

DELEGATED DECISION

Wandsworth Borough Council

**Action on behalf of the Director of Highway
Operations & Street Scene in relation to the
Transport remit**

REF NO. DD-52

Subject: Southfields S2 sub-zone review – Outcome of the consultation with residents and businesses about possible changes to the operational days/hours.

Action: To agree that given the results of the consultation with residents and businesses, no changes should be made to the operational days/hours within the S2 sub-zone.

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(Chief Executive, Director or appointed officer)	Designation:	Director of Highway Operations & Street Scene

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Southfields Controlled Parking Zone

The Southfields Controlled Parking Zone consists of five adjoining sub-zones (see Appendix A). The S1 sub-zone has all-day controls (9.30am – 4.30pm, Monday to Friday) and includes Wimbledon Park Road, the area commonly referred to as ‘The Gardens’ (Gartmoor Gardens, Kingscliffe Gardens and Southdean Gardens) and roads to the north and northeast of Southfields Station to Balvernie Grove. Most bays within the sub-zone are shared-use allowing either S1 permit holders or short stay visitors to park (pay & Display / pay by mobile phone), although some 1-hour maximum stay shopper bays are provided on Wimbledon Park Road close to the shops.

In the western part of Replingham Road (1-hour maximum stay) Pay & Display/pay by mobile phone only bays provide short stay parking facilities for those using the local shops and businesses. These bays operate 9.30am – 4.30pm, Monday to Friday. To the west beyond the main shopping area, the bays continue to operate during the same days/hours but are shared use allowing S2 permit holders to park. From its junction with the S3 sub-zone at Elborough Street, the bays on Replingham Road are within the S1 sub-zone.

The area commonly referred to as ‘the Southfields Grid’ which includes all roads south of Replingham Road to Revelstoke Road bordered by Merton Road to the east and the railway line to the west, is split between the S2 sub-zone and the S3 Sub-zone.

Both sub-zones operate for 1-hour (1.30pm-2.30pm), Monday to Friday and all parking bays are designated for relevant Permit Holders Only. There are no facilities for non-residents to pay to park during the controlled 1-hour period as these 1-hour sub-zones are designed to remove all-day commuter and other long stay parking without having a significant impact on residents' visitors outside the one hour of control.

Petition

In March 2025 residents of the northern sections of Elsenham Street and Heythorp Street (between Replingham Road and Brookwood Road) submitted a petition requesting a review of the parking controls to address reported parking difficulties and congestion occurring outside the operational hour (1.30pm-2.30pm, Monday to Friday) of the Southfields S2 sub-zone due to non-resident parking. The covering email explained that these streets are the closest to the shops on Replingham Road and to Southfields Station resulting in higher parking demand, increased traffic congestion and resultant air pollution. It suggested that the northern sections of these two streets, were frequently occupied by employees of the local businesses, shoppers and those using the tube to get into central London and requested clearer signage and increased enforcement visits to improve parking compliance.

Consultation

Following consideration of the petition and other correspondence, it was agreed that all residents and businesses within the Southfields S2 sub-zone would be consulted to seek their views about possible changes to the operational days/hours within the S2 sub-zone. It was also agreed that if most residents within the S2 sub-zone supported the introduction of all-day controls, residents within the S3 sub-zone would also be consulted about possible changes within the S3 sub-zone prior to any changes being made within the S2 sub-zone.

In January 2026 a letter explaining why the council was reviewing the parking controls, what changes were being considered, the practical implications and costs involved was delivered to all addresses within the S2 sub-zone. The letter provided a link to the online survey to enable residents to provide their views, and information about how to obtain a paper-based questionnaire for those who did not have internet access.

The consultation opened on 16 January 2026 and closed on 01 March 2026.

Summary of consultation results

The online survey asked a series of questions including whether they were happy with the parking controls in their street, whether the existing days and hours of control should remain as existing or be changed, and if changed, what days and hours they should be changed to.

Appendix B shows the consultation results. In summary for the whole consultation area these show:

- Of the 699 households consulted, responses were received from 168 households – a response rate of 24%. This is a lower response rate than the Council would like but is not untypical when undertaking a review of an existing CPZ.
- In response to the question – “**Are you happy with the parking controls in your street?**”, 96 households (57%) indicated ‘Yes’, 65 households (39%) indicated ‘No’ and 7 households (4%) indicated ‘Don’t know / No opinion’.

Although across the whole of the S2 sub-zone most respondents indicated they were happy with the current 1-hour controls, most respondents from the following three streets indicated they were not happy.

Elsenham Street which had a response rate of 31% - 24 (63%) households.
Heythorp Street which had a response rate of 37% - 24 (63%) households
Replingham Road which had a response rate of 4% - 4 (67%) households

- In response to the question – “**Would you prefer to retain the existing operational days or change them?**”, 130 households (68%) indicated ‘Retain existing days’, 57 households (30%) indicated ‘Change days’.

Most respondents from all streets within the S2 sub-zone supported retaining the existing operational days.

The results for Elsenham Street were 24 households (53%) preferred to retain the existing days, whilst 21 households (47%) indicated ‘Change days’. The results for Heythorp Street were 22 households (48%) preferred to retain the existing days, 21 households (46%) indicated ‘Change days’ and 3 (7%) indicated ‘Don’t know/No opinion’.

- In response to the question – “**Would you prefer to retain the existing operational hours or change them?**”, 113 households (59%) indicated ‘Retain existing hours’, 74 households (39%) indicated ‘Change hours’.

Most respondents from all streets within the S2 sub-zone supported retaining the existing operational hours.

The results for Elsenham Street were 19 households (42%) preferred to retain the existing hours, whilst 25 households (56%) indicated ‘Change hours’. The results for Heythorp Street were 15 households (33%) preferred to retain the existing hours, 29 households (63%) indicated ‘Change hours’ and 1 (2%) indicated ‘Don’t know/No opinion’.

- In response to the further question – “**What hours do you think the CPZ controls should operate?**”, three options were provided “1.30pm – 2.30pm (existing hours)”, “9.30am – 4.30pm” and “9.30am – 6.30pm”. 109 households (57%) indicated a preference for “1.30pm – 2.30pm (existing hours)”, none indicated “9.30am – 4.30pm” and 33 households (17%) indicated “9.30am – 6.30pm”. 23 of the 33 preferences for extending the operational hours to “9.30am – 6.30pm” came from residents of Elsenham Street and Heythorp Street.

Assessment by officers

Across the whole area, most respondents 96 households (57%) indicated that they are happy with the current parking controls within the S2 sub-zone and support retaining the existing operational days and hours (1.30pm – 2.30pm, Monday to Friday).

The results also show that some residents within Elsenham Street and Heythorp Street feel that the controls should be extended to address the reported parking difficulties, particularly in the northern section of these two roads.

In considering whether changes should be made to an existing CPZ, the Council must consider both the views of residents/businesses and the likely impact that any changes would have on parking conditions in adjacent streets and other nearby roads due to displacement/overspill parking.

The issue of displacement or overspill parking is particularly relevant within the Southfields Grid area with its grid-like network of roads. A change to the operational days/hours in some roads and not throughout the whole of the Southfields Grid is likely to result in a worsening of parking conditions in those roads where the days/hours are not changed.

Whilst there is some support for changing the operational hours and days from some residents of Elsenham Street and Heythorp Street, making changes in these roads (or indeed the northern parts of them) and not throughout the whole of the Southfields Grid, is not considered to be a practical option due to the likely worsening of parking conditions due to displacement parking.

DECISION AND PROPOSED ACTIONS

The results of the review consultation show that most respondents within the S2 sub-zone are happy with the existing parking controls and do not support changing the operational days/hours.

Whilst there is support from some residents of Elsenham Street and Heythorp Street, making changes to the parking controls in these two streets and not throughout the

Southfields Grid area, would result in more difficult parking conditions on neighboring roads due to displacement parking.

The results of the consultation have been shared with Southfields Ward Councillors and the Cabinet Member for Transport who support the decision.

Following careful consideration of the consultation results and that making changes in part of the S2 sub-zone would worsen parking conditions for residents in the remainder of the Southfields Grid, no changes to the operational days/hours will be made at this time.

Officers will arrange for the results of the consultation and this decision to be published on the Council's website and will write to residents within the S2 sub-zone to inform them of the Council's decision.