

Consultation on Permit Parking – FAQ's

1. Q) Why is a permit scheme being considered?

A) The Council is proposing to introduce pay and display parking in Kemp Place Car park in order to improve car parking management in the area that is consistent with the approach already adopted across the Borough. A common effect of introducing such parking controls is that drivers / commuters may start parking in streets nearby. This is known as parking displacement and may worsen parking conditions for nearby streets. To help deter commuters and stop inconsiderate parking, it is important to note that parking controls can help reallocate kerb space in favour of residents and make access safer. Introduction of controls will only be made if residents are in favour and the Police and Hertfordshire Highways offer no objection. Implementation of the permit scheme is dependent on the response received to this consultation.

2. Q) Why permits?

A) To ensure that the road is used only by residents, vehicles need to be identified. A permit being displayed will inform Enforcement Officers that such vehicles are allowed to park in this location.

3. Q) Can I get a permit for a vehicle not registered at my property?

A) To apply for a permit, the vehicle must be registered with the DVLA at the address for which the permit is required. However, we can issue a permit to a lease vehicles or company cars. proof must be provided to show that the vehicle is leased to you. A lease agreement or a letter on a headed paper from your company is accepted.

4. Q) Where can my visitors park?

A) Permits will be made available for residents to purchase and give to visitors to display in their vehicles whilst parked in a permit parking bay. All vehicles parked in the permit parking bay will need to display a valid permit otherwise a Penalty Charge Notice will be issued.

Permit Charges

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| Residents Permits* | First permit = £25, second = £40, third = £70, Fourth = £100 |
| Duplicate Residents Permit | £15 |
| Visitors Parking Vouchers | £5 per 20 half-day vouchers |
| Visitors Annual Permits | £40 |

***Vehicles allowed in Parking bays / place – Vehicle of any class, not larger than 2.3 metres in height and 5.25 metres in length.**

5. Q) Why is there a cost for permits?
- A) The permit cost covers the initial setup of the scheme, on-going maintenance, administration of the scheme and a contribution to enforcement.
6. Q) Where can my visitors park?
- A) Your visitors can display visitor's permits available to residents within the zone.
7. Q) Does the Council make a surplus from controlled parking zones?
- A) No, the cost of permits is for the administration of the scheme; repay the costs of introducing the scheme and future reviews, maintenance of signs and lines, contribution towards the enforcement of the area and also contribution towards improving amenities in the community.