and also in areas for longer term parking where residents are not directly affected, to allow effective use of the bays. (This will increase the use of parking provisions in the area by pay and display customers whilst still maintaining parking facilities for permit holders)

Where may I park in a CPZ?

Vehicles may only be parked in marked parking bays. These bays are located where it is safe to park and unlikely to cause a physical or visual obstruction. Each bay may be restricted by charge, length of stay or permit requirement. Permit holder bays will be undivided to ensure greater parking efficiency. 'Pay & display' bays and shared use bays will be marked individually.

What is a permit holder bay?

This is a bay in which only vehicles displaying a valid resident, business or visitor permit may be parked.

What is a 'pay & display' bay?

These are bays designed for short or long-term parking. Any vehicle parked in these bays must display a valid 'pay & display' ticket that may be purchased from a nearby ticket machine. Each of these bays will allow non-permit holders' vehicles to park for a 'maximum stay'. Parking will be free in these bays until they become operational. However, it will not be possible to purchase a ticket until the bays become operational. The operational times of the bays will be shown on parking signs.

What is a shared use bay?

These are bays designed for use by either permit holders (without additional charge) or by non-permit holders who must purchase a 'pay & display' ticket. These bays have a 'maximum stay' that only 'pay & display' users must adhere to.

How much will 'pay & display' cost?

Tariffs vary across the Borough from £1.20 per hour to £4.80 per hour.

Where may 'blue badge' holders park?

Disabled parking bays are available for use to all Blue Badge holders. Badge holders may park free of charge and without time limit at pay&display only and shared-use bays. Blue Badge holders may not park on resident parking bays. Check with the local authority's Highways Department. However, in Merton, Blue Badge holders may park free of charge for an unlimited period on permit holder parking bays. Residents of Merton who possess a Blue Badge may apply for a resident permit free of charge. Resident visitor permit are charged at the current rate. All other national guidelines on the use of Blue Badges apply throughout the borough.

Where may motorcyclists park?

Solo motorcycles may be parked in permit holder bays and motorcycle bays free of charge.

Where can't I park?

Yellow lines indicate where vehicles should not be parked. Single yellow lines operate only during the controlled hours of a zone unless signs indicate otherwise. Double yellow lines are operational at all times.

Can a CPZ be reviewed after implementation?

Newly implemented CPZs will be monitored and maybe reviewed within 12 to 18 months after implementation. If necessary earlier action maybe taken to improve the parking arrangements.

How are regulations enforced?

Uniformed parking attendants will regularly patrol the zone and issue a penalty charge notice (PCN) to any vehicle that is illegally parked. How much do resident and business permits cost?

Resident

The initial application cost includes a set-up fee of £25.00 (this applies to

residents 1st, 2nd, 3rd and any subsequent resident permits, Address permit, annual visitor permits and business permits).

1 st Permit in household	£65.00 per annum
2 nd Permit in household	£110.00 per annum
3 rd and subsequent Permits in household	£140.00 per annum
Address Permit	£65.00 per annum

(For residents who regularly change vehicles, ie. company vehicles)

Business Permit £331.00 per 6 months (All zones except W1, W2, W3, W4 & W5)

Central Wimbledon Business Permit £376.00 per 6 months (Zones W1, W2, W3, W4 & W5)

Diesel Levy (in addition to the cost of permits)

2017 / 18	£90.00 per annum
2018 / 19	£115.00 per annum
2019 / 20	£150.00 per annum

Electric Vehicle (resident permit only) £40.00 per annum

Address Permit FREE

(For housebound / registered disabled residents who require daily care)

A permit will not be issued for a vehicle greater than 2.28 metres in height or more than 5.25 metres in length. Business permits are provided for vehicles used to assist in the operations of a business rather than providing reduced rate commuter parking. No more than two business permits will usually be issued per business except in exceptional circumstances.

How much do resident visitor permits cost?

Half day (08.30 - 14.00 / 12.00 - 18.30)	£ 1.50
Full day	£ 2.50
Annual permit	£140.00

Residents are entitled to 100 half-day visitor permits per annum and 50 full day permits per annum. Vehicles displaying these permits may be parked in either permit bays or shared use bays within the zone.

Why must I pay to park in my street?

In order to meet the costs of installation, maintenance, enforcement and review of the zone, we must charge residents/businesses and their visitors. Controlled parking is not a core service of the Council and government advice states that it should be financially self-sufficient. By law, any revenue generated from parking must be spent on transport related schemes.

What if I have special care needs?

If you are housebound and require regular care or nursing attendance, you may apply for a free discretionary permit.

What is the cost of a PCN?

All Penalty Charge Notices (PCNs) are discounted by 50 % of the initial charge if paid within 14 days from the date of issue. Parking penalty charges vary between contraventions, generally parking offences range from to £60 (£30) to £110 (£55), Bus Lane charges are £130 (£65), for a more detailed summary of the contraventions and charges please go to the following link; <http://www.merton.gov.uk/contraventioncodesandfaqs.htm>

How will I know when the regulations are in force?

Zone entry signs show the hours of operation of zones. Any restrictions within a zone that do not operate for these times are signed independently.

Further information?

Please see the following link, <http://www.merton.gov.uk/transport-streets/parking/parkingfaq.htm>