Local community Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) consultation – Woodside Area

Your views are important in helping us decide the best way forward to address any parking issues in your local area

Closing date: 23 October 2009
Dear Resident or Trader,

Following feedback from the local community regarding parking pressures in the area, we are asking you for your views on parking issues in your road and how you would like us to address your concerns.

**Background**

We have received a number of representations from the area, requesting that we consider introducing parking controls to address the parking pressures experienced in the area. Taking this into account, the council would like to give you an opportunity to consider whether parking controls would be of benefit to you.

To help us understand the concerns of the local community, we held resident focus group meetings in May and August 2009 to discuss parking in your area at the Baptist Church, Eldon Road. The focus group meeting gave local residents, ward councillors and council officers an opportunity to discuss the issues, identify a consultation area and explore how we should consult the local community.

The main issues raised during the meetings were:

- Displaced parking is a problem in the area
- Road safety concerns such as general traffic flow, pedestrian and vehicle visibility, bus accessibility etc.
- The need to ensure full consultation is carried out with the community
- Ensuring the community is aware of possible displacement parking if a scheme is introduced

**Addressing parking problems with a possible CPZ**

In addition to the introduction of double yellow line waiting restrictions, another way that may alleviate parking problems is to introduce a Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ).

The aim of a CPZ is to prioritise parking for residents by restricting non-resident and commuter parking. Some of the improvements that could also be provided by a CPZ are:

- Better traffic management – by reducing illegal and disruptive parking.
- Improving access for emergency vehicles and waste collection vehicles.
- Improving safety for all road users, including pedestrians and cyclists through improved visibility.
There are, however, some downsides to a CPZ, most notably displacement parking on roads just outside the zone. It is therefore important to give careful consideration to the effects – particularly the increase in parking pressure that may be experienced in your road if a CPZ is introduced in your neighbouring roads.

If a CPZ is introduced, this means you will need to apply and purchase a parking permit. It also means that visitors would need to display a permit when visiting you during the hours of operation of the zone. We have compiled a ‘Useful information’ section on page 7 which explains what a CPZ is and how it will work, the costs and types of parking permits available and how the CPZ would affect residents.

**Have your say**

**Even if you don’t own a car your views are important.**

This is your opportunity to provide us with comments on parking issues in your road or area. The consultation area is shown on the map at the back of this leaflet. The consultation will run for four weeks, to give you time to consider the issues before completing the questionnaire.

Your feedback is very important to us as it provides us with guidance on what the local community wants and allows us to develop proposals that more closely reflect your wishes. Completing this questionnaire is the best way to give your views. Please complete and return the questionnaire by **23 October 2009**.

You are invited to attend any of the drop-in sessions which will be held at the Baptist Church, Eldon Road, N22 5DT on **Wednesday 14 October 2009 between 4pm-8pm** and **Saturday 17 October 2009 between 10am-1pm**. The drop-in session will give you an opportunity to speak to council officers before completing and returning your questionnaire.

It is important to note that this consultation is not a vote on whether the whole area should receive a controlled parking zone. The feedback received will be analysed on a road by road basis to help us identify roads or areas that are in favour of measures and those roads or areas that are not in favour. This feedback will also enable us to determine the way forward regarding the possible introduction of a zone or zones to address identified parking problems.

It is possible that a CPZ can be introduced in a neighbouring road that supports parking controls but not in a road that is against.

Please note that the council would not expect to carry out a review of any new measures for at least two years after their introduction.

**What will happen next?**

The feedback received from the consultation will be presented in a report to the December 2009 meeting of the Council’s Cabinet, which will consider the
consultation results, along with other factors such as safety implications and the need to ensure traffic flow is maintained, when making a decision on the way forward.

If the council approves the introduction of parking management measures, then the proposal would be subject to a further statutory notification. At this stage the council will provide detailed plans of our intended parking controls and provide a three week statutory period for any interested parties to provide their views.

You can find more information on our consultation policy at www.haringey.gov.uk

We expect that the consultation results will be available to view on the Haringey website by early December 2009.

If you have any questions about the questionnaire or consultation process, please write to:

Haringey Council
Transport Policy and Projects
River Park House
1st Floor South
225 High Road
Wood Green N22 8HQ

Alternatively contact the consultation officer, Daniel Thomas on 020 8489 1326 or the project engineer, Vincent Valerio on 020 8489 1325 or email us at frontline.consultation@haringey.gov.uk

Thank you for taking the time to read this leaflet and I hope you will give us your views.

Please remember the closing date for responses is: 23 October 2009.

Yours faithfully,

Councillor Brian Haley
Cabinet Member for Environment and Conservation
A possible Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) Consultation questionnaire

**Please note** that due to provision of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985, we cannot promise you confidentiality, as all replies will be available for public inspection. You do not need to put your name on this, but your address and postcode are essential.

Name (optional) ______________________________________________________
Address (essential) ___________________________________________________

_________________________________ Postcode (essential) __________

**Instructions:** Please tick (✔) one response only unless otherwise stated

Please remember to refer to the useful information section at the back of these documents if you need to when answering these questions.

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1. Is the above address?
   - [ ] Your home
   - [ ] Retail premises
   - [ ] Office
   - [ ] Other (please specify) __________________________________________

2. Do you think there is a parking problem in your road?
   - [ ] Yes
   - [ ] No
   - [ ] I don’t know

   If yes, please provide comments on why. ________________________________

3a. Would you like to have a Controlled Parking Zone introduced into your road?
   - [ ] Yes
   - [ ] No
   - [ ] I don’t know

3b. If the answer to 3a is NO but your neighbouring roads are included in a zone, would you then agree that a Controlled Parking Zone in your road may be needed?
   - [ ] Yes
   - [ ] No
   - [ ] I don’t know

4. If a CPZ were introduced in your area, what do you think would be the most appropriate operating hours for parking controls?
   - [ ] Two hours a day (for example 12noon-2pm)
   - [ ] Two two-hour periods (for example 10-12noon and 4-6pm)
   - [ ] All day (for example 8:30am-6:30pm)
   - [ ] All day plus evening (for example 8:30am-10pm)
   - [ ] Other (please specify) __________________________________________
5. If a CPZ were introduced in your area, which days of the week would you like there to be parking controls?
☐ Monday to Friday  ☐ Monday to Saturday  ☐ Seven days a week

6. Do you have off-street parking?
☐ Yes  ☐ No  ☐ I don’t know
If yes, number of off-street parking spaces (please write in) ___________________

6b. Does your household have a vehicle?
☐ Yes  ☐ No
If yes, number of cars (please write in) ___________________

7. Do you have any further comments? (please use separate sheet if necessary)
Please note that it will not be possible to reply individually to completed questionnaires but all comments will be considered.
Useful information

What is a Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ)?

- A Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) is an area where all on-street parking is controlled either by yellow lines or designated parking bays.
- CPZs ease congestion caused by illegal and obstructive parking by introducing waiting restrictions where parking is undesirable.
- CPZs give priority to residents and the local community, and their visitors, who must display permits or vouchers to show they are entitled to park.
- CPZs are usually located in town centres and areas surrounding underground and rail stations where parking pressure most affects local residents. Some roads further away from stations are included in the zone to prevent displaced motorists from parking in these roads.
- Outside the hours of operation parking remains unrestricted, unless otherwise stated.
- Double yellow lines prohibit parking at any time regardless of the CPZ.
- A permit for one CPZ does not allow the holder to park in any other CPZ.
- A CPZ does not guarantee you a space outside your house.
- Residents must purchase parking permits and must purchase visitor vouchers for their visitors, should they wish to park or enable their visitor to park during the hours of operation of the zone.

How do CPZs work?

CPZs work by ensuring that vehicles park in designated bays at certain times of the day. Outside of the operating hours of the CPZ, the parking bays do not apply and parking is unrestricted, except where yellow lines operate for longer periods. CPZs operate at different times of the day depending on the parking demand, with each zone designed to deal with the specific problem in the area.

Different types of bays are provided for specific groups of motorists. In this instance, there are three main types of bay provided:

- Residential – for residents of the roads in the area and their visitors
- Business – for businesses that require a vehicle for business use
- Pay and display parking bays – these are parking bays where people can park after buying a pay and display ticket.

- There are also other types of bays that allow a combination of the above.

Any vehicles that are parked illegally are liable to receive a parking ticket, issued by uniformed Civil Enforcement Officers who would regularly patrol the area.

If you have off-street parking, you will not be able to park across your driveway during the hours of the CPZ. A CPZ requires all kerb space within a CPZ to be controlled with either waiting restrictions or a parking place. Outside the hours of a CPZ parking is uncontrolled.
Operating hours of the CPZ

There are a number of issues that affect the hours and days when parking controls should operate, and these will be tailored to the needs of the area.

- **Short periods (eg two hours)** are often used around rail/tube stations to prevent commuters parking all day and continuing their journey by public transport. Outside these hours, parking will generally remain unrestricted. This would not deter all commuter parking and would provide little protection against non-commuter parking demand from outside the area. This would, however, provide greater flexibility for visitors, carers, workmen and customers of local shops. Schemes of this time period operate in areas within Highgate.

- **All day controls** are effective in removing all day commuter and shopper parking from residential roads, but would place greater restrictions on visitors and customers of local shops who come to the area by car. All day controls, operate in Wood Green and Green Lanes Controlled Parking Zones.

- **Mixed operating hours.** It is possible for operating hours to differ within one zone. For example, the Wood Green CPZ is split into an inner and outer zone to reflect the differing parking pressures of the area. The inner zone, with its shops, restaurants, bars, cinemas and tube station, attracts high levels of commuter parking throughout the week, and therefore operates Monday to Sunday between 8am and 10pm. The outer zone, which has less parking pressure in the evening and at weekends, operates Monday to Saturday between 8am and 6.30pm.

Regardless of the hours of a CPZ, you are not guaranteed a space outside your home. A parking permit is only required if your vehicle is parked in the zone during its hours of operation. Outside of these hours, no permit is required. However, you should note that the price of a resident’s parking permit remains the same regardless of the operating hours of the zone.

Residents and Traders should note that differing hours in adjacent CPZs can lead to parking displacement outside the hours of operation. For example if a CPZ operates for two hours and an adjacent CPZ has all day restrictions it is likely that motorists will park in the CPZ operating for two hours when the restrictions are not in operation.

Types and Costs of Parking Permits

You will only need to display a parking permit during the hours of operation of the CPZ. A permit can be obtained by phone, post or in person at Council offices. We will send you further information about parking permits before any scheme is introduced. Charges for parking permits are used to cover the costs of operating and enforcing the scheme. Any surplus money is ‘ringfenced’ for reinvestment in the public highway.

**Residential permits** – Those living within the CPZ area are entitled to apply for a residential permit. Residents who display a valid permit can park in residents’ bays and some shared-use bays.
**Short-stay visitor permits** – Visitors to the area (e.g., friends, relatives, health visitors or tradespeople) can either:
- Park in a shared-use bay and purchase a pay and display ticket from a machine.
- Obtain a 1 or 2 hour visitor’s permit from the person they are visiting and display it in their windscreen. (Visitors’ permits must be purchased in advance by residents).

**Costs:** £8 for 20 cards

**Daily Visitor permit** – Daily permits can be purchased by residents in advance

**Costs:** £8 per voucher (minimum purchase of 4 vouchers)

**Weekend visitor permits (only applicable if the scheme operates on weekends)** – Weekend permits can be purchased by residents in advance.

**Costs:** £5 from noon Friday to noon Monday

**Long-stay visitor permits** – those visiting for longer periods (including trades people) may use long-stay visitor permits, which allow parking for two weeks. These can also be used by residents who hire a car for a short period. (Long-stay visitor permits must be purchased in advance by residents)

**Costs:** £8 for two weeks

**Business Permits** – Specific parking bays will be provided for businesses within the area for vehicles used in the course of business

**Costs:** £225 for 12 months (Can be used in business bays only)

**Residential permits**

Permit charges are now based on the CO2 emissions of your vehicle as set out on page 11.

Or for vehicles registered before 23/03/2001 the charging structure will be based on the vehicle’s engine size.

**Administration Fee:** £10 payable for lost/damaged or transferred permits.

Please note there is no concessionary rate for residential permits.

### Further Features of a CPZ

**Parking for Businesses, Services and Community Users**

One of the major objectives of CPZs is that the parking requirements of businesses, services and community users are also catered for.

Commercial businesses may apply for a business permit, which allows parking in business bays or shared-used permit holder bays.

There are strict eligibility criteria for business permits. You must demonstrate that you:
- Require regular and unavoidable use of a vehicle to run your business
- By necessity transport bulky and/or high value goods on a regular basis
- Require staff to work unsociable hours, when public transport is not readily available

Permits are not available solely for travelling to work by car, unless these journeys have to be made at unsociable hours.
Non-commercial essential employers (eg local schools and health providers) may apply for essential user permits to park within the zone. However this is subject to strict criteria and assessed on individual circumstances.

**Loading and Unloading**
A vehicle may load and unload for a maximum period of 40 minutes in any part of the zone when delivering or collecting goods, unless loading/unloading restrictions are in place. Loading/unloading must be continuous and must involve heavy/bulky goods (not normally shopping).
An exception to this is for moving house, when vehicles may wait longer than 40 minutes while being loaded/unloaded, provided they are not causing an obstruction.

**Suspension of Parking Places**
In certain circumstances the police or Council may suspend parking bays, e.g., to allow for building operations, domestic removals, weddings, funerals or special events.

**Driveways and pedestrian crossings**
Parking bays will not be placed in front of a driveway or at a pedestrian crossing point. These will be marked by a yellow line to enable the Council and the police to carry out enforcement during the operational hours of the CPZ.

**Signs and Environmental Issues**
Signs will be placed on existing lamp columns or on boundary walls of properties where possible. Additional sign posts will only be erected where absolutely necessary.

**Special Parking Groups**
Disabled Badge Holders (blue or orange badge holders) – Any vehicle displaying a valid Disabled Badge will be able to park without a permit:
- in any resident bay within the zone
- on yellow lines without loading restrictions for a maximum of three hours, provided they are not causing an obstruction
- in any disabled bay, without time limit

Doctors – Existing designated doctors’ parking bays for exclusive use by doctors will remain and no additional charges will be made.

Motorcycles – These can park in any of the parking bays, free of charge, apart from designated disabled or doctor parking bays.
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