

The Proposals

To prioritise residents' parking over commuters and visitors within a set zone.

The area that would be covered by the zone is shown by the red boundary on the map over the page. It would include parking bays designated for permit holders only and some time limited parking bays where visitors could park without needing a permit for a short period of time. We are also intending to restrict the length of time people can park vehicles in Alexandra Park so that it is not used as a car park.

We are proposing that the zone would operate between 8am and 6pm, Monday to Saturday.

Detailed maps showing the position of parking bays, yellow line restrictions and time limited parking bays will be on display at a drop in day on 21 June 2018 (see over page for details).

The needs of local residents and businesses is vital in determining the layout of a Residents' Parking Zone.

In addition, it is important that traffic flow, vehicle accesses and visibility at junctions is maintained, as well as considering the needs of the wider community and public safety.



It must be remembered that there is no right to park on the public highway, the primary purpose being **for the passage and re-passage of vehicles**. It is recognised, however, that there may be residential areas which might benefit from Residents' Parking Zones, to help residents park if there are relatively high levels of commuter or visiting vehicles that are making this difficult. This is only considered in places where parking would not interfere with the primary purpose of the highway.

Permits

It is essential that Residents' Parking Zones operate on a cost neutral basis and must be self-financing. Therefore, charges are levied against each permit, lasting for a period of either 6 or 12 months.

Permits are limited (see CONS opposite) and can only be used to park in a bay within your zone. It does not allow illegal parking (such as on yellow lines) or parking in other zones.

Standard cost of permits (12 months)

- £100 for the first permit
- £160 for the second permit

Visitor Parking

Two types are available:

Paper scratch cards : £10 for 10 days (max.100 days per year)

Virtual permits: £10 for 100 hours (max. 1000 hours per year)

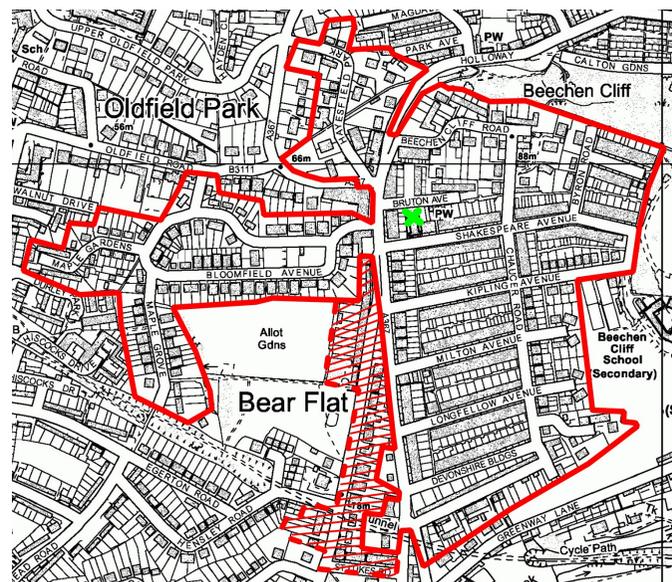


Figure 1.

Proposed zone boundary for a Bear Flat Residents' Parking Zone, operating Monday to Saturday, 8am to 6pm

ADVANTAGES

- Residents with no off-street parking would have reasonable opportunity to park close to their homes;
- The amenity of the area would be improved with vehicles being parked in a more orderly fashion;
- May also have benefits from a social, community safety, housing or planning policy aspect;
- Encourages use of alternative modes of transport;
- Reduces traffic flows on residential streets.
- Improves local air quality

DISADVANTAGES

- A Resident Parking Zone in one area might create or worsen problems in adjacent areas;
- Parking spaces for residents and visitors may be inadequate at times. Residents' parking Zones do not offer any guarantees of a parking space, especially no guarantee of parking directly in front of residents' own home;
- Could inhibit activities of commercial and other non-residential activities;
- During restricted hours the street may be lightly parked possibly leading to accusations that the 'parking stock' is being under used;
- Limits residents' freedom to keep unlimited numbers of taxed vehicles on street;
- Residents are restricted to parking within their own zone and cannot use adjacent zones when capacity is exceeded;
- in accordance with our Residents' Parking Policy:
 - if a property has no off-street parking, the occupants would be entitled to the full allocation of 2 permits
 - 1 off-street parking space, 1 permit
 - 2+ off-street parking spaces, no permits
- All residents are entitled to the full allocation of visitor permits.