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Resident / Occupier

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Dear Resident / Occupier

Wimbledon Stadium Parking Review - Earlsfield (L2-All-day), Garratt Green (G1) and Tooting Broadway (E1) (part) sub-zones – NEW DECISION

We wrote to you on 21 July 2021 with a summary of the results following the Wimbledon Stadium Parking Review earlier in the year and the Council's decision to extend the Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) operational hours/days to 9.30am to 9.30pm, Monday to Sunday, excluding bank holidays in all Highway roads within the consultation area, i.e. Earlsfield (L2), Garratt Green (G1) and Tooting (E1) (part).

Extending the CPZ operational hours/days was recommended for several reasons which included the support shown during the consultation, the existing parking problems in many roads, and not least, since it was considered the most effective way of protecting the community not only during football matches/events but also on other days from any potential parking / traffic issues associated with the occupants of the new dwellings contained within the stadium development. Although support was also shown for a separate Event/Match Day Zone, this was not considered necessary as the extended hours/days would operate on event/match days.

Since sending the letter, a number of emails and petitions have been received from the community expressing dissatisfaction with this decision on a number of grounds but mainly due to the increased costs which residents' visitors would have to pay for visitor parking. Most have called for the operational hours/days to remain as they are now and for an Event/Match Day Zone to be applied only on the days when a football match or event takes place at AFC Wimbledon Stadium and for the maximum stay for pay and display / pay by phone to be reduced to one hour to deter football fans from parking and attending a match.

It should be said that some emails were received supporting the extension of the operational hours/days. Though these were comparatively low in number, it is important to note that parking problems exist in some roads and there is some demand to extend the operational

hours/days. This is particularly acute in the L2 One-Hour roads where parking problems are regularly reported when the one-hour control does not apply.

We have listened to these concerns and appreciate that for many this decision was too restrictive and costly and went further than was necessary. We have considered all available options which would address these concerns and also provide some protection from any negative impact of the new stadium in terms of parking and traffic issues. Approval has now been obtained for the following course of action:

- To introduce Event / Match Day Only restrictions in CPZs G1, L2 and E1 (part). These will effectively extend the CPZ controls to 9.30am – 9.30pm, Monday-Sunday (now including Bank Holidays) within the original proposed area, but will operate on **Event Days only**;
- Within the CPZs that operate all-day, the maximum stay for visitors using the pay and display / pay by phone facilities will be reduced to one hour to deter football fans from parking and attending a match on Event Days only;
- In the L2 One-hour sub-zone the bays will remain designated as 'Permit holders only' and will operate 9.30am – 9.30pm on Event Days. Residents in this L2 One-hour sub-zone will be able to purchase All-Day Zone resident visitor permits for use by their visitors on Event Days;
- Though some new signs will be required, temporary signs will be used to identify the Event Day restrictions;
- The large Zone Entry signs and the Council's website will provide the dates when the Event/Match day restrictions (i.e. mainly football match fixtures) will operate;
- To allow time to make the necessary preparations, the new restrictions will now come into force from 1st October 2021 and therefore the first day the Event Day restrictions will operate will be on Saturday 2nd October 2021;
- The new restrictions to be implemented using an Experimental Traffic Management Order (TMO). The consultation will run for the first six months of its operation. The Council will monitor the scheme to see that it is being effective and meeting its objectives and then decide whether the scheme should be made permanent, or amended;
- An informal review is also provisionally scheduled for January 2022. This will be a further check on whether the Event Day controls are effective and meeting the needs/requirements of local residents/businesses, and to ensure that the Council continues to listen to local people/those most affected by the new stadium development;
- To address existing and worsening parking difficulties other than on event days, it is anticipated that there may be a further consultation exercise. The precise timing and format of any future consultation on operational hours/days will consider the operational experience gained and community feedback;
- Officers will review the effectiveness of these new restrictions with parking surveys and analyse transaction data.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

The Council is now preparing to amend all CPZ signs, pay and display machines (and pay by phone), the Council's permit system and make the Experimental TMO, etc. Works to install new temporary Event Day signs below existing CPZ signs, etc. will begin in mid-September to meet the start date of 1st October 2021. The first day the Event Day restrictions will operate is on **Saturday 2nd October**.

Please note the following advice which applies on **Event Days only**:

- The parking controls will operate 9.30am – 9.30pm, but only when there is a match or event on. This can be any day Monday-Sunday including Bank Holidays.
- In CPZs G1, L2 All-day and E1 (part) the bays will continue to be designated 'shared use' which will allow (resident/business/visitor) permit holders to park as usual or visitors to park for a maximum stay of one-hour using Pay and Display or pay by phone facilities;
- The extended Event Day hours will apply to all yellow line waiting restrictions, unless they already operate 'at any time', i.e. are marked as double yellow lines. Existing 'No Loading' restrictions (mostly on Garratt Lane) will remain unchanged.
- If you already hold a CPZ permit (resident or business), this change will not require you to obtain a new permit. You should continue to display your permit in the usual way.
- Your visitors will need to display a valid All-Day Resident Visitor Permit / Paperless Visitor Permit (PVP) or pay and display ticket / pay by phone for up to one hour.
- Disabled Blue Badge holders will continue to be able to park provided they display a valid blue badge.
- From late September, Advance Warning Notices advising drivers that the Event Day restrictions will be operational on **2nd October 2021** will be placed on all vehicles parked within the area.
- Penalty Charge Notices will be issued to vehicles not displaying a valid permit or payment on **2nd October 2021**.
- Updated information confirming that the changes will come into operation on 1st October 2021 will be provided on the Council's parking reviews webpage (see link below) and via the Council's social media channels.

Don't have a permit?

If you are a resident (or a business) or you expect to have visitors and haven't got a CPZ permit/online permit account and expect to need one to park on Event days, this is what you will need to do:-

- If you do not already have an active online permit account or any pre-purchased paperless resident visitor permits (PVPs), you will have to set up a new online permit account.
- To apply for a CPZ permit or PVPs please visit the following website and register <https://wandsworth.tarantopermits.com/Account/Login>

For any other permit enquiries, please telephone the Parking Helpline on (020) 8871 8871 and select the option for Parking Permits.

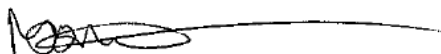
Further information about resident, business, resident visitor or trade permits, including current permit charges is available on the Council's website here:

https://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/info/200457/parking_permits

As additional or updated information about the implementation of the Event Day restrictions becomes available, updates will be provided on the Council's parking reviews webpage here:

<https://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/wimbledonstadium>

Yours faithfully



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