# How does a Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) work?



- A CPZ is a package of measures aimed at prioritising parking for residents, businesses and their visitors by discouraging commuter and long-stay parking by people from outside the area.
- It can only be introduced on 'highway' roads maintained at public expense and cannot be introduced on private streets/areas or off-street parking bays and access roads associated with (current or former) council housing properties/ estates.
- It is an area where all parking on the highway is controlled for most, or part of the day. The standard design is to mark all kerbside space as a parking bay (where parking is considered to be safe and appropriate) or a yellow line (where parking is considered to be dangerous or obstructive).
- Yellow lines, operating during the hours when parking controls apply or longer where necessary, will be placed in locations such as in front of driveways, at junctions, on bends and where roads narrow and parked vehicles cannot be safely accommodated.
- Any existing 'advisory' driveway markings will remain. Although these white lines are 'advisory', enforcement action can be taken if a vehicle obstructs a dropped kerb or vehicular crossover.
- Alternative designs which minimize signs and lines are also possible in roads with lower traffic volumes / no through traffic, like cul-de-sacs.
- To make sure this works fairly, the zones are enforced by uniformed Civil Enforcement Officers (CEOs). The aim is to make more spaces available for residents, businesses and their visitors. With fewer vehicles parked in the road following the introduction of a CPZ, a reduction is expected in the number of parked vehicles encroaching on the restrictions marked at junctions and across vehicular access points. Congestion problems can decline in line with a fall in traffic volumes.
- Parking bays are only marked where it is safe and appropriate to park. This can sometimes mean that the existing pattern of parking is not replicated. As a result, it is sometimes possible, especially in small side roads, that the number of bays marked might represent a fall in parking capacity. However, this fall must be balanced against the reduction in the number of parked vehicles belonging to non-residents.
- Residents and businesses can buy parking permits allowing them to park in the CPZ during the hours when restrictions apply. Each permit is vehicle-

specific and is limited to one per resident but is not limited per household. Businesses based within the CPZ may purchase business permits for vehicles essential to the operation of the business (e.g. delivery vehicles). Residents may also purchase daily or weekly visitor permits for their visitors to use. Trades people working on properties within the zone may purchase Trade permits direct.

- A permit does not guarantee a parking space outside your home or business and may not help the problems residents have at night when they return home from work. Problems at night occur because in densely populated areas, where some households own more than one vehicle, and offstreet parking is limited, there is not enough space for the amount of vehicles. What a CPZ will do is prevent commuter and long-stay parking and so increase the number of spaces for residents and businesses, during the hours of operation.
- The charge for a resident or business permit is the same for All-Day and One-Hour zones.
- Vehicles displaying a disabled person's Blue Badge would be permitted to park without displaying a permit or making payment and without a time limit in any parking bay.

# **All-Day Zones**

This type of zone operates for most of the working day, usually Monday to Friday, or Monday to Saturday. In some cases, for example close to large attractions such as the AFC Wimbledon Stadium, they operate for longer hours and include Sundays to prevent parking when football matches or other events take place. Bays are usually 'shared use' allowing permit holders and short-stay parking by visitors (normally 2 or 4 hour maximum stay) using either pay & display or pay by mobile phone facilities. This type of control works well in busy areas with a high demand for parking throughout the day.

# **One-Hour Zones**

These zones operate for one hour a day, usually Monday to Friday. They are designed specifically to prevent commuter or other long-stay non-resident parking and have limited effect in areas close to shops and amenities where visitors park for varying periods throughout the day. Pay & Display and pay by phone facilities are not provided, so residents, businesses and their visitors must display a permit during the hour of control. Outside the controlled hour, vehicles can be parked without restriction.

# Permit and Parking Charges

#### Valid from 1 October 2021 (usually reviewed annually)

Business permit charges have not been included here but are available on the council's website, along with all other charges, at www.wandsworth.gov.uk/parking/parking-permits

#### Resident permits: new or renewed permits

Permit duration	First permit at address		Second and subsequent permit at address	
	Over the counter	Online	Over the counter	Online
Annual	£197	£175	£250	£228
3 month	£94	£72	£116	£94
1 month	£52	£30	£61	£39
Greener	£101	£79	£124	£102

**Greener resident permit -** A 12 month permit for vehicles within DVLA Band A, electric vehicles (not hybrids unless in Band A) or bio-methane vehicles.

#### Daily resident visitor/trades permits

Type of permit	Scratchcard	Paperless
All day CPZs	£9.15	£8.60
All day CPZs - residents 70 and over and disabled badge holders	£4.85	£4.30
One hour CPZs	£3.55	£3.00
One hour CPZs – residents 70 and over and disabled badge holders	£2.05	£1.50

#### Administrative charges

	Price
Refund request	£10
Replacement (change of vehicle/sub-zone)	£20
Duplicate (original lost, stolen or destroyed)	£20

# Visitor parking: Pay and display or pay-by-phone

Tariff	Cost
High tariff (near town centres) per hour	£3.70
Balham and Tooting town centres per hour	£3.40
Standard tariff (away from town centres) per hour	£3.20
Low tariff (under-utilised areas) per hour	£1.40

#### About parking charges

Parking charges are usually reviewed annually. The above charges were approved by Wandsworth Council's Executive on 28 June 2021 and will be operational from 1 October 2021.

View the parking charges report (Strategic Planning and Transportation Overview and Scrutiny Committee Paper No. 21-154) for more information. The report can be viewed by visiting the council's website <a href="http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/sptosc">www.wandsworth.gov.uk/sptosc</a>