

HARRISON ROAD PARKING IMPROVEMENTS

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)



Controlled Pavement Parking

The controlled pavement parking proposals will allow us to limit nuisance pavement parking in some areas while also allowing some pavement parking on streets where it can be safe for vulnerable pedestrians and necessary for drivers.

How will the Controlled Pavement Parking Scheme work?

Where it is safe to park on the pavement, formal parking bays would be marked partly on the pavement. These bays will be marked to leave enough space for pedestrians, buggies and wheelchairs to pass safely behind them. Where pavement parking is not necessary it will be banned. Where it would never be safe to park, such as close to junctions, additional double yellow lines will be marked. All yellow line restrictions apply to the carriageway **and** to the pavement. Where pavement parking is persistent or very dangerous, physical barriers might also need to be used.

How will you enforce safe pavement parking?

Pavement parking restrictions would be introduced under legal parking controls. This means that anyone parking on the pavement but outside these new bays could receive a parking fine, similar to parking on yellow lines. There will be adequate space to park using these bays. Fines simply help to encourage drivers to stay within the bays and not to cause a nuisance.

What will it cost me?

Nothing – no charges or fees are payable to introduce pavement parking controls in your area.

Residents' Parking Scheme

A residents' parking scheme creates a parking zone where most or all of the spaces are reserved for resident permit holders. Enforcement officers working for the city council would patrol the area to make sure that all parked vehicles have permits.

Do I need a resident permit if my vehicle is parked on the driveway?

No, only if your vehicle is parked on the highway.

How much is a resident permit?

Currently a resident permit costs £25 a year.

See: <https://www.leicester.gov.uk/transport-and-streets/parking-in-leicester/get-a-parking-permit/>

Who can buy permits?

Only residents who have a vehicle registered to their address within the residents' parking zone can apply to the city council to buy a permit.

Any future new developments, or conversions to more than one dwelling, would be subject to planning conditions to determine whether or not they would be eligible for parking permits.

Is there a limit on the number of permits per household?

The number of permits per household will be determined based on the outcome of this consultation and the on-street car parking capacity. In most of the rest of the city there is currently a limit of four permits per household.

Does a resident permit guarantee me a parking place outside my home?

No, a parking place is not guaranteed outside your home. However, the restrictions will make it more likely that you will find a parking place when you need one.

What about my visitors?

Each household, regardless of whether or not they have a car, will have access to visitor permits. Currently each household can buy one 12 month visitor permit for £30.00. This will be available free of charge to customers that are of state pensionable age or need regular carer attendance.

Anyone buying or renewing a standard annual resident's permit will be given five temporary visitor scratch-card permits free of charge. In addition, households will be able to purchase up to 30 temporary visitor scratch-card permits per month, costing £2 each on-line in advance. Each scratch-card permit allows a vehicle to park for a period of 48 hours. Visitors can stay longer than 48 hours as long as valid visitor permits are displayed to cover the whole length of their stay.

I need regular carer attendance. Can I get a permit for my carer?

Residents who require regular carer attendance can use an annual visitor permit for their carer which will be issued free of charge to qualifying residents.

I'm a Blue Badge holder. How will I be affected?

Vehicles displaying a valid blue badge are allowed to park in any residents' parking zone in the city.

How will a residents' parking zone affect my business?

Installation of new short stay parking near to Melton Road is part of the consultation proposals. This is intended to provide a facility for shoppers on Melton Road. If your business lies within the residents' parking zone itself you can apply for business permits. Currently restrictions and charges apply to business permits.

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One way Streets

Currently the area has a number of two way residential streets. The proposal will be to increase safe residential parking provision by making these streets one-way and allow parking on both sides.

Will this mean I have a longer drive to get to my house?

Possibly it will. However, this also means that it is less likely that non-residents will use the area as a cut through. This is especially so with Harrison Road.

Will this mean I have to cycle further?

In order to increase cycle permeability (TYC), the consultation proposal is to make all one way streets in the area two way for cycles, where this will be safe to do so.

Additional Double Yellow Lines (DYLs) at Junctions

The proposal is to install DYLs within 10m of all junctions in the area.

Will this mean a reduction in parking spaces?

Drivers will know from the highway code that they should not park within 10m of a junction. Drivers who do so make the roads less safe for other road users, especially pedestrians. So installing DYLs at junctions will not reduce the amount of safe parking in the area, but will remind drivers that they should not be parking in an unsafe manner.