



The Bear Flat Association

for those living and working in the Bear Flat neighbourhood of the city of Bath

Dear Resident,

RESIDENTS' PARKING ZONE CONSULTATION

***THIS NOTE IS TO GIVE YOU ADVANCED INFORMATION ON THE
FORTHCOMING CONSULTATION ON THE INTRODUCTION OF A
RESIDENTS' PARKING ZONE TO BEAR FLAT***

BUT WE HAVE ALREADY HAD A PARKING ZONE SURVEY!!

Yes, in 2016, and the result was to reject the idea. However, the problems of traffic and parking congestion on Bear Flat is now becoming acute. Reasons include:

- The loss of parking spaces because of the introduction, for safety reasons, of more double yellow lines;
- The expansion of Beechen Cliff School;
- The possible removal of free all-day car parking rights from Alexandra Park.

The BFA is hearing more and more from residents who find the situation intolerable and we believe that this has deteriorated sufficiently as to justify re-addressing the introduction of a Residents Parking Zone for Bear Flat.

SO WHAT'S THE IDEA?

B&NES Council has agreed that, if a majority of households want to have an RPZ for Bear Flat, then it will re-consider introducing such a scheme. The Council is looking for a YES from the majority of **households**, not from a majority of **votes**. Therefore, if you do not vote, you will effectively count as a NO.

AND WHEN WILL THE CONSULTATION HAPPEN?

The BFA is currently in discussion with our local councillor and with B&NES Council to run this RPZ consultation. We intend sending the consultation questionnaire to residents after the summer holidays so that we reach the maximum number of residents and still meet the end of November submission date requested by the Council.

HAVE YOUR SAY

The BFA has arranged for a residents' meeting on the introduction of a Residents' Parking Zone to Bear Flat. The meeting will take place at

***7:30pm, Friday, 8th September 2017,
Beechen Cliff Methodist Church Hall***

INFORMATION ABOUT THE RESIDENTS' PARKING SCHEME

The following information should address your questions regarding the Residents Parking Scheme. All information is taken from the B&NES Council website and correct at the time of going to press. If you would like further information on Residents Parking Schemes in Bath, you can find this on B&NES Council's website at: <http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/services/parking-and-travel/parking-permits>

1. How many permits can I have?

You can have up to 2 residents parking permits

2. How much does a Residents' Parking Permit cost?

The first Resident's Parking Permit costs £100 per year or £60 for 6 months.

The second Resident's Parking Permit costs £160 per year or £90 for 6 months.

3. Over what times will Residents Parking operate?

The 'normal' operating times for RPZs outside of the city centre are 08:00 to 18:00 Monday to Friday, excluding Bank Holidays. However, there may be scope for different times. You will be consulted on this.

4. Where can I park during Residents' Parking operating hours?

If you have a permit, you can park anywhere within the Bear Flat RPZ.

5. What about visitors to my house during Residents' Parking operating hours?

Visitors permits are available to all residents within the zone. They are available in paper and electronic form.

Paper scratch cards: £10 for 10 days (maximum of 100 days per annum).

Electronic hours: £10 for 100 hours (maximum of 1000 hours per annum).

6. Is there any provision for health / social care workers' parking that avoids the resident having to use visitors' passes?

Yes, there is a separate medical care permit scheme.

7. Will school staff / students have a right to purchase visitors' passes for the RPZ?

No. As for all businesses, only two visitors permits will be allowed for the school.

WHICH STREETS WILL BE AFFECTED BY THE POSSIBLE RPZ?

The precise design of the RPZ will be the responsibility of B&NES Council. The following streets are the ones that we believe will be affected.

- Beechen Cliff Road
- Bloomfield Avenue
- Bruton Avenue
- Byron Road
- Chaucer Road
- Devonshire Buildings
- Devonshire Place
- Devonshire Villas
- Greenway Court
- Hayesfield Park
- Kipling Avenue
- Longfellow Avenue
- Maple Grove
- Maple Gardens
- Milton Avenue
- Shakespeare Avenue
- Shelley Road
- Wellsway (east side, up to Devonshire Buildings)

WE WILL POST PERIODIC UPDATES ON RPZs ON THE BFA WEBSITE:

<http://bearflat.org.uk/>

**WE WILL ALSO PROVIDE REGULAR UPDATES IN OUR MONTHLY
NEWSLETTER.**

THE NEWSLETTER IS AVAILABLE TO BEAR FLAT ASSOCIATION MEMBERS.

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN, PLEASE SEND THE MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION
OF £5 TO**

THE BFA MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY, 20 MAPLE GROVE, BATH, BA2 3AF

STATING YOUR NAME, HOME ADDRESS AND EMAIL ADDRESS.