

Dear Clerk to the Council,

Civil Parking Enforcement (CPE) is coming to South Oxfordshire, Vale of White Horse and Cherwell Districts.

At the start of September, I wrote to elected members and Parish/ Town Councils with an update on CPE and provided information on ways to feed into the enforcement within your areas.

In summary, the changes come into effect on the **1st November 2021** and from this date, on-street parking enforcement in South, Vale and Cherwell Districts will be managed on the County Council's behalf by Conduent Public Sector UK Limited, who currently carry out on-street enforcement on behalf of the County Council within Oxford City. This service works well, and the County Council believes it can extend the current operations with minimal disruption and costs.

I am now writing to you again, requesting your input and local knowledge in helping set our priorities on where Civil Enforcement Officers are initially deployed.

To submit feedback on areas where you feel enforcement of restrictions would make a difference, please email the Parking Team with the information including road names, type of restrictions and times when the problems occur to CPEenquiries@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Requests to review restrictions

Our aim is to ensure the right restrictions are in the right places and can be actively enforced. However, with CPE around the corner we are aware that in some areas residents are now raising concerns regarding outdated restrictions and impending enforcement of areas where they have become used to parking in contravention near their homes, e.g. 2-hour bays or on single yellow lines.

In some cases, a review of the restrictions might be beneficial and we are now asking Parish/ Town Councils to help identify where restriction changes may be required. We expect that there will be high demand to make changes and introduce new restrictions, so would recommend contacting us as soon as possible to discuss the options available.

We plan to take a pragmatic approach to enforcement of these areas and where there is an agreement to carry out a review of the restrictions, the Parking Team will give a commitment to suspend enforcement until an outcome is reached. This is subject to agreements for funding and timescales for a review to be concluded.

What would a change to parking restrictions cost and how long will it take?

All changes to parking restrictions that require an amendment to Traffic Regulation Orders, or for a new Traffic Regulation Order will incur a cost for legal fees of £3,250.

In addition, the works costs are dependent the scale of what is proposed. A small change like the introduction of double yellow lines may be under £1,000, whereas a new resident parking scheme, covering several streets, could cost in excess of £10,000. Officers will be able to assist with more indicative costings depending on the type of scheme being requested.

Changes to parking restrictions are subject to formal consultation with the public. Subject to the level of support for a scheme, and any objections that are received, changes can take up to 6-8 months to complete from the commencement of the consultation.

To discuss further requesting changes to parking restrictions in your area please email the details to the Parking Team at CPEenquiries@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Public Engagement

To make the public aware of the changes to parking enforcement, a comprehensive publicity campaign is now underway. Our aim is to advise motorists ahead of time of the importance of complying with parking restrictions, so they avoid the risk of being issued with a parking ticket.

More information can be found on the County Councils website:

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/roads-and-transport/parking/new-parking-enforcement-areas>

Please ensure that the content of this letter to made available to your council members at the next Town or Parish meeting, so that Members can provide local intelligence on where issues are and what changes may be required in the future.

If you would like further information or to discuss the matter, please do not hesitate to contact the parking team at CPEenquiries@oxfordshire.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely,



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