

BENCHMARKING

Parking and Marine Service



I Benchmarking exercise to be undertaken with other Local Authorities to find synergies with how Plymouth's CPZ structured and controlled:

It is evident from the benchmarking results below that the majority of Councils now operate permit schemes during working and commuter hours i.e.: predominately starting at 8am and ending between 5pm and 6:30pm. Several Councils restrict the number of permits, vehicle weight and length to each permit zone; Southampton City Council permit parking fact sheet is attached for general information.

	Council	No of Zones	Hours of Operation
1	Derby City Council	12	Monday to Saturday 8am to 6pm x 9 Zones 1 Zone x has two separate restrictions, the area closest to the hospital operates Monday to Sunday 8am - 6pm, Monday to Friday 8am to 6pm for the other areas. Monday to Friday 8am to 4pm (1 September to 30 June) x 2 Zones
2	Portsmouth City Council	34	Parking schemes operate at all times
3	Bristol City Council	3	Monday to Saturday 8am to 6pm (part of the Outer Zone) or Monday to Saturday 8am to Midnight (all of the Central and Inner Zone and some of the Outer Zone).
4	Dover	12	Permit scheme operational hours are a mixture of 8.30am to 5.30pm or 10.30 to 5.30pm.
5	Bournemouth	9	All permit schemes operational hours at all times.
6	Southampton City Council	22	All permit schemes operational 8am to 6pm Monday to Saturday.
7	Cardiff Council	2	Central - 8am – 10pm Monday to Sunday 50% of the street Outer Central Areas 8am – 10pm Monday to Sunday 100% of the street
8	Oxford Council	30	Permit schemes are a mixture of 'at all times', 9am to 5pm, 8am to 6.30pm etc to cover all day working and commuter hours. Specific restrictions apply in the area of Kassam Stadium as below; permit schemes are also in operation on football match days. Kassam Stadium controlled parking zones

			Blackbird Leys West (BW)	Sunday 8:30am-1:30pm, and event days
			Brake Hill (BH)	Sunday 8:30am-1:30pm, and event days
			Fry's Hill (FH)	Sunday 8:30am-1:30pm, and event days
			Minchery Farm (MF)	Sunday 8:30am-1:30pm, and event days
9	Cambridge Council	15	Permit schemes are similar to Oxford – a mixture of schemes to cover all day working and commuter hours. Schemes operational predominately between 8am to 8pm and up to 9pm daily.	
10	Croydon	16	Permit schemes operate 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday in all but the Central Croydon area which operates 8am to 12 midnight on all days.	

2 To find out from other Local Authorities when they shifted to generally 24/7 control...Plymouth seems to have an organic CPZ system with 53 zones, did other Local Authorities experience this problem and then change to what they have in place now?

The Parking Service spoke to 4 authorities responded that CPZ operational times were mostly decided with and after consultation with residents and amended at their request. Portsmouth, whose operational residents permits are currently 24 hours daily Monday to Sunday are considering introducing additional short time CPZ's in outer areas of the City that have been impacted on by the 24 hour restrictions. Further information was gathered from 3 additional Councils who were asked if they had previously had short term operational times i.e.: 1 or 2 hours.

Council	Hours of Operation
Portsmouth	Portsmouth Council operates an 8am – 8pm policy which deters business owners from parking during the day. They are currently advertising several zones with shorter 2 hour restrictions (2pm - 4pm). It is a new zone to be created on the outskirts of an existing zone and is most likely due to residents complaining that their streets are being used for parking by commuters avoiding the restricted CPZ areas.
Nottingham	Nottingham Council has 1 or 2 residents parking zones with a 2 hour restriction. Some zones have “split” restrictions, for example 10am -12 noon then 2pm - 4pm. One zone increased operational hours from 8am – 6pm to 8am – 8pm at the request of residents.
Southampton	Operates long time restrictions but allows shorter 1-2 hour “visitor times” throughout the day in different zones. Because of the size of the City the Council fully consult with residents for their requirements for operational hours; no amendments are made without first consulting residents.

Cambridge	Has two zones where residents permits are fixed at 8am – 6pm and business permits fixed at 8am - 8pm. This was the result of a review where residents requested these times.
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