

Appendix 1 Controlled Parking Zone Policy

Background

A parking and traffic management policy is an important tool which contributes towards wider policy objectives. Such objectives include a less congested road network, improved road safety and a reduction in vehicle emissions, leading to improved air quality for residents.

Better managed kerb space will also benefit Haringey's residents with improved road conditions for walking, cycling and journey times on the local transport network. It also ensures the distribution of allocated disabled parking bays reflecting the necessary requirements within specific parking zones and shopping areas in the borough. The policy ensures the provision of visitor parking facilities to support local business and community groups including those on our local high streets, shopping areas and places of worship.

Controlled Parking Zones (CPZs)

This policy sets out the factors that will be considered when determining whether to implement parking restrictions as part of a controlled parking zone ("CPZ") for the first time in the whole or part of the Borough.

CPZ Area

The area of the Borough where it is intended to implement parking restrictions will be determined by parking stress surveys and expressions of interest received from residents and agreed by Ward Councillors. Parking occupancy of 80% and above would suggest pressure. Residents of roads on the boundary of an area, who may be at risk of displacement if a CPZ is subsequently implemented, will also be consulted on proposals and offered the opportunity of inclusion in the zone.

Consultation

An informal public consultation will be undertaken in addition to the statutory requirements set out in legislation.

Consultation Stages

Stage 1 – Informal Consultation

As part of the design consultation residents and other stakeholders will be consulted regarding the operational times and days in the form of a questionnaire. This will allow schemes to be tailored to local needs, however these hours need to be limited to a time range that is appropriate for the area and does not fail to take into consideration the effect of attractions such as transport hubs or retail facilities. The minimum operational hours that will be considered are two-hour zones. The operational times proposed will be agreed with Ward Councillors prior to consultation commencing.

The results of the first stage consultation will be considered on an area wide basis, with the collective response of the area determining whether a CPZ is introduced. In order to ensure CPZs are coherent, they need to reflect residents' views, but also reflect the local geography, including neighbouring CPZs, potential future development, nearby areas of parking pressures such as large venues and new housing and business development parking attractors, and the impact on main roads. The implementation area will be finalised following the consultation process taking account of these factors.

While an area may share the same parking problems, its residents may not share the same opinion of controlled parking. A CPZ will therefore be introduced based on the overall response from the area consulted or sub-areas of the consulted area, achieving at least 51% vote in favour of controls unless there are exceptional circumstances, such as a major development planned for the area.

This means that some streets may vote against a CPZ, but if surrounded by roads that support controls, they will be included to ensure that the zone is workable. Where this happens, the rationale will be made available to residents.

If there are roads on the periphery of a proposed controlled parking zone area are not in favour of parking restrictions being implemented, their roads may be removed from the proposed zone where practicable. Part roads will not be included in a CPZ.

Schemes will be progressed where at least 51% of respondents are in favour of proposals. There may be exceptional circumstances where controls need to be implemented in situations where there is less than 51%. These decisions will be taken by the Head of Operations in consultation with the relevant Cabinet Member and Ward Councillors.

The operational hours of controlled parking zones will be determined by the outcome of consultation. Where the consultation fails to deliver a clear preference, decisions on operational hours will be made in consultation with Ward Councillors. There may be exceptional circumstances where the Council will implement operational hours required to discharge the Council's duties under section 122 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

The Council should receive a response rate of between 10% and 20% to consultations. A response rate below 10% is deemed inconclusive and a scheme will not be

progressed without further engagement with the community and achieving a response rate no less than 10%.

Stage 2 – Detailed Design

This is the formal statutory consultation stage where the proposals are advertised in the local press and notices are placed on lamp posts in the area. The period of consultation is normally 21 days where people can comment on the designs. However, this period is sometimes extended to take in to account public and school holidays. This consultation does not give the option if whether or not a CPZ should be implemented and simply takes account of measures that need to be taken on the highway to give effect to scheme implementation.

Review Stage

The Council will introduce a programme of review of all permanent controlled parking zones. This will involve an assessment of the parking provision within existing zones to ensure it still works for residents, businesses and visitors whilst also encouraging walking, cycling and more sustainable forms of transport for those that need to travel across the Borough. The review programme will be developed with the aim that all permanent CPZs are reviewed every 5 years or in response to representations from residents and Ward Councillors. It is recognised that there will be exceptions where the review of more recently implemented CPZs will take priority due to pending developments in the area.

Design principles

The Council's Borough Plan, Transport Strategy and Air Quality Action plan (AQAP) sets out the Council's commitment to improving air quality. Transport is one of the main contributors to poor air quality and as such our controlled parking zones should be designed not only to deter all day parking associated with commuters, but to discourage short trips and encourage walking and cycling.

The Traffic Management Act (TMA) 2004 is a key piece of legislation for parking management. The TMA requires that arrangements should be based on the principles of fairness, consistency and transparency. The associated guidance requires authorities to design arrangements with regard to:

- Managing the expeditious movement of traffic,
- Improving the local environment,
- Improving road safety,
- Improving the quality & accessibility of public transport,
- Meeting the needs of disabled people,

- Managing & reconciling the competing demands for kerb space.

In order to support local business loading restrictions will only be introduced where they are required to maintain road safety and protect against congestion on key routes. The size of a controlled parking zone should consequently be such that allows residents easy and safe access to parking near their homes but deters short trips and interzone communicating that creates pressures at places of interest such as transport hubs and near retail facilities. It is therefore recommended that where possible a CPZ will not comprise of more than 30 roads as recommended in national guidance.