

Consultation in Ealing – Controlled parking zone (CPZ)

Parking problems in Ealing

We are looking at ways of managing parking on the public highway as part of an overall transport plan. Introducing controlled parking zones is a way of dealing with parking problems and making our environment safer and cleaner.

However, they are not always popular. Some people think they should not have to pay for parking permits and visitor vouchers, or are worried about how restrictions on parking may affect businesses and residents.

How do controlled parking zones work?

In controlled parking zones, areas where it is safe to park are marked on the road. Residents, local businesses, and their visitors, are given priority to use a parking space by displaying a parking permit or voucher.

To make sure that shopkeepers don't lose out, short-term parking, called 'stop-and-shop', is often introduced for shoppers within the zones. There are pay-and-display bays for casual visitors. Special permits are available for essential visitors such as builders and doctors.

During the hours in which the zone applies, parking attendants make sure that only those with a permit to park, or who have paid for short-term parking, park in the area. This makes sure that our roads are kept free from dangerous parking and that priority for parking is given to residents, businesses and their visitors.

In Ealing, we introduce CPZs in areas which suffer from parking congestion, and in response to demands from local communities. These include areas near train stations and town centres, or areas which suffer from 'spill-over' parking because drivers, especially commuters, look for free parking in other areas once a CPZ is introduced in an area they normally use.

Residential roads cannot provide parking spaces for an unlimited amount of cars. In some roads, there are already more parked vehicles than can be parked safely.

If you do not park on the street during the hours when controls apply you will not need to buy a permit.

Have your say!

We are consulting you to see if you want a controlled parking zone (CPZ) in your road. Whether you live or work in the area, whether you own a car, walk, cycle or use public transport, we want to hear your views.

We have already talked to local community groups and local councillors about their views, and their comments and suggestions have helped us design the proposed parking controls.

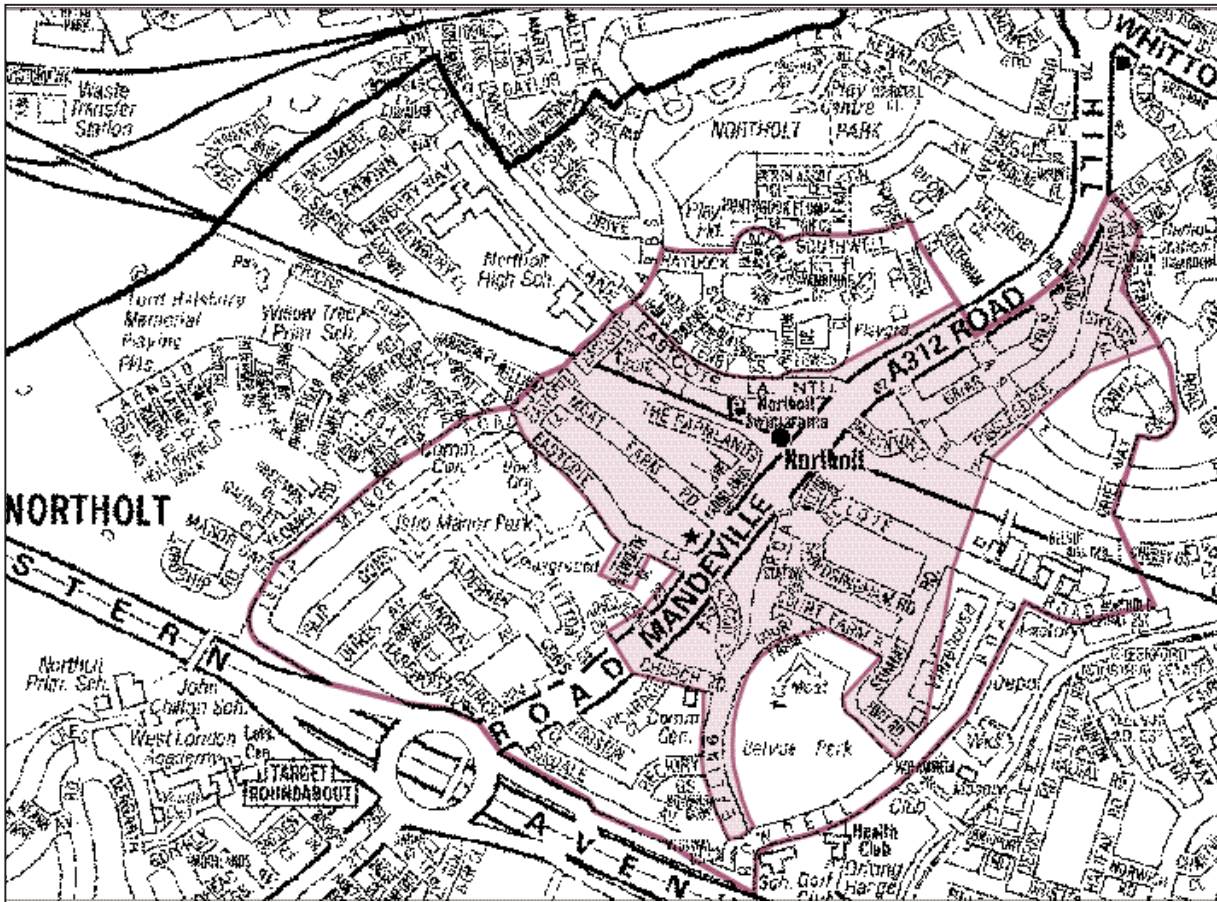


Parking problems . . . Is this the solution?

Core area of parking concern



The area we are now consulting



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In this leaflet we have tried to inform you how controlled parking zones work and to answer commonly asked questions.

If you want to help decide whether a CPZ is introduced in your area, please take part in the consultation by filling in the enclosed questionnaire and returning it in the prepaid envelope provided, or complete an online questionnaire at www.ealing.gov.uk

If you want more information before making a decision, please come to our exhibitions or contact the **Highways Management parking team** on **020 8825 5855**, e-mail us at xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx@xxxxxx.xxx.uk or visit us at www.ealing.gov.uk

We will listen to your views and take them into account.

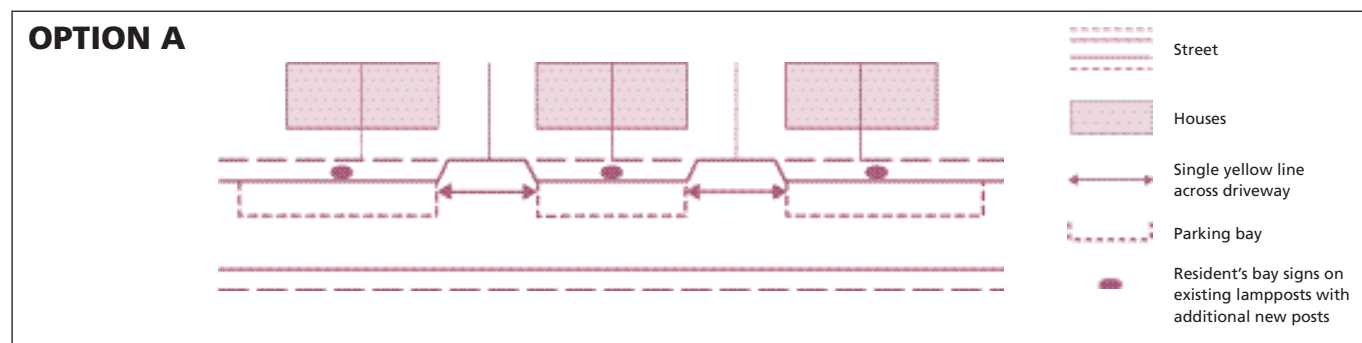
Please take part in this consultation. It's your chance to have your say on whether a CPZ is introduced in your area in the near future.

We will be holding exhibitions where you can look at preliminary plans for your street and discuss the proposals with our staff.

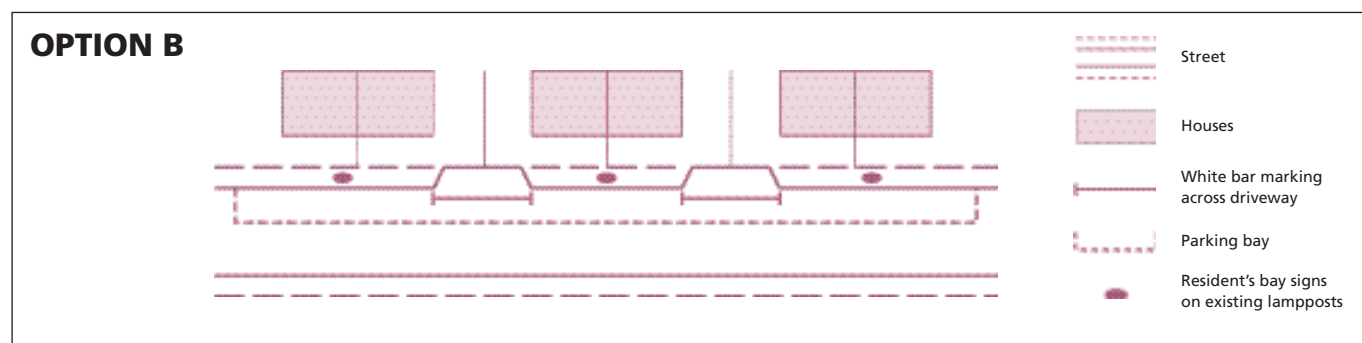


Will I be able to continue to park across my driveway?

Within a CPZ all lengths of the road have to be marked, by law, with either a yellow line or a parking bay, including the dropped kerbs in front of driveways leading to individual properties. We are aware of the problems or different opinions that this creates. Some residents prefer to have the driveway clear of parked cars at all times and some residents prefer to park their or their visitor's car across their own driveway if they need to.



If a yellow line is placed across a driveway, nobody, including the resident or owner of that house, can park across it without risking getting a parking ticket. But this only applies during the hours of the CPZ.



If a residents' bay marking is placed across a driveway together with a white bar stretching across the whole driveway (showing that access is needed at all times), permit holders can park across it without risking getting a parking ticket.

For this reason you have two options. Please choose the option of either a single yellow line or a residents' bay with a white bar by ticking that option on the questionnaire. Whichever option most people prefer will be the option we recommend for your CPZ.

What happens next?

We will analyse all responses we receive street by street, and will present them, together with any background information, to the Area Committee for their comments. Cabinet then decide whether a CPZ should be introduced, taking account of the consultation results and any comments or recommendations from the Area Committee.

Results of this consultation will be available on the Council's website soon after reporting to Cabinet at www.ealing.gov.uk/council/committees. Internet access is available free of charge to borough residents at any library. Paper copies of the Committee and Cabinet reports can be obtained by contacting xxxxxxxxxx@xxxxxx.xxx.uk or 020 8825 8007.

If a CPZ should go ahead, we will publish draft Traffic Orders and you will have another chance to comment. If a zone is introduced, we will invite you to apply for residents' or business permits and vouchers about three weeks before the start of the scheme.

Tuesday 24 February 2009. 2pm-6pm.

It may be necessary for you to contact someone who speaks your language to help you understand this leaflet. We would encourage you to do this as we would like to have your views on the proposals.

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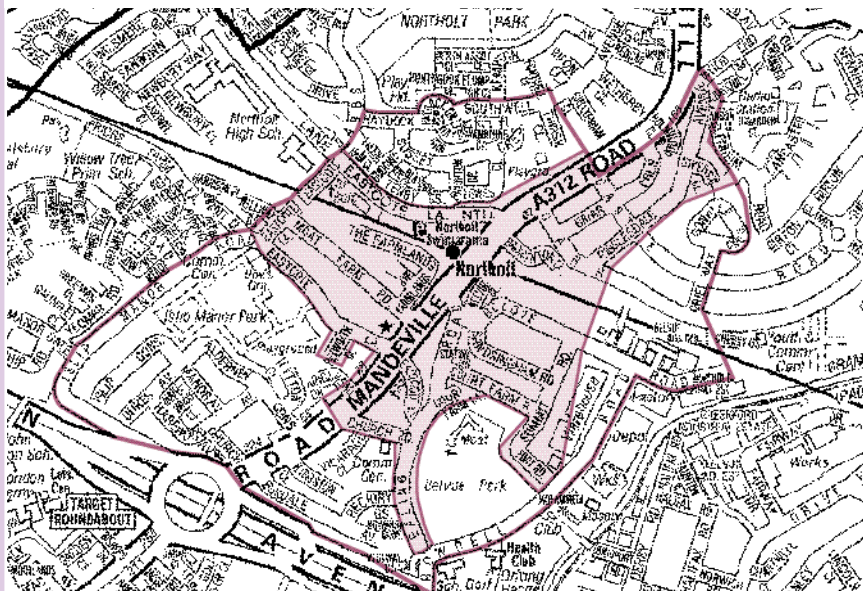
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Consultation in the Northolt Station area

Do you want a controlled parking zone in your road?

Following requests from residents and the recommendation of Ward Councillors, the Council are consulting for a CPZ in your area. A recent parking survey carried out in the area, identified a significant volume of parking pressure. As a result of this survey and requests received from the public, we have formed a core area of parking concern as illustrated in the plan below. This is the area we shall be consulting for a CPZ. However, in recognition of the possible effects of parking displacement on the surrounding area, we are giving the residents of these surrounding roads the opportunity to be included in the CPZ should one be introduced in the core area. Additional roads may then be added to the zone where there is a strong indication to do so.



-  Core area of parking concern
-  Outer consultation area

Exhibitions will be held at:

Northolt Village
Community Centre
The Manor House
Ealing Road
Northolt UB5 6AD

Saturday
21 February 2009
11am-3pm

Tuesday
24 February 2009
2pm-6pm

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Take part in this consultation and have your say!

Whether you own a car, walk, cycle or use public transport, we want to hear your views.

Your questions answered

We have tried to answer commonly asked questions about how CPZs work, tailored to how a zone could work in your area. If you have more questions, please come along to our exhibitions or contact the Highways Management parking team on 020 8825 5855, or visit www.ealing.gov.uk

Where will the zone work?

We are consulting this area to see if a CPZ is needed. We also need to establish the strength of opinion to decide which streets should be included in the CPZ.

When will the zone work?

The hours the proposed CPZ will apply, and whether it will go ahead, depend on the results of this consultation. If a CPZ is needed to discourage commuters parking there all day, then the zone could apply for one hour only in the morning and afternoon. The options for possible zone times are set out in the questionnaire that comes with this leaflet. You can tell us which option you would prefer.

How much will a residents' parking permit cost and who can apply for one?

A resident's permit will cost £25 a vehicle for one year if the shorter hours are chosen for your CPZ. It will be £45 a year if the longer hours are chosen. Anyone whose permanent address is in the CPZ area and who owns a vehicle can apply for a resident's permit. Permits allow you to park in any vacant resident or dual-use parking bay during the hours in which it applies. Dual-use bays are pay-and-display bays where permit holders can also park. You will need one permit for each vehicle you want to park on the street.

What if I have family or friends who want to visit?

You can buy visitors' vouchers for family and friends and they can park in the residents' bays. These cost 40p for up to three hours and £1 all day. Vouchers are available in books of 10. We will monitor who applies for these books, and how many they apply for. Your visitors will need to put their vehicle details, and the details of the property they are visiting, on their vouchers. You will only need to use a voucher during the hours the zone works.

Aren't CPZs just a way to make money?

No. The costs of setting up and running a controlled parking zone are quite high. If we raise any money, by law we have to spend it on transport-related improvements.

What about parking for health visitors, people with disabilities, or people with motorbikes?

People with disabilities who are Orange or Blue Badge holders will continue to be able to park for free. Doctors, nurses, midwives and health visitors who need to visit patients in the area can apply for a general exemption permit. Residents with motorbikes will be able to park free of charge within residents' bays. However, if motorbike parking becomes a problem, we will look at this again.

I have a business in the area – what about me?

Business permits are available if you need vehicles for your business. If you have off-street parking for your vehicles, you won't qualify for any business permits. The yearly cost of business permits is £250 no matter when the zone applies. This cost compares well with local car park charges and other local authority CPZ charges for businesses.

What about my customers and visitors?

You can buy business visitor vouchers for £1 an hour, for use in residents' bays. The vouchers are available in books of 10. You can only buy up to eight books at a time. We will monitor who applies for these books, and how many they apply for. Your visitors will need to put their vehicle details, and the details of the property they are visiting, on their vouchers.

When CPZs are introduced, pay-and-display parking bays are provided, which visitors can use for up to five hours. These are for people visiting restaurants, bars, and leisure facilities, taking part in a religious occasion, going shopping, or who have an appointment. 'Stop-and-shop' bays (where parking would be free for up to 30 minutes) are also introduced to encourage people to use local shops.

What about long-stay parking?

If long-stay parking by non-residents is necessary, we could introduce pay-and-display parking, for up to 5 hours or longer, depending on need.

Will any other restrictions apply within the zone?

Parking close to junctions can obstruct visibility and prevent pedestrians, particularly children, from seeing approaching traffic. It can also obstruct pedestrian ramps, causing particular problems for wheelchair users and people with prams and pushchairs. All road junctions within the zone will be protected by marking them with double yellow lines that apply at all times.

Can the parking controls be changed once they have been introduced?

We review any new parking controls within their first year. We will consult all households and businesses as part of this review.

What other types of permit are there?

Allotment Permits – If there is an allotment in the proposed zone and you are a registered keeper of an allotment, but live outside the zone, you will be entitled to purchase an 'Allotment Permit' for £5.00 (per vehicle). This will allow you to park during the zone's operational hours.

Religious Permits – Religious places of worship may apply for up to 25 Religious Permits at £5 per permit. These permits allow parking during the time of operation of the zone and are issued to the manager of the establishment for distribution to members. However, religious permits are only to be used when attending the place of worship.

I live in a private road. Do I have to purchase a permit?

Parking controls will not be placed in private roads or non-highway roads within housing estates. A permit to park is not required when parking in private or non-highway roads.