

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

Why can't Parking stay the same?

Under the current system of contract law, it's difficult and time-consuming for the Council to prove the identity of people who park badly on estates.

The Government has advised Councils that they should not be using contract law to enforce parking on off-street land, such as housing estates.

What is a Traffic Management Order (TMO)?

A Traffic Management Order allows the Council to control parking in a chosen area. They are commonly used on public roads but can also be used on estates. They set out who is allowed to park and when. They also allow Civil Enforcement Officers (traffic wardens) to issue Penalty Charge Notices (parking fines) to vehicles that are parked incorrectly or causing an obstruction.

Would Parking Permits cost more?

No. These proposals do not include any increases to estate parking permit charges.

As part of the Council's commitment to improving services for residents, there are plans to introduce a new digital permit system for estate parking, making permits easier to apply for, manage and renew. As part of this change, parking permit charges will be separated from rent charges. We will provide further information and support before any changes are introduced.

Will there be the same amount of parking available on my estate?

Where possible, we will keep the current arrangement of parking and have tried not to reduce the number of parking spaces. Improving safety and access are a vital part of these proposals, so in some cases we may have to remove spaces that could cause access issues or are not suitable for parking. Where this happens, we have tried to relocate them in more suitable locations elsewhere on the estate.

Why are you removing numbered bays on the estates?

Removing the allocated and numbered spaces will allow residents more choice of where to park and will give the Council greater flexibility in locating facilities for essential needs such as disabled people.

Unallocated parking will also make it easier to install sustainable travel facilities in the future, such as electric vehicle charge points, car club parking and cycle provisions. It will also make it easier if residents want to repurpose underused parking for other uses like community or green spaces. These future changes will help us to continue to support the delivery of objectives set out in Camden's Transport Strategy and We Make Camden.

What about visitors?

As part of Camden's Transport Strategy, we are committed to reducing congestion and pollution in the borough and want more people to use sustainable and active travel options like walking, cycling and public transport - this includes estate visitors and residents. The new proposals should make these options more attractive by keeping the roads and pavements clear of cars and improving access to sustainable transport options. We are committed to reducing unnecessary vehicle use across the borough, as part of this Estate Visitor Permits, including scratch cards, will not be valid for use on the estates. However, where visitors need to travel by car, several alternative parking options are available:

Estate visitors are entitled to use some of the parking bays on the surrounding Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ). Outside of the controlled hours parking in most of the bays is free. Within the controlled hours estate visitors may use Paid for Parking (Cashless) or the resident they are visiting can purchase parking for them using their Camden account and the Electronic Visitor Permit system. You can find more information about this via the following links:

- [Controlled parking zones](#)
- [Cashless parking](#)
- [Apply for visitor parking permits](#)
- [Parking on council estates - Camden Council](#)

What about delivery vehicles?

Vehicles will be able to load and unload for up to 20 minutes as long as they are not causing an obstruction.

What about Blue Badge Holders who live on the estate?

From experience on other estates, allowing non-resident Blue Badge holders to park on the estate can increase parking pressure and make it harder for permit holders to find a space.

To address this, we are proposing to introduce parking controls so that only residents with a valid permit can park on the estate.

As part of this, we are proposing to introduce a number of Protected Bays on each estate. These are intended to support residents with an essential need for parking.

Residents will be able to apply for a Protected Permit, which will allow them to park in any general (non-numbered) parking space on the estate, as well as in the Protected Bays.

Only Blue Badge holders who live on the estate will be eligible to apply for this permit.

Visitors who hold a Blue Badge and do not live on the estate will need to park on the public highway outside the estate. Alternatively, the resident they are visiting can apply for an on-street visitor permit.

For more information, please visit:

- [Camden Blue Badge Parking Guide](#)
- [Apply for visitor parking permits - Camden Council](#)
- [Parking on council estates - Camden Council](#)

I currently park on the estate but do not have a permit. What will happen to me?

You should not be parking on any of Camden's estates without a valid permit or permission. Once the new parking controls are in place, your vehicle will receive a Penalty Charge Notice if it is not displaying a valid permit. Where there is availability on an estate, you may be able to apply for a parking permit. Alternatively, estate residents can apply for a resident parking permit in the surrounding Controlled Parking Zone. More information on this can be found via the links below:

- [Resident Parking Permits](#)
- [Parking on council estates - Camden Council](#)

I have my own driveway or parking spaces on the estate. What will happen?

We won't include private spaces in the new parking controls, but we will look to apply yellow lines to kerbs near driveways to reduce instances of driveways being blocked. Issues with private parking areas are a civil matter and should be reported to the Council or the police.

Where can I park my motorbike?

Motorcycles do not require a permit; however, they must be parked only in designated motorcycle bays and must not be parked in estate resident parking bays. Failure to use a designated motorcycle bay may result in a Penalty Charge Notice (PCN). Demand for motorcycle parking will be assessed through the consultation, and motorcycle bays will be provided where space allows. Where no motorcycle parking is available on the estate, motorcycles should be parked outside the estate, for example in on-street solo motorcycle bays, in accordance with local parking restrictions and charges.

What times of the day will the new restrictions apply?

The new parking controls will apply 24 hours 7 days a week.

What work will be done to implement the changes?

We will need to paint new road markings on the estate and install new parking signs. In order for us to do the work, we may need to suspend parking in certain bays for a short period of time. To minimise disruption, the work will be done in phases. Warning signs, stating the location and times of the suspensions will be put up before the work starts.

Why are you consulting me now?

This consultation is being carried out under **Section 105 of the Housing Act 1985**. It gives Camden Council tenants who may be affected by the proposed parking arrangements the opportunity to tell us what they think before a final decision is made.

We also welcome views from leaseholders and other residents living on the estates.

When completing the survey, please tell us whether you are a **Council tenant, leaseholder or another type of resident**. This will help us understand the views of Council tenants as part of the Section 105 consultation.

Is this the Traffic Management Order consultation?

No. This consultation is about the **proposed parking arrangements for your estate**, including the proposed layout and how parking would work.

If Camden decides to go ahead with a Traffic Management Order, there will be a **separate statutory consultation on the TMO itself**. This will give residents and other interested people another opportunity to comment formally before the TMO is made.

Will I need to respond again during the TMO consultation?

You do not have to, but you will have another opportunity to comment if the proposal moves to the formal TMO consultation stage.

We will consider the feedback received through this Section 105 consultation when reviewing the proposed estate parking arrangements. If Camden then decides to proceed with a TMO, details of the formal consultation and how to make comments or objections will be published separately.