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The Resident/Business Occupier
Wandsworth Common D1 sub-zone

Dear Resident/Business Occupier

Wandsworth Common D1 Sub-Zone – Parking Review Consultation

A review of the D1 controlled parking zone (CPZs) was recently conducted in order to assess whether the controls are still appropriate and providing effective parking for residents and businesses within the controlled parking zone, as well as providing parking for visitors. A letter and questionnaire were delivered to all residents and businesses within the sub-zone asking them to tell us their views by completing and returning the postage paid questionnaire provided.

The consultation letter and questionnaire were delivered to the vast majority of residents and businesses over the weekend on 21 and 22 March 2009 with a small number completed on 24 March. The return date was Friday 10 April 2009. A request has been received from some residents to re-issue the consultation documents because they felt that many people may not have responded because part of the consultation period coincided with the Easter holidays when some people were away from home. Therefore, we are re-sending these consultation documents to the addresses from which a completed questionnaire was not received.

In this review, as well as asking what you think about the days and hours during which parking controls apply, we are also asking whether you would like the operation of the parking bays in your street to be changed, in response to some complaints from residents who felt that resident permit holders were not given sufficient priority over other permit holders and visitors. The enclosed questionnaire gives the following 3 options:

- To keep the parking bays in your streets the same (shared use bays available to all D1 resident, visitor and business permit holders and pay and display users);
- To change up to one half of them to resident permit holder only bays;
- To make bays available to resident permit holders and pay and display users but not business permit holders.

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When considering these options, you should bear in mind the information below:

Resident permit only bays

Resident permit holder only bays would only be available to D1 resident and visitor permit holders. This would mean that space for pay and display users (i.e. short-term visitors and trades people) and business permit holders would be reduced, although it would ensure that a proportion of the parking spaces in the street were reserved for resident permit holders and their visitors (using visitor permits) during controlled hours.

Shared use bays (Resident permit holder and pay and display)

Shared use resident permit holder and pay and display bays would ensure that a proportion of the parking spaces were reserved for residents and their visitors (using visitor permits) as well as short staying visitors paying and displaying. However, bays that are reserved for specific types of users can cause frustration to others if they are unoccupied but cannot be used, particularly when other spaces in the vicinity are full.

Shared use bays (Permit holders and pay and display)

Keeping the parking bays as they are (available to all D1 resident, visitor and business permit holders and pay and display users) has the advantage that all types of users may park in the bays as spaces become available, although such bays do not reserve spaces specifically for residents.

Reducing the hours of control

When completing the questionnaire, it should also be borne in mind that if you decide to reduce the hours of control to one hour a day, pay and display facilities would be removed, and all bays would be designated as permit holder only bays. These are only available to vehicles displaying a valid permit (resident, visitor or business). Outside the hour of control, parking would be unrestricted, which could have an impact on the ability of local permit holders to park at other times of the day.

Extending the hours of control

You should also be aware that if you choose to extend the controls to operate for longer, this would not remove all non-resident parking from your streets, as business permit holders and pay and display visitors would still be entitled to park in shared use bays. Residents' visitors would be required to display a visitor permit or pay and display ticket at times when they can currently park without restriction.

In addition, extending the controls would reduce the ability of residents to park on yellow lines, as an extension in the operational hours of parking bays would also entail an extension in the operational hours of yellow lines, which are currently only in force from 9.30am to 4.30pm, Monday to Saturday, unless signed to indicate longer hours. Nonetheless, an extension of the hours of control would mean that pay and display parking was limited to the maximum stay allowed at the pay and display machines, unless a resident visitor permit was displayed. It would also mean that any resident permit holder only parking bays that were introduced would be enforceable for longer.

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Permit charges

It should be noted that the cost of both resident and business permits is the same, whether the zone operates for one hour or all day, although the price of resident visitor permits changes in a one-hour zone. Daily visitor permits currently cost £1.50 each in a one-hour zone, discounted to 75p each for residents over 65 years of age and disabled badge holders (as compared to £5 in an all-day zone, discounted to £2.50).

Completing the questionnaire

You now have the opportunity to let us know what changes, if any, you think should be made to the parking controls in your area. Please respond by completing the attached questionnaire, even if you don't own a car, as parking controls affect your visitors.

Please ensure that your address is filled in, as we will not be able to include your response if it is not. Return the completed questionnaire by folding the sheet as shown on the back, to reach us by Friday 22nd May 2009. The postage has been pre-paid.

Results

The intention is that the results of this review will be submitted to the Planning and Transportation Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting, in July 2009. We will write to you again after the meeting to inform you of the results.

Should you require any further information, please contact Sonia Solcova on (020) 8871 8204.

Yours faithfully

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Parking Policy Manager

**Wandsworth Council
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Review of the Wandsworth Common D1 Sub-Zone

Please return this questionnaire by Friday 22nd May 2009.

Address

Resident Business

Q.1: Do the parking controls make it easier to park in your street?

Yes No

Q.2: If you answered No to Q.1, please specify why (please tick one box only). If you answered Yes to Q.1, please go to Q.3.

- a) My parking problems are in the evening
- b) I have never had parking problems during the day
- c) It has become more difficult to park during the hours of control
- d) My vehicle is usually moved before the hours of control start and is re-parked after they finish

Q.3: Do you think the hours of parking control should:

Remain the same? Operate for one hour a day? Be longer? Be removed?

If you indicated that you wanted **one-hour** or **longer controls**, please tell us what times you think they should operate.

If you indicated that the controls should be removed totally, please do not answer Q.4. You can express a view about the days of control in the comments box, if you wish.

Q.4: Do you think the days of parking control should:

Remain the same? Be operational Monday to Friday only?
(Monday to Saturday)

If you indicated that you wanted one-hour controls, please do not answer Q.5, as all bays within a one-hour zone are "permit holders only"

Q.5: Do you think the parking bays in your street should:

- a) Remain as they are (shared use bays available to all D1 permit holders and pay & display users)?
- b) Become partly resident permit holder only (available to D1 resident & visitor permit holders only) ?
- c) Become partly shared between resident permit holders and pay & display users (available to resident permit holders **and** pay & display users only, **but not** business permit holders)?

We need to know what you think of this consultation review document:

Q.6: Was it easy to follow? Yes No
Q.7: Was there enough information provided? Yes No

Comments