

Informal Consultation Lower Caversham Additional information

The following information is correct at the time of writing to you (22nd January 2018).

Consultation Area

Enclosed is a map to show the area that is being covered by this informal consultation.

This area has been defined based on the comments that that we have received, regarding a variety of parking issues.

This map also identifies those narrow streets where it would not be possible to install parking bays on both sides of the road and private streets that would not be included in any Council-promoted scheme.

Resident Permit Schemes are defined by a Zone, for example '12R'. New streets may be added to existing zones or, if a scheme is sufficiently large, a new Zone may be created. Permits are issued for a Zone, rather than individual streets.

The Resident Permit Parking Scheme

The Scheme

- A Resident Parking Permit will typically allow parking by a specific vehicle within a Zone area. A permit does not guarantee a parking space outside the permit holder's property.
- A maximum of two permits may be issued to each household. A household is a house or flat in a permit parking Zone that is registered for Council Tax, has appropriate planning permissions and does not have a planning condition and/or informative. You may be asked to demonstrate appropriate planning consents.
- Commercial vehicles are not eligible for resident permits.
- The first permit for a household is issued at the cost of £30. A charge of £120 is made for a second permit. The decision as to whom will apply for the first and the second permit is that of the occupiers.
- Households will be entitled to visitor permits. Visitor permits are scratch cards, each valid for half a day when used. They are issued in books of 20 permits. The first two books are free and a further five books can be ordered at a cost of £22 per book.
- Visitors permits can be used for one-off situations, but the onus is on the vehicle driver/owner to make their own arrangement in obtaining a permit to park. Reading Borough Council may issue other permits to people who are unable to comply with the application process or to people providing services to residents such as carers, health professionals and trades people. These permits are called discretionary permits.
- Before permits are first issued, an application form will need to be completed and proof of residence and vehicle ownership provided. Thereafter, permits will need to be renewed on an annual basis.
- Businesses with premises located within the Parking Permit Zone may be entitled to one business permit. Proof of business address and business use of the vehicle is required. Business permits are subject to a higher charge.

More information is available online at: <http://www.reading.gov.uk/parkingpermits>.

The Restrictions

Resident Permit Parking schemes will require choices to be made between different types of parking restrictions. The main consideration is whether the restrictions should allow non-permit parking for limited periods of time. Around the borough we have introduced schemes that allow parking for up to 2 hours between certain times of the day (e.g. 8am - 8pm), which will allow activities such as visitor parking to take place without needing to use the visitor permit allocation. However, we also have schemes with elements of permit holder parking only, which will require every parked vehicle to display a valid parking permit.

The following table shows the two primary Resident Permit Parking models that we have implemented elsewhere in the borough:

Type of Restriction	Considerations
Marked Bays	All vehicles must be parked with all wheels within the bay, so Civil (Council) Enforcement can be applied to vehicles parking out of the bay (e.g. on the footway).
	'Shared-use' restrictions can apply, such as permitting visitor (non-permit) parking for a limited duration during specific time periods. The Council's standard model is: <i>8am - 8pm Permit Holders and limited waiting for 2 hours, no return within 2 hours. At all other times, permit holders only.</i>
	On narrow streets we may not be able to fit marked bays on both sides of the road.
	During the times that permit parking applies, all vehicles will be required to display a valid permit while parking in a marked Resident Permit Parking bay, including visitors.
	Each bay will require signing and the areas between bays should be protected with alternative restrictions, such as double-yellow-lines.
'Permit Parking Past This Point'	There will be area entry and exit signs and no bay markings with this restriction. Therefore, this restriction may be more suitable for narrow streets.
	All parked vehicles must display a valid parking permit at all times when parked on-street within the restricted area. It is not possible to introduce a shared-use parking restriction.

Key

Outline of study area



Private roads



Narrow streets

