

Frequently asked questions

Why is the council carrying out this consultation?

Residents have told us that they are worried about parking. We have promised to look into this further. We need to hear from **all residents** about what the issues are and how they affect you. This survey will help us understand your concerns.

What solutions could the Council introduce?

1. Road safety and speeding measures

These are generally dealt with by traffic calming like speed humps or double yellow lines around junctions to improve visibility. Controls on traffic safety grounds are the responsibility of Hertfordshire County Council. We will ask County Council Highways to consider any issues raised.

2. Waiting restrictions (time restricted)

These are usually single yellow lines and prohibit when any cars can park on-street, typically for a single hour in the middle of the day, e.g. 11am to 1pm

3. Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ)

CPZs give priority to residents to park. They require residents to use permits and visitor vouchers which have to be bought. We would need to demonstrate that a CPZ is both needed and supported. This may be because residents are frequently competing with commuters for limited road space. The council will expect at least 60% of support from local households on any proposed schemes before it can be progressed further.

Would I be able to park outside my house?

We cannot mark a parking bay in front of someone's driveway and therefore no one could park there. This means residents also could not park in front of their own vehicle crossover during the hours of operation.

Will a scheme address difficulties in finding parking spaces in evenings and night times?

Our schemes address commuter parking during the working day. Enforcement of parking schemes is carried out regularly but cannot guarantee full compliance. There will be times when vehicles parked in contravention may not receive a penalty charge notice.

As a resident will I have to apply for a yearly parking permit?

Residents who live with a CPZ and are eligible, will need to apply for a parking permit if they wish to park within a restricted permit holders parking bay during the hours of operation. The permit will need to be clearly displayed in the vehicle and if not then the vehicle may receive a penalty charge notice.



Visitors to the property will also need to display a visitor parking permit.

Tradesman visiting a property to carry out maintenance work will also need to display a parking dispensation.

Will there be a cost for a parking permit?

There is a charge for parking permits and the current charges are:

Residential parking permit:

1st permit - £30

2nd permit - £60

3rd permit - £120

4th permit - £160

Visitor parking permits:

Annual visitor permit - £60

Book of 20 visitor vouchers (valid for a two year period) - £10 per book of 20.

Commercial Dispensation for tradesman:

1 day - £5

1 week – £15

Only vehicles under 2.32m in height and 5.5m in length can use a permit. The vehicle must also hold a valid road fund license continuously.

Where can I get more information about Controlled Parking Zones?

You can obtain more information about CPZs from the council's website [About Controlled Parking Zones \(CPZ's\) - Hertsmere Borough Council](#). This provides more information on how CPZs work, the current costs for permits, restriction hours, eligibility, Height and Length restriction for vehicles that will be allowed in a parking space.