



Southampton City Centre Parking Policy Review

City Centre Pay & Display Zone –Evening Parking Charges

Introduction

The council currently operates a number of car parking facilities within Southampton city centre. These include off-street car parks, together with on-street pay and display controlled parking zones (CPZ).

The purpose of this consultation is to gauge residents' thoughts on extending parking charges and restrictions into the evening in all city centre on and off-street parking spaces, and single yellow line restrictions.

The council is considering implementing these changes to parking charges because they were part of the council's budget saving proposals agreed earlier this year. The changes could potentially generate additional income for the council, a good proportion of which would be used to fund vital council services which are under significant pressure. In recent years there has been an increasing demand for city centre parking as a result of the rapid growth in city centre population. Making these changes is not unusual as many neighbouring Councils have been charging for evening parking for some years including Portsmouth, Basingstoke and Deane, Bournemouth, and Brighton and Hove.

Parking between the hours of 18:00 and 08:00 until now has been free in most of the on and off-street parking places owned by the council. Privately operated car parks within the city centre have different charging policies - some charge for part of the evening, while others charge for parking 24 hours a day.

As part of this proposal to extend charges, the following multi-storey car parks would be affected: Eastgate, Marlands, Grosvenor Square, Bedford Place and West Park. All these car parks are Pay on Foot, with the exception of West Park which is Pay & Display.

How does this consultation relate to the consultation on pay and display shared resident bays?

This is a separate consultation about evening parking charges for on-street parking spaces within the city centre parking zone. However, we are running another consultation in conjunction with this one, on proposals to reallocate some existing on-street pay and display parking spaces to people living in the city centre, as 'shared residents' parking spaces'. Current policy does not permit the provision of on-street resident-only parking permits within the city centre.

What areas would be affected by the introduction of evening on-street parking charges?

The scheme would operate within the existing city centre pay and display zone. This is split into four different charging zones, illustrated on the appended plan. In general, the 'Red Zone' is the most used parking area, primarily serving the main retail areas in the city centre. Full details of how the pay and display zone currently operates can be found [here](#).

What are we proposing to do?

Different types of evening charges operate in different areas. There are three options which could operate in Southampton. These are set out below:

Option 1 – Extend existing daytime parking tariffs until 22:30 in all pay and display zones and off-street car parks. Multi-storey car parks would continue to charge until midnight with the exception of West Park where charges apply until 22.00.

From our experience this option will be easy to understand. However, it might mean people who want to use the on-street parking for extended periods of time in the evening, or residents wishing to park on street overnight, may be disadvantaged by maximum stay parking limits on the on-street pay and display bays. A vehicle would need to be moved at the end of the paid for period as “feeding the meter” is not permitted.

Option 2 – Extend charges in all off-street car parks until 22:30, and until 20:00 in all on-street pay and display bays. Multi-storey car parks would continue to charge until midnight with the exception of West Park where charges apply until 22.00

If charges ceased at 20:00 in on-street pay and display bays, customers parking in the city early evening may be able to park their vehicle on-street rather than in a car park. The period they could do this for could be one or two hours, depending on the maximum time limit of the pay and display bay or zone they wish to park in. One hour maximum limits currently apply in the “Red Zone”.

Option 3 - Extend existing daytime parking tariffs until 20:00 in all pay and display zones and off-street car parks with the exception of West Park MSCP which would stay to 22.00

A flat fee would operate between 18:00 – Midnight in Pay on Foot operated Multi-storey car parks which are Bedford Place, Eastgate, Grosvenor Square and Marlands.

This would have the same effect as option 1 but would have an earlier finish time, but would also offer customers a choice of paying a flat fee in Pay on Foot operated Multi Storey Car Parks.

‘Red Zone’ time limits - Views are sought on increasing the maximum parking time in the ‘Red Zone’ (see Appendix A) from one hour to two hours.

This proposal would enable customers to park in on-street bays and car parks for up to two hours within the ‘Red Zone’, making their visits to shops, restaurants, bars and other attractions more leisurely as the need to return to vehicles after just one hour of parking is avoided.

What about evening and overnight car park charges?

Currently, overnight car parking permits are available in all our city centre car parks. These cost £250 a year. This consultation proposes to reduce this fee from £250 to £150. This would work out at 41p per night for an annual permit, but would continue to be available only to those who live within the city centre parking area outlined in Appendix A.

What about Sunday charges?

Currently parking charges on Sundays do not apply until 12 noon in off-street car parks and 1300 on-street. This will remain unchanged.

What happens next?

Responses to the consultation will be analysed to assess which option is preferred by the public. Depending on the outcome of the consultation and how these proposed changes are met by the public, any necessary policy changes would be raised at a council cabinet meeting. The Cabinet would then need to approve these changes. Following cabinet approval, Traffic Regulation Orders would need to be advertised - residents and businesses would have the opportunity to comment on or object to these. The feedback would be considered by Cabinet before any final decision on implementing evening parking changes is made.

Which of the Three Options do you prefer?**Question 1 – Option 1**

Do you prefer the proposal to extend existing daytime tariffs until 22:30 in all pay and display zones and off-street car parks, and for multi-storey car parks to charge until midnight?

Question 2 – Option 2

Do you prefer the proposal to charge for parking in off-street car parks until 22:30, but only until 20:00 for on-street pay and display bays?

Question 3 – Option 3

Do you prefer the proposal to charge for parking On and Off Street until 20:00 with the exception of West Park Multi-Storey Car Park and a single, flat fee operating between 18:00 and midnight in Pay on Foot operated Multi Storey Car Parks.

Question 4 – ‘Red Zone’ time limits

Do you agree that the maximum permitted parking time in the ‘Red Zone’ should be extended from one hour to two hours?

Question 5 – Evening & Overnight Charges

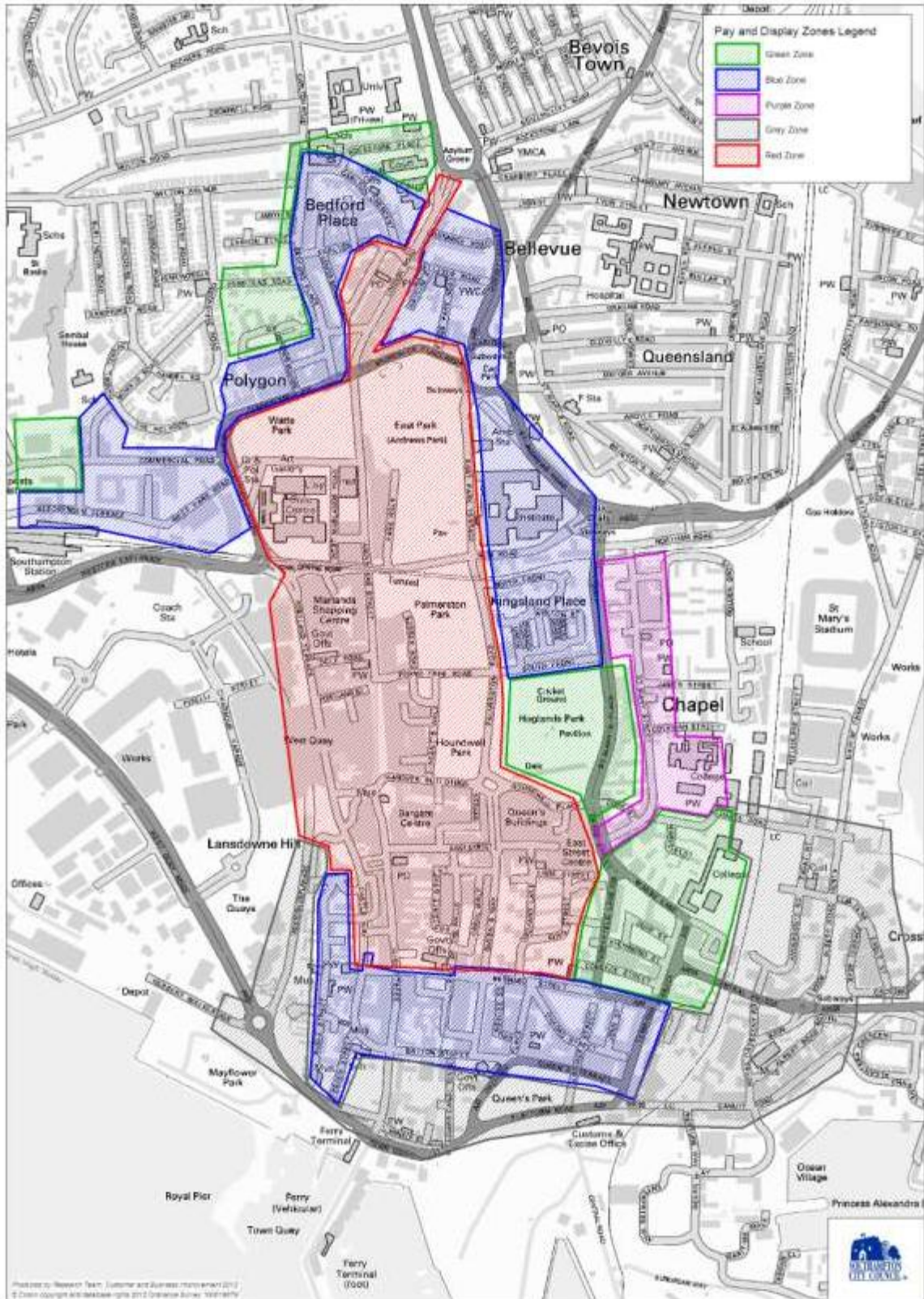
Do you agree that annual overnight off-street car parking permits should reduce from £250 to £150.

Question 6 – Do you have any other comments?

Are there any other comments you would like to make relating to this consultation?

Appendix A City Centre Parking Zone

Pay and Display parking zones in the city centre



Appendix B City Centre On- Street Parking Zones

Red Zone

Back Of The Walls
Bell Street
Bernard Street
Brunswick Place
Canal Walk
Castle Way
Castle Way Service Road
College Place
Commercial Road
East Street
East Street Service Road
Eastgate Street
High Street
Houndwell Place
Lime Street
London Road
Palmerston Road
Park Walk
Portland Street
Queensway
Regent Street
Salisbury Street
Spa Road
St Georges Street
Sussex Road
Sussex Road Service Road
The Strand
Winchester Street

Blue Zone

Back of the Walls
Bedford Place
Bellevue Road
Bernard Street
Blechynden Terrace
Briton Street
Brunswick Square
Bugle Street
Carlton Crescent
Carlton Place
Castle Square

Grey Zone

Albert Road South
Andersons Road
Anglesea Terrace
Bridge Terrace
Canute Road
Chapel Road
Endle Street
Herbert Walker Av
Paget Street
Platform Road
Royal Crescent Rd
St Marys Place
Town Quay
West Quay Service Rd
West Quay Spur Road
Western Esplanade

Green Zone

Chapel Road
College Street
Commercial S Road
Duke Street
Henstead Road
Marsh Lane
Richmond Street
Rockstone Place
Terminus Terrace 434
Threefield Lane
Wilton Avenue

Castle Way
Commercial Road
Cossack Green
French Street
Grosvenor Square
High Street
John Street
Kings Park Road
Latimer Street
Latimer Street
Lower Banister Street
Morris Road
North Front
Orchard Place
Ordnance Road
Oxford Street
Queensway
South Front
Southampton Street
St Andrews Road
St Michaels Street
Terminus Terrace
Upper Banister Street
Upper Bugle Street
Winton Street
Wyndham Court Service Road