



Clarendon Park-

Experimental parking permit scheme- Start date 1st February 2021

Following requests to look at ways to ease the parking situation in Clarendon Park, Leicester City Council will be introducing a time limited Experimental Traffic Order (ETO) in the area. The area covered by the experiment are the streets immediately adjacent to the Queens Road shopping area. This is a bid to tackle commuter parking issues (see map enclosed for details of streets affected).

The ETO will be significantly different from other permit zones that exist in other parts of the city. The experiment has been designed to specifically discourage commuter parking, increase the number of parking spaces available for residents, and ensure there are more spaces for shoppers and other visitors to local businesses throughout the day. Only qualifying residents and businesses with a permit will be able to park in the experimental areas Monday to Friday for one hour each day between 9.30am and 10.30am as opposed to other schemes offered in the past which operated 24 hours a day 7 days a week. Outside of these 5 hours a week anyone can park in the experimental zone as usual.

The concept of the experiment is that people who currently drive to work, park in Clarendon Park, walk the rest of the way to work and only come to pick their car up after work will not come back to their car and move it between 9.30am and 10.30am. If the commuters cannot or will not return at 9.30am to move their car, they will not park in the area in the first place. The spaces these commuters would have taken are then available for shoppers, visitors, and residents after 10.30am. Such parking measures are currently in operation in Nottingham and London.

The ETO will involve a trial parking permit scheme which will run from 1st February to 31st August 2021, after which it will be decided whether the experiment should be ended (returning to the situation before the experiment) or continued.

The two measures of whether the experiment has succeeded or failed are

- The amount of parking spaces that are available in the experimental area during the day, before and after the introduction of the experiment.
- The attitudes of residents and businesses in the experimental area as to how the experiment went.

Residents and businesses are invited to comment on the scheme during the trial period. The scheme will then either be ended, continued as is, modified or even extended to streets who express an interest in joining the experiment.

Parking permit signs will be in place at the entrance to the area with repeater/reminder signs along streets inside the area.

Parking Permits

Permits will be available to all qualifying residential and business properties, including businesses and residents on Queens Road and the northern side of Clarendon Park Road. Residents and businesses will not be charged for permits during the trial period.

Surveys will be taking place at different times during the experimental scheme so we have a good understanding if this is working or not therefore we wish to discourage visitors to residents properties between 9.30am to 10.30am however, we recognise that on occasion

you may have a contractor working at your property and we ask if they cannot attend outside of the schemes time you can either call on 0116 454 6300 during office hours or e mail parkingoffice@leicester.gov.uk giving as much notice as possible to include the name of the contractor and vehicle registration number of the vehicle to avoid being ticketed.

Carers attending the residents property

We recognise that carers may need to attend the property and that may be during the times for the scheme therefore permits will be available for carers providing that proof can be established.

Blue Badge Holders

Any visitor to your property that has a valid Blue Badge will be allowed to park in the area between 9.30am to 10.30am

Visitors to your residents property

We are not considering visitors permits to be allocated to individual residents property during this experimental scheme between the hours of 9.30am to 10.30am as this will detract from surveys taking place and may encourage commuter parking.

We will write to you again 6 weeks prior to the scheme being implemented on how you can apply for permits online.

For any query or concerns regarding permits as a whole for this experimental scheme please email parkingoffice@leicester.gov.uk.

Comments and feedback

If you have a specific difficulty or need in relation to this experiment, please let us know and we will look at if we can address your concerns.

To do this please email Traffic.Management@leicester.gov.uk.

Alternatively, write to Traffic Operations Team, Leicester City Council, 115, Charles Street, Leicester, LE1 1FZ.

Further information about the scheme can be found on the city council's website: leicester.gov.uk/transport-and-streets/traffic-regulation-orders

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mr. [unclear]', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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