

West Bletchley

Resident Permit Parking Scheme.

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What is a resident permit parking scheme?

A resident permit parking scheme can help to protect parking for residents. The scheme can be applied to single or multiple roads where there are significant issues with non-residents parking on the highway.

The permit scheme restricts the highway to only allow vehicles to park which have been issued with a valid residents' permit.

Any vehicle that is parked within the restricted road/roads that has not been issued a valid permit, would be deemed as being in contravention of the parking restriction and therefore would be at risk of being issued a penalty charge notice by the Highway Authority (Milton Keynes City Council).

It is worth noting that any resident that has their own off-road parking will only need to apply for a permit if they or their visitors need to park on-street during the restricted hours of the permit scheme.



Why is a resident permit parking scheme needed?

Many residential areas were built when car ownership was much lower and when most households only had one vehicle. In many older parts of the city, such as West Bletchley, the street layout was not built to accommodate the volume of vehicles today. Although a resident permit scheme will not resolve existing road space issues, as in many instances there is no available land to build additional parking, it will mean that a resident permit parking scheme would prioritise available parking for residents and their visitors.

Over the past years, many residents of West Bletchley have had to tolerate parking from train commuters and other visitors to the area. A residents permit parking scheme would only allow vehicles that have been issued with a valid resident permit to park within the restricted road and would enable the Authority to carry out enforcement to any non-permitted vehicle.

It may be the case that some areas simply do not have sufficient parking for the level of modern vehicle ownership and parking may always be an issue in these areas.

If you are experiencing difficulties parking due to residents from another street parking in your street, the resident permit scheme will most likely not address this issue as the permit scheme would apply to all residents within the restricted area and not by individual streets. The same number of residents' vehicles would

How much will a permit cost?

There is a cost to the Authority when setting up and introducing a permit scheme. However, these costs are offset by the charge applied when applying for a permit. The charge will cover the cost of administering and enforcing the permit scheme.

The following charges currently apply to all resident parking permits:

£25.00	12-month resident permit
£25.00	12-month visitor permit
£1.00	24-hour visitor permit

All permit charges are subject to the Authority's annual fees and charges review and therefore it is possible that the above charges may change in the future.

How will it be enforced?

Following the introduction of a resident permit parking scheme, the Authority will deploy Civil Enforcement Officers ("CEO") to the restricted roads to carry out enforcement.

Any vehicle parked within the restriction road without a permit, will be issued a penalty charge notice.

The Council is currently operating two ANPR (automatic number plate recognition) vehicles in Central Milton Keynes. The ANPR vehicles drive around the city centre roads, continuously scanning vehicle licence plates to check whether the vehicle has paid the parking charge or has a valid permit. If a vehicle is in contravention of the parking restriction (has not paid/does not have a valid permit) then the vehicle automatically sends an alert to the nearest CEO to enforce.

If a permit scheme is introduced in West Bletchley, then the Authority will consider expanding the ANPR operation to West Bletchley.

How to set up a resident permit parking scheme?

The Authority requires evidence that a resident permit parking scheme is desired by at least **70%** of the affected residents before it will consider implementing a scheme.

The evidence can be in the form of a petition and must be signed by the affected residents.

The Authority will then consult with your the local councillors and West Bletchley Council to decide whether a resident permit scheme is appropriate. If there are no objections to the proposed permit parking scheme, then the Council will hold an

informal (non-legal) consultation on the proposal. This involves the Authority presenting the proposal on its website, explaining the advantages and disadvantages of a resident permit parking scheme, detailed drawings showing the general arrangements and extent of the proposed restriction, and an online questionnaire.

When responding to the questionnaire, residents should consider how bad the parking problems are and whether they are willing to pay for a permit to park.

Following the informal consultation, the Authority will consider all responses to the questionnaire and make a decision whether or not to progress the scheme.

If it is decided to progress the scheme, then the next step will be to prepare the proposed traffic regulation Order and carry out a minimum of 21-days statutory consultation, where any objections to the proposed residents permit parking scheme must be duly considered by the Authority.

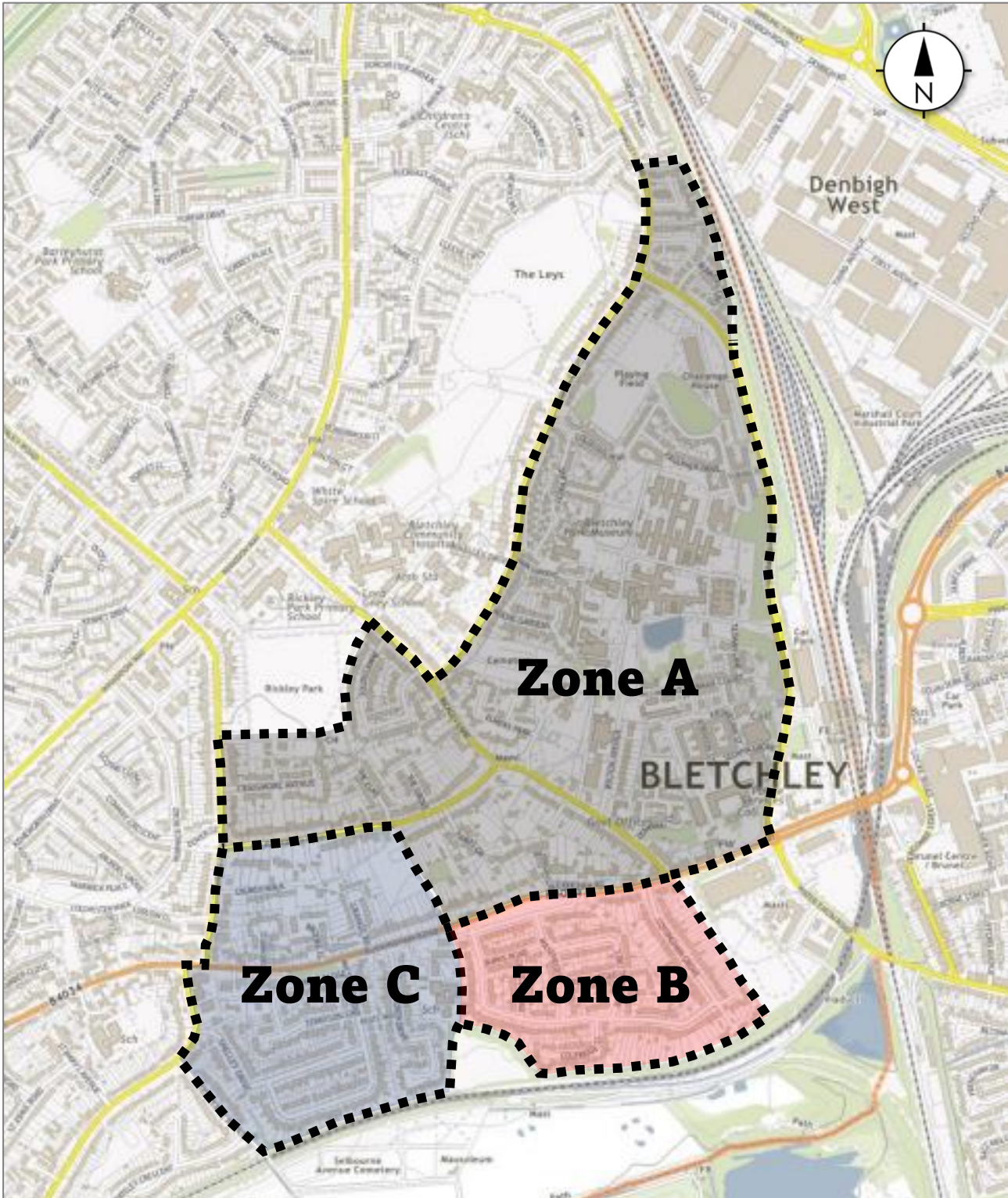
Once the objections have been considered, the Authority will make the decision whether to uphold any of the objections and implement the residents permit parking scheme.

The scheme can then be implemented, and the permits made available for residents to purchase.

How long will it take to complete the process?

Subject to the response received during informal and statutory consultation, it could take up to 6-12 months to complete the process and introduce the residents permit parking scheme.

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Zone A	Proposed area for new parking restrictions
Zone B	Proposed area for new parking restrictions
Zone C	Proposed area for new parking restrictions