Review of two hour Controlled Parking Zones (CPZ)

Haringey is a borough with high pollution and areas suffering from excessive traffic congestion. As part of a London-wide transport strategy, Haringey is committed to reducing car use in the borough with a focus on short car trips and so reduce pollution, accidents, and delays to buses.

Two-hour CPZs were originally designed to prevent non-residents such as commuters from parking all day. However, residents have highlighted that they are still experiencing issues parking outside of the zone hours. We believe with the promotion of flexible working arrangements; two-hour restrictions are unlikely to be effective at controlling commuter parking at other times of the day.

BENEFITS OF REVIEWING CPZ

Q: Why is the council reviewing two-hour CPZs?
A: As part of Haringey Council’s ongoing work to improve air quality, reduce accidents and congestion and to consider the views of our residents, we are reviewing ALL Controlled Parking Zones which operate for two hours across the borough.

Q: What are the benefits of extending CPZ hours?
A: Extending the CPZ hours will reduce traffic, improve safety around schools by reducing inconsiderate parking and support access for emergency and refuse vehicles. CPZs also support better access to shops, parks and other community venues. Air quality will improve by reducing the amount of time drivers search for a parking space. Parking will be easier for residents and businesses and protect against future parking pressures as the population increases and more people have access to a car.

Q: I am a local trader, how will extending CPZ hours benefit me?
A: Pay to park bays increase the turnover of parking spaces and therefore help customers to find a parking space. The current costs to park for one hour is £2.10 (Crouch End) with options to pay for less. Businesses can also purchase essential user business permits to park within these bays.

HOW WOULD A NEW CPZ SCHEME WORK

Q: What hours and days could a CPZ scheme operate?
A: The operational days of the week and hours of a CPZ will depend on the feedback the council receives from residents/businesses during the consultation process. However, residents may choose all day controls.

Q: Will an increase in CPZ hours increase the cost of a resident’s permit?
A: The price of a residents parking permit is the same regardless of the length of the CPZ.
Q: How and where do I obtain my Resident’s Permit?

A: You can purchase a Resident's Permit online via the Need a Resident Parking permit? page. Applicants must live in the area of the zone and must provide proof of residence and of vehicle ownership.

Q: Will an increase in CPZ hours increase the cost of a visitor permit?

A: The price of each visitor permits is the same. However, you may need to purchase extra visitor permits.

Q: What about visitors wanting to park within the controlled hours?

A: Residents can purchase visitor permits for their guests. These can be ordered online on the Visitors Parking Permit page.

Visitors wishing to park in Controlled Parking Zones can also park in any available pay and display bays by purchasing a ticket or by using Pay by Phone.

Q: It can sometimes be difficult to buy visitor permits?

A: In response to difficulties obtaining visitor permits, the council is taking steps to improve this experience by introducing a streamlined system that will manage visitor permits. The rollout of this new system is planned for summer 2020.

Q: How often does the council increase parking charges?

A: Permit prices and other parking charges such as pay and display/pay by phone are reviewed annually, however the prices are not necessarily increased annually.

Q: How is the income from parking permits used by the council?

A: The use of income from permits, enforcement and other paid parking is governed by section 55 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. Local authorities must keep both vehicles and pedestrians safely moving and provide suitable and adequate parking both on and off the highway. The income is paid into the parking revenue account and the surplus is ring-fenced and invested back into road maintenance and highway improvements, concessionary fares, environmental improvements and to administer the Disabled Blue Badge parking scheme.

Q: What other steps is the council taking to improve air quality and congestion?

A: We are expanding our on-street electric charging provision to make it easier for residents to charge their electric vehicles.

The council has created a sustainability unit which will support residents to travel more sustainably (walking, cycling and using public transport) as well as involvement with other initiatives.

Three car clubs operate in Haringey, providing the convenience of using a vehicle without having to pay for upkeep, licensing, insurance or residents' parking charges.
Not only do car clubs help to ease parking problems they also help reduce CO2 emissions. 

The council is promoting the use of electric vehicles because they improve local air quality and therefore the health and wellbeing of those who visit, work or live in the borough.


Bike hangars are half the length of a parking bay installed on residential streets and can store up to six bicycles. Renting a space gives residents access to convenient secure cycle parking. To find out more about bike hangars visit
https://www.haringey.gov.uk/parking-roads-and-travel/travel/cycling#Cycle_parking

There is a 20% increase in traffic during school drop-off and pick-up. Many of these extra people could walk, cycle or use public transport. A CPZ will help to deter those who do not need to drive. This will also support School Streets schemes where a road is closed at drop off and pick up time to help improve air quality around the school and thus reduce traffic and congestion. The council is hoping to implement a programme of School Streets in the next few years.

Q: What if I have other questions about parking and CPZs in Haringey?

A: For a map of Controlled Parking Zones within the borough visit

For all other parking enquiries please visit www.haringey.gov.uk/parking-roads-and-travel/parking