

Agenda item:

[No.]

**Cabinet Member Signing**

**15 June 2009**

**Report Title.** Parking Permit Charge proposals for Fortis Green and Bounds Green Controlled Parking Zones (CPZ's).

**Report of :** Niall Bolger , Director of Urban Environment

Signed : *N Bolger* 17 June 2009

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**Wards(s) affected:** Fortis Green and Bounds Green

Report for: key decision

**1. Purpose of the report**

1.1 To increase residential permit charges in Fortis Green and Bounds Green controlled parking zones (CPZ's) bringing them in line with permit charges in all other CPZ's.

**2. Introduction by Cabinet Member (if necessary)**

2.1 Proposals in this report bring the permit charging structure in Bounds Green and Fortis Green into line with permit charges in the rest of the Borough. It was appropriate that the original permit charges should apply on implementation of those Controlled Parking Zones. While I accept that this is a difficult time for an increase in charges, the inconsistency arising from those arrangements cannot continue indefinitely.

**3. State link(s) with Council Plan Priorities and actions and /or other Strategies:**

3.1 The introduction of the new permit charging model in the Fortis Green and Bounds Green CPZ will support the achievement of Council priorities, particularly making Haringey one of London's greenest boroughs and Creating a Better Haringey: cleaner, greener, safer.

#### 4. Recommendations

- That the Cabinet Member of Environment and Conservation agree the increase in residents and visitors permit charges in the Fortis Green and Bounds Green (CPZ's) as set out in paragraph 7
- authorise officers to commence statutory consultation on the proposed changes to charges
- agree that a report on the responses to consultation and other relevant factors will be brought back to the Cabinet Member for final decision by the Cabinet Member and director under delegated authority.

#### 5. Reason for recommendation(s)

5.1 To bring the residential and visitor permit charges in Fortis Green and Bounds Green in line with charges across the borough.

#### 6. Other options considered

6.1 The option of leaving the charges at the current level in the existing CPZ has been considered. However, this will mean that there are inconsistencies in charges in the same CPZ and also continued inconsistencies across the borough that could be seen as unfair.

#### 7. Summary

7.1 In July 2007 the Council introduced a new permit charging structure based on the CO<sub>2</sub> emissions of vehicles and a differential charging structure for second and subsequent permits following extended statutory consultation. Visitor's permit charges were also increased at that time. However, as Bounds Green and Fortis Green CPZ's had not been implemented following statutory consultation on the lower charges, it was decided following legal advice not to implement the new charges in those CPZ's at that time. As such the permit charges remained at the £25 per annum.

7.2 As it is now proposed to consult on extensions to those CPZ's, it is seen as an appropriate time to review those charges to bring them in line with the rest of the borough

7.3 The table below details the CO<sub>2</sub> emission based charge that applies in all other CPZ's.

Band	CO <sub>2</sub> emissions	First (annual) permit	Second & subsequent permit per household
1	(up to 100 CO <sub>2</sub> g/km)	£15	£15
2	(101-150 CO <sub>2</sub> g/km)	£30	£60
3	(151-185 CO <sub>2</sub> g/km)	£60	£100
4	(186 CO <sub>2</sub> g/km and over)	£90	£150

Vehicles registered before 23 March 2001 do not have CO<sub>2</sub> emissions documented so will be banded by engine size.

Engine Size	First Permit (Annual)	Second & Subsequent Permit per household
1549cc or less	£30	£60
1550cc to 3000cc inclusive	£60	£100
3001cc and above	£90	£150

#### 7.4 Visitors permits

The visitor permit increase is detailed below:

Permit	Existing charge	Proposed Charge	Concessionary charge
One hour permit (Scratch card )	N/A	20p	10p
Two hours permit ( Scratch card)	30p	40p	20p
Daily permit ( Scratch Card )	£2.00	£2.00	£1.00
Weekend permit	£5.00	£5.00	£2.50
Two-week permit	£8.00	£8.00	£4.00

#### 8. Chief Financial Officer Comments

This report seeks to achieve equity in residential permit charges across all controlled parking zones in the Borough. The additional income to be generated is estimated to be £16k in a full year.

- 8.1. Part year income to be generated is expected to be approximately £8k assuming mid –year implementation. This will be off set by implementation costs in respect of advertising Traffic Management Orders, new application forms, and upgrade of the IT system. In addition, staff time may be needed to deal with enquiries and objections arising out of the consultation.

#### 9. Head of Legal Services Comments

- 9.1 The Council's powers for the decisions to be made arising from this report are contained in the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. Implementation of the Council's new permit charging structure in Bounds Green and Fortis Green is consistent with the Council's commitment to reduce greenhouse gases. This may be a matter to which the Council may have regard so far as practicable under Section s122(e) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 if it

appears relevant.

9.2 Statutory Consultation is the legal part of the process required before implementing or changing parking controls, associated charges and policy. In summary, before making an Order to implement any changes, the Council must notify its intentions in the London gazette, local press and on site where changes / measures are proposed.

#### **10. Equalities & Community Cohesion Comments**

10.1 This will bring the permit charging structure in Bounds Green and Fortis Green into line with permit charges in the rest of the Borough.

#### **11. Consultation**

11.1. Statutory Consultation will be undertaken before changing charges, which requires the Council to notify its intentions in the London gazette, local press and on site where changes to charges are proposed.

#### **12. Service Financial Comments**

12.1. It is estimated that the increase in charges proposed will generate an additional £16k annually, which is cover the implementation costs.

#### **13. Use of appendices /Tables and photographs**

13.1. N/A

#### **14. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985**

14.1. The Review of Parking Fees and Parking Charges Policy report to Cabinet 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2007