

Divisions affected: *Oxford City*

**CABINET MEMBER FOR HIGHWAY MANAGEMENT – 16  
DECEMBER 2021**

**OXFORD – PROPOSED PERMIT ELIGIBILITY FOR CAR CLUB  
VEHICLES WITHIN CONTROLLED PARKING ZONES**

Report by Corporate Director, Environment and Place

**RECOMMENDATION**

1. The Cabinet Member for Highway Management is **RECOMMENDED** to approve as advertised the allocation of zone-specific parking permits for Car Club vehicles (on application by the Car Club operator and payment of the relevant annual fee) within all Controlled Parking Zones in Oxford.

**Executive summary**

2. This report presents responses received to a statutory consultation on a proposal to enable Car Club operators to apply for parking permits for their vehicles so that car club users can park under the same conditions as Resident Permit holders in the Controlled Parking Zones the cars are allocated to, in order to provide greater flexibility and convenience for their users and to supplement the few existing designated Car Club parking places (the latter are proposed to be retained). Applications for the permits and the payment of the annual permit fee will be the responsibility of the Car club operators.

**Financial Implications**

3. Funding for consultation on the proposals has been provided by the Oxfordshire County Council revenue budget and should the proposals be approved the Car Clubs will meet the on-going administrative costs through the payment of the annual permit fee.

**Equality and Inclusion Implications**

4. No implications in respect of equalities or inclusion have been identified in respect of the proposals.

**Sustainability Implications**

5. The proposals would help facilitate the use of car clubs, thereby helping provide residents with more travel choices and reduce the need for ownership of private vehicles.

## Consultation

6. Formal consultation was carried out between 26 August and 24 September 2021. A notice was published in the Oxfordshire Times newspaper.
7. Six responses were received during the formal consultation. One objection, and five in support. The responses are shown at Annex 1 with copies of the original responses available for inspection by County Councillors.
8. The objection was received from a member of the public querying the need for the proposal and expressing a concern that, if approved, it would add to parking pressures for residents. Noting these concerns, a principal objective of car clubs is to provide travel choices that reduce the need for individuals to own a car and by doing so can be expected to help reduce parking pressure in areas where car clubs operate.
9. Five expressions of support were received from members of the public.

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Annexes

Annex 1: Consultation responses

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RESPONDENT	COMMENTS
(1) Local Resident, (Oxford, Divinity Road)	<b>Object</b> – Why is it necessary? There are limited spaces and presumably when the car is in the area it can park in its slot?
(2) Local Resident, (Oxford, Lincoln Road)	<b>Support</b> – It is necessary for car club users to park near their house while they are using the car and if they don't own a car they are unlikely to pay for a parking permit. It would be stupid to put them at risk of a parking ticket for using a car club car.
(3) Local Resident, (Oxford, Church Cowley Road)	<b>Support</b> – A CPZ has been proposed here, but not yet implemented. Car Club reduces the incentive for people to keep a privately-owned car sitting unused on the road for 95% of the time so they should be permitted where CPZs are installed.
(4) Local Resident, (Oxford, Temple Road)	<b>Support</b> – I live in a proposed CPZ and I support the exception for car clubs because this will make it easier for people to share use of cars and therefore contribute to an overall reduction in vehicle ownership (Which I think needs to happen in the city).
(5) Local Resident, (Oxford, Kennett Road)	<b>Support</b> – Car clubs need all the support they can get and extra parking is the first step in enabling them to expand: people thinking of giving up their cars need to know that a car will be available when they really need one. More people will become aware of car clubs if their vehicles are parked in different streets and will find it convenient being able to return them nearer their home. (I have concerns, though, about people parking them across white access protection lines: these need to be specifically excluded)
(6) Local Resident, (Oxford, Henley Street)	<b>Support</b> – Anything that enables more use of car clubs is a good thing. It's also sadly frequent that ignorant motorists regularly park in the designated bays making it difficult to return

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