

Environment Reference Group

Controlled Parking Zones (CPZ)

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What are Controlled Parking Zones

- Controlled Parking Zones (CPZ) are designed to protect residents by restricting on-street parking during specified times and days.
- Benefits are:
 - -making it easier for residents to park near their homes
 - -improved safety, with better visibility at junctions
 - -easier access for emergency services, delivery and removal vans
 - -reduced traffic and pollution
 - -reduced visual impact of cars on the street environment.



Parking in Islington

- Islington continues to evolve and is a thriving and exciting borough, offering lots of opportunity for residents, businesses and visitors.
- However, these changes have also put extra pressure on our parking spaces, making it much harder for residents to park near to their homes, particularly in busy areas and during peak times.
- Demand for travel is increasing as the numbers of residents in the borough increase.
- It is estimated that the projected increase in the population of Islington could generate an additional 6,000 cars by 2016, which is an increase of 15%.
- The projected growth in employment space could provide in excess of 20,000 additional jobs in Islington by 2016, a 15% increase that could again lead to additional demand for car travel and parking space.



Objectives

- The last review of CPZs was carried out in 2007 and many of our CPZs no longer reflect current parking needs.
- Many residents have told us that they are concerned about the lack of space and the parking surveys we have carried out prove this.
- The Council has carried out a review of existing CPZs in Islington and has developed some proposals to extend the hours of operation for some of the CPZs to improve parking in the borough.

The proposals are aimed:

- To make it easier for residents to park near to their homes.
- To ensure those that most need to park can, such as disabled and elderly drivers.
- To reduce traffic, congestion, pollution and discourage unnecessary car use, in line with our Sustainable Transport Strategy and Air Quality Strategy.



Vulnerable Residents – what we provide

Carers Permits,

-allows those carers who meet the eligibility criteria to purchase permits despite not being resident in the CPZ of the cared-for person.

Visitor Vouchers,

-purchases to all are unlimited, but for those over 65, and those on Disability Living Allowance, we offer vouchers at a 50% price discount.

Blue Badges,

- one of the first councils to use an independent mobility assessment service (which is now recommended nationally), to ensure that only those who are entitled to the Badge get one.

- also allow those residents with Blue Badges to apply for a free residents permit, which then allows them to park outside their home without having to display the Blue Badge, deterring (and distressing) casual car crime.



Vulnerable Residents – what we provide

New Parents,

-can receive 40 hours of free vouchers when they register the birth of their child, to cover the burst of parking activity that comes from having a new baby.

Suspensions,

-offer a residents discount to the standard suspension admin charge (\pounds 88 as opposed to \pounds 180), when suspensions are chargeable.

Funerals,

- offer a free waiver service for funerals, to assist in the bereavement process.



Vulnerable Residents – what we provide

Vouchers for faith organisations,

-faith organisations in Islington are entitled to apply for 200 hours of free visitor vouchers per year to facilitate parking for visitors to places of worship.

-a place of worship will be defined as a building that has a long established use as a place of worship, or have planning consent for use as a place of worship.

-these vouchers can be used to park vehicles in resident, or resident/shared use bays in the controlled parking zone in which the place of worship is located.

Universal permit,

-annual permit aimed businesses that have a requirement to park across the borough on a regular basis.

PCNs,

-the Council has created a corporate team that will consider debts of the less well-off. This includes residents who run up huge PCN debts and face enforcement agent action, where we try and manage their debt according to their means.

Areas proposed for improvement

- This review focuses on five specific areas where:
- i) Parking demand is particularly high and;
- ii) Where the community have asked for change.



- Stadium control area proposal (Matchday area)
- A group of CPZs designed to protect the local community on busy Arsenal match/event days.
- Match times have changed meaning the CPZs no longer offer the best protection.
- Matches are now played on weekday evenings and weekends.
- Popular venue for music concerts.
- Some Car Free Developments cause parking stress in CPZs outside of CPZ hours, e.g. the Loxfords Development in Zone G.

Proposal

- •Removing existing matchday controls
- •Extending normal controls to 9pm, Monday to Sunday (everyday)
- •Making the times across all zones in the stadium area the same for consistency
- •Introducing new free evening e-vouchers for residents' visitors from 6.30pm and all day Sunday
- •Introducing a special £2.40 pay and display evening charge to cover the period 6.30pm to 9pm
- •Removing 'flip down' signs for match days and replacing them with permanent, clear signage
- •There is no proposal to split or change the zone boundaries.



Angel area (Zone B)

•Islington's vibrant night-time economy continues to grow.

•Islington has London's second highest density of pubs, clubs and bars.

•Due to many night-time venues parking is in high demand, particularly in the Angel area.

•These demands no longer offer the best protection for our residents.

Proposal

•Extending controls to 11pm, Monday to Sunday (everyday)

•Introducing new free evening e-vouchers for residents' visitors from 6.30pm, including estate parking

•Introducing a special £2.40 pay and display evening charge to cover the period 6.30pm to 11pm

•There is no proposal to split or change the boundary of Zone B.



Whittington Hospital area proposal (Zone K)

•Increasing parking pressures around the busy Whittington Hospital and new housing developments underway.

•Controls no longer provide the best protection to our residents.

•Islington has received requests from the community to review the times that Zone K in order to better protect resident parking provision, particularly in the evening and weekend periods.

Proposal

•Extending controls to 24 hours, Monday to Sunday (everyday) in Zone K

•Introducing new free evening e-vouchers for residents' visitors from 6.30pm

•Introducing a special £2.40 pay and display evening charge to cover the period 6.30pm to 8.30am

•There is no proposal to split or change the boundary of Zone K.



Finsbury Square and Farringdon Station area proposal (Zone C)

•Finsbury Square and the area around Farringdon Station continues to develop.

•A huge amount of investment is underway and is increasingly being seen as a central part of the capital.

•New housing and business developments bringing more people to the area.

•Also seeing increasing numbers of visitors to bars, restaurants and clubs.

•This places pressure on parking in the immediate area, which spreads out and impact on the rest the zone.

Proposal

•Extending controls to 24hours, Monday to Saturday and then 12am - 6am on Sunday

•Introducing new free evening e-vouchers for residents' visitors from 6.30pm

•Introducing a special £2.40 pay and display evening charge to cover the period 6.30pm to midnight

 There is no change proposed to the loading provision for businesses in the area or to split or change the boundary of Zone C.



Archway regeneration area proposal (Zone Z)

•With the ongoing regeneration of the Archway Gyratory and surrounding areas, additional controls may be needed to help protect residents.

•It is also predicted that new housing developments and proposed changes to neighbouring Zone K (the Whittington Hospital area) may result in an increase in parking pressure.

Proposal

- Extending controls to 8.30am 6.30pm, Monday to Friday and then 8.30am - 1.30pm on Saturday. Similar to neighbouring Zone P.
- There is no proposal to split or change the boundary of Zone Z.





Mitigations measures

- The proposals are aimed at benefiting resident permit holders by providing additional protection for parking, without any extra cost or action needed from them.
- If the proposals do go ahead we will also be introducing additional measures, such as:
- 1. **Free evening e-vouchers** for residents' visitors and;
- 2. Flat rate of **£2.40 pay and display charge for evening parking,** to run from 6.30pm to the end of the CPZ.



Timeline

- It is important that all proposals for extending hours be subject to proper consultation with residents and businesses in the affected areas.
- Aiming to initiate a consultation at the end of June and last two months.
- Consultation will take the form of an A5 card invitation delivered to the occupiers of affected properties directing them to a web based consultation process.
- The A5 card will contain a phone number to request a paper copy of the consultation for those without easy access to the internet.
- On the A5 notification card a telephone number will be available if they have no access to the internet and wish to register any comments.



Timeline

The web pages will be hosted on the Council's website.
-there will be a general/main page, which provides a background to parking in the borough,
-an explanation of what the Council is trying to achieve,
-which areas (CPZ's) of the borough are involved in the consultation,
-a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) section and;
-an email address if anyone needs assistance.

- There are also specific area/zone webpages each providing more specific information about the area with a tailored FAQs section (link).
- The link to the actual survey (consultation questions) will be in the individual area webpages.
- The outcome of the consultation will be presented to the Executive by January 2016.



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