CONTROLLED PARKING ZONES AND HOW THEY OPERATE

INFORMATION SUMMARY

A Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) is an area where the kerbside is marked out with parking space where it is safe to park. Yellow line restrictions show where parking is not allowed. CPZs aim to provide protected parking facilities for residents and their visitors, as well as short-term parking for shoppers and business visitors. CPZs are usually located in areas around shops and transport hubs where extraneous parking takes up residents’ spaces.

CPZs also deal with illegal and obstructive parking and tackle the problem of non-local vehicles (trade vans, campers etc.) often left parked for long periods in uncontrolled roads.

HOW DO CPZs WORK?

CPZs mean that only vehicles with valid permits are allowed to park in controlled roads during the operating hours. Permits will only be made available to local residents and businesses within the CPZ boundary. Illegally parked vehicles are liable to receive a Penalty Charge Notice (parking ticket).

WHAT ARE THE ADVANTAGES OF A CPZ?

Parking spaces are prioritised for residents and their visitors. Pay to park bays are provided near shopping areas to increase the turnover of spaces and therefore help shoppers find parking space. Yellow lines will prevent obstructive parking on junctions, across driveways, and in narrow roads. Accessibility is improved for pedestrians, those with disabilities, buses, the emergency services and refuse collection vehicles by removing obstructive parking.

CPZs HAVE SOME DISADVANTAGES

There is a charge for permits. This charge is to cover the cost of administering and enforcing the scheme. http://www.haringey.gov.uk/parking-roads-and-travel/parking/parking-permits/permits-price-list

The layout of parking bays may appear to reduce the amount of parking spaces available but much of this parking may be obstructive or dangerous. Residents should be aware that displacement (overspill) parking tends to occur in uncontrolled roads close to existing CPZs.

In CPZs, there is no parking across driveways. This is both because practical enforcement difficulties arise and because tensions arise if, for example, a neighbour parks across your driveway. However, outside of the controlled times, residents can park on single yellow lines across driveways.

Residents of ‘car-free’ housing developments may not be eligible to apply for parking permits. A car free development is where parking is not provided on site and when planning permission was granted for the development there was limited capacity for additional vehicles to be parked on the highway.

TYPES OF PARKING BAYS AND WHO CAN PARK IN THEM

Residents / Business permit parking
Bays are marked for the use of vehicles displaying a valid parking permit during the CPZ operating period. Only residents/businesses of the zone are eligible for parking permits. No permit is required if you do not need to park on-street during the operating hours.

Visitor parking
Residents’ visitors can park in private driveways where this is possible or arrange their visits outside the operating times, if this is convenient. Visitors can park in residents’ permit bays during the hours of control provided a valid visitor permit is displayed. Visitor permits can be purchased by residents.

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www.haringey.gov.uk/parking/cpz