



Stoneygate and parts of Spinney Hills Residents' parking scheme

Information sheet and frequently asked questions

People living in Stoneygate and parts of Spinney Hills are being asked whether they would like a residents' parking scheme to be introduced in their area.

Residents and businesses are being asked for their opinions on whether such a scheme should be brought in, and if so what areas should be included.

There is currently no proposed scheme for the area, but the city council has agreed to draw up plans to extend the existing Highfields scheme into parts of Stoneygate and Spinney Hills if there is significant local support for such a scheme. A formal consultation would then be held.

Scheme information

A residents' parking scheme creates a parking zone where most of the spaces are reserved for permit holders. Parking attendants working for Leicester City Council would patrol the area to make sure vehicles parked there have permits. Provision would be made for shoppers and vehicles essential to the running of existing businesses in the area as part of this scheme.

This scheme would free up spaces for people who live locally because commuters would not be allowed to park in the area, except in designated pay and display areas.

Limited waiting or low-cost pay and display bays would be available throughout the area for visitors to shops, businesses and community centres to use from Monday to Saturday during the daytime. These bays would be left unrestricted in the evenings and on Sundays in order to allow visitors to park free of charge.

Frequently asked questions

How much is a resident's permit?

A resident parking permit costs £25 and lasts for 12 months. Resident and visitor permits can be applied for on-line, however if you are having difficulties or require further information, help or advice please contact Parking Services:

parkingoffice@leicester.gov.uk

0116 454 6300

Parking Services
PO Box 8459
Leicester
LE1 8AW

Who can buy a permit?

Each resident driver, who has a vehicle registered to his or her address within the boundary area, can buy one permit. Consideration will be given to residents who have, for example, a works van as well as a private vehicle. Residents in properties with off-street parking would still be eligible for permits.

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

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

No. Each resident driver, who has a vehicle registered to his or her address within the boundary area, can buy one permit.

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

No. A permit does not guarantee that a parking space will always be available. However, the lack of commuters will make it more likely a space will be available. Resident permit holders will be able to park in any residents' bay or pay and display bay.

How will Blue Badge holders be affected?

Blue Badge holders can apply for a free residents parking permit, provided there is a vehicle registered to the property. Vehicles displaying a valid blue badge can park in any residents parking bay, pay and display bay or in the short stay bays without any time restrictions.

Each blue badge holder, who drives a vehicle registered to his or her address within the boundary area, can request a mandatory disabled bay outside their property, where only blue badge holders would be able to park.

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

Carers permits are issued free of charge to residents living within the boundary area who require essential home visits by a doctor, district nurse, similar healthcare professional or voluntary carers.

What about my visitors?

Residents, regardless of whether they have a car, can buy 48-hour visitor permits in advance in the form of scratch-cards costing £1 each for a consecutive 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.

Alternatively, residents can use a smartcard (one smartcard per household) to obtain visitors permits from pay and display machines within the area. Two types of permits are available from the smartcard:

- 2-hour free permits
- 48-hour permits at a cost of £1 (by inserting coins into a pay and display machine)

Smartcard permits are valid from the time of issue by the pay and display machine, so they cannot be obtained in advance.

- Visitor permits are limited to 15 per household in any seven day period.
- Each household is also allowed five free visitor permits per renewal year.
- Residents over 60 can obtain visitor parking permits free of charge, subject to the maximum allowed of 15 visitor permits in any consecutive period of seven days.

Will the number of parking places on street increase?

There will not be any extra parking spaces on street, but the lack of commuters should make it easier for residents and visitors to find a space.

I run a business in the area. Do I need a permit?

Yes. A business-parking permit allows businesses to park their vehicles in residents' bays or pay and display bays within the boundary area, although using the pay and display bays will limit the availability of parking spaces to customers.

A business-parking permit costs £100 and lasts for 12 months.

A permit does not guarantee that a parking space will always be available. To ensure that the scheme is as fair as possible permits are issued at the discretion of Leicester City Council.

Do I need a permit if I run a charity, community centre or religious organisation in the area?

Yes. Charities, community centres and religious organisations can apply for a permit at a cost of £25 each which last for 12 months.

Do contractors need permits?

Yes. Day and weekly permits are available for contractor vans and estate cars, which are sign liveried or display an A4 laminated company sign on the dashboard. Day permits can be obtained free of charge and weekly permits can be obtained at a cost of £20 each and are valid Monday to Friday only. Permits are available to purchase online.

Where will people park if they want to use local shops?

People using local shops will be able to park in short-stay parking bays for up to one hour free, or in pay and display bays. The proposed charges for the pay and display bays are 20p for up to one hour or 50p for up to three hours.

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