



## **Clarendon Park Experimental Parking Permit Scheme Start Date 1<sup>st</sup> February 2021**

**Although this Experimental Parking scheme is not due to operate in your street, you may be affected by its operation. You may also wish for your street to subsequently join the experimental area, therefore, please find information on this experiment below.**

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 1<sup>st</sup> February 2021 to 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

If you have any questions about permits please email [parking-office@leicester.gov.uk](mailto:parking-office@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](mailto:Traffic.Management@leicester.gov.uk).

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

### **Extension of the area of the experiment**

During the experiment the City Council will survey streets immediately outside of the area to measure any potential displacement of parking caused by the experiment.

If the experiment is judged to have succeeded within the experimental zone the City Council will then open expressions of interest from residents and businesses in surrounding streets to join the experiment. If there is a clear majority to join the scheme, we currently have a target date of September 2021 to expand the experimental zone to interested streets.

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

Regards

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