

## Controlled Parking Zone Permit Information - Bowes Park CPZ - January 2019

### Prices

Permit prices for the proposed 3-hour zone are as shown below, matching Enfield Council's standard CPZ pricing schedule last reviewed in 2016. (Note that these are set at half the level of prices for all-day zones, for which the extended enforcement activity results in higher costs.) Prices are based on engine size. Permits are free to blue-badge holders.

Engine Size (cc)	1000 or less	1001 to 1600	1601 to 1999	2000 to 2499	2500 to 2999	3000 or more	Book of 10 visitor permits
Permit cost	£27.50	£55.00	£82.50	£110.00	£137.50	£165.00	£7.50

### Eligibility and limitations

Permits can only be purchased by vehicle owners who can prove they are resident in the area. They are not sold beyond the zone boundary. In the Bowes Park CPZ, homes within Collings Close are excluded as this is a private road with its own parking space.

Each resident can purchase a maximum of 3 permits concurrently (i.e. for up to three vehicles in their ownership), but wider limitations on the total number of permits per household do not apply. Vehicles that will always be kept off the road in private garages and frontage parking, or that will never be left on the street within the controlled period, will not need permits.

### Visitor permits

Each residence can purchase a maximum of 5 books of 10 visitor permits per year. (I.e. equating to one visitor permit per week per household.) One visitor permit will cover the full controlled hours of the proposed zone on the day of use.

### Why Enfield Council asks residents to pay for permits

It is typical across London that residents are asked to pay for permits for such schemes.

In Enfield, residents are not asked to pay for initial consultation and implementation costs, but there are ongoing costs with administering permit schemes and paying for additional enforcement activity. Government advice directs councils to ensure their parking control accounts are self-financing. Permit prices are therefore set, borough wide, with the aim of breaking even.

The prevailing convention in the UK is that any driver enjoys a freedom to park at the side of a public road. Curtailing this freedom to favour residents can be viewed as an additional service to those residents, not one of the Council's core duties. Similarly, the zonal controls can be viewed as an intervention to aid the convenience of local drivers, but offer little direct benefit to the roughly one third of households that do not own a car. It is appropriate to ask those who benefit most from the intervention to help pay for it.

### Why Enfield Council believes permits offer good value

The annual permit price for a small hatchback in the Bowes Park CPZ will be £55, which equates to only around £1 per week. This is dwarfed by many other weekly transport costs people typically incur like oyster fares or fuelling their cars. The Council continues to receive high numbers of requests from residents each week asking for permit controls to be introduced in their streets. But the Council hardly ever receives requests to have existing zonal controls removed or shortened. This suggests that residents will tend to recognise, once provided, the good value offered by parking permit schemes.