

Feedback from Consultation Parking Charges Review

Purpose of consultation:	<p>A review of Haringey's parking charges was carried out in 2007, since parking charges had remained static since 2002. As part of the review, proposals were made for Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) permit charges to be levied on a sliding scale, with drivers of high emission vehicles being charged the most and low emission vehicles being charged the least. The review also included changes to charges and allocation of visitors permits.</p> <p>An extended 7 week consultation period was agreed to allow full publicity and discussion of the proposals.</p>
Methodology:	<p>During the 7 week period, the consultation was publicised in the following ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Notices and articles in the press and Haringey People ▪ Notices on lamp columns within CPZ areas ▪ Leaflets distributed to all residents within existing and proposed CPZ areas, as well as voluntary and community groups ▪ Publicity at area assemblies falling within the consultation period (Wood Green, Muswell Hill, St Ann's, Crouch End and Tottenham and Seven Sisters) <p>Responses were accepted from all interested parties, with representations required in writing.</p>
Findings:	<p>12% of representations were in favour of the council's proposals, while many others accept the principle but resented the council's approach.</p> <p>The objections to the proposals focussed around the following themes :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The proposals represent a sharp and excessive increase in costs which penalise residents who happen to live in CPZs ▪ It is only a proportion of residents who have to pay. Some comment that they would feel less unhappy if all motorists had to pay to drive and park in Haringey ▪ Proposals for charging are not based on car usage or mileage ▪ The proposed charging bands classify average family saloons with high performance 'gas guzzlers' ▪ The proposals are unfair as the increase in charges comes 'so soon' after the establishment of CPZs ▪ The proposals encroach upon an area of policy more appropriate to Central Government rather than local councils ▪ Suggestion that wealthier residents will not only have no difficulty in paying the charges but they are also likely to benefit by owning properties with driveways or gardens where they can park their cars with impunity ▪ Those who object to the proposals for visitor permits typically comment that families and elders will be affected as a result of the proposed reduction in time and increase in charges.

<p>Implications for Business Unit:</p>	<p>A full summary of the consultation results was presented to the Cabinet on 24 April 07.</p> <p>The decision was taken to introduce the charges as proposed, with the exception of visitors permits. As a results of the feedback received, there will be no change to the entitlement of concessionary permit holders, with only an inflationary increase to the charges for the permits.</p> <p>The parking service has also clarified its position with regard to the banding of electric or LPG converted vehicles. Electric vehicles will be classed as a band 1 vehicle and vehicles converted to LPG fuel will receive a one band reduction in the banding of their vehicle prior to conversion.</p> <p>It was agreed that the new charges would be implemented from 1 July 07.</p>
<p>How were results communicated?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Notices and articles in the press ▪ The full consultation results are publicised on the Haringey website at www.minutes.haringey.gov.uk ▪ Further communication to residents within CPZ areas will include the outcome of the parking charges review consultation
<p>Issues and learning points:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Very tight timeline, so much of the preparation of the report was carried out in advance. But there was little time for checking after the consultations had closed. ▪ Identifying and implementing adequate resources at the outset made the job much easier ▪ Involvement of Communications and Consultation Team at the outset worked well, but issue of ownership of the information?
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<p>Dates of consultation:</p>	<p>1 March-19 April 07</p>
<p>Ward/ neighbourhood affected?</p>	<p>Borough-wide</p>