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Dear Resident / Occupier

## Possible Controlled Parking Zone in North West Battersea area – Have your say

The Council has listened to local concerns about the parking and traffic conditions in this area which have included a petition from residents and businesses in Gartons Way, Chatfield Road and Mendip Road requesting the introduction of a Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ). It is understood these difficulties are mostly caused by the number of commuter and other long-stay vehicles which are able to park for free and without a time limit.

Currently there are no CPZ restrictions operating on the highway roads in this consultation area. The aim of a CPZ is to prioritise parking for residents and businesses by deterring commuter and other long-stay parking by non-residents and to have a positive effect on local parking and traffic conditions. A CPZ can only be introduced on roads that are 'Highway maintained at public expense', not on private roads or roads/off-street parking areas associated with (current or former) Council housing properties. However, Parking Regulation Schemes (PRS) already operate in several Housing Estates within the North West Battersea area and these would remain unchanged if a CPZ were to be introduced on the Highway roads.

We are now carrying out a consultation with all residents and businesses in the NW Battersea area so your views can be considered on the possibility of introducing a CPZ as we assess the extent of the problems residents and businesses are experiencing, the merits of introducing a CPZ and how it should operate, including the hours/days of operation. Since the introduction of parking controls in one road can affect parking in an adjacent one, as some parking is displaced there, we tend to consult over a wider area than the roads where the requests originated. A plan of the consultation area is available on the Council's North West Battersea CPZ Consultation webpage here: https://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/NWBATTCPZ

A plan showing all existing CPZs in the borough and their operational hours/days is also available on the Council's website here:

https://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/parking/parking-zones/find-parking-zones/

# Excluded and permit-free developments - check if you would be eligible for a CPZ permit

All new developments with 10 or more (and sometimes fewer) residential units are automatically excluded from new or existing CPZs as part of the planning approval process, meaning that occupiers of developments approved since 2003 with 10 or more residential units, or approved on the basis of being 'permit-free', would be unable to obtain parking permits should a CPZ be introduced. It is the developer, marketing agent, landlord or your solicitor's responsibility to ensure that you are aware of any restriction or other conditions associated with the property when you buy or rent a property.

Due to the amount of redevelopment in the NW Battersea area, many newer properties would not be eligible for a CPZ permit should a CPZ be introduced. A list of known CPZ Excluded addresses within this consultation area is available via the North West Battersea CPZ Consultation webpage here:

https://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/NWBATTCPZ

Information is enclosed which explains the options open to you, how CPZs work and the current costs involved. Please read this information carefully before responding. More information on CPZs, including the consultation process and current Business permit charges can be found on the Council's website here:

http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/parking

#### **How to respond:**

#### Online survey

Please give us your views by entering this link into your internet browser: <a href="https://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/haveyoursay/nwbattersea">https://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/haveyoursay/nwbattersea</a>

If you are unable to complete the survey online and you would like a hard copy of the questionnaire, please call (020) 8871 8929 leaving your name and address including the postcode and quoting 'NW Battersea CPZ' and one will be posted out to you with a postage paid return envelope.

Please ensure we have received your response by Friday 7th January 2022.

Should you wish to make any additional comments these can be sent by e-mail or letter using the contact address details at the top of this letter. Please use '**NW Battersea CPZ**' as the Subject. All comments will be considered but it will not be possible to respond to individual e-mails/comments.

The Council would like to demonstrate that any measures have the support of the local community, so a good response is important. Please respond to all questions even if you don't own a vehicle, and/or oppose a CPZ, because parking controls may still affect you or your visitors.

### What happens next?

The results will be analysed for the whole area and on a street by street basis meaning that changes could be made in some (Highway) roads and not others if appropriate and could either form a new CPZ or an extension to an existing one.

The final decision will not be based on residents' views alone. All feedback will be considered along with relevant traffic management and other highway factors, prior to a decision being made on the way forward. We will write to you once the Council has made a decision and an update will be provided on the Council's Parking Reviews web pages.

Yours faithfully

Michael Potter

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