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Dear Resident / Business

W2 CONTROLLED PARKING ZONE (CPZ) REVIEW CONSULTATION – JUNE 2017

The safety of our residents and visitors to the borough is of high priority for us and the quality of the street scene is of equal importance. As part of this commitment, a Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ), the W2 CPZ, was introduced in May 1996, following extensive consultation with local residents.

Since its introduction the CPZ appears to have been working well. However, the Council has recently received a petition from residents who are experiencing parking problems in their road(s) after 6.30pm and on a Sunday, when the CPZ does not operate. Generally, residents feel the problem is being caused by an increasing number of non-residents visiting the area for evening shopping and the growing number of entertainment/leisure activities in Wimbledon town centre.

As a result, the purpose of this leaflet is to seek your views on proposals to extend the operational hours of the W2 CPZ from Monday to Saturday 8.30am – 6.30pm to Monday to Saturday 8.30am – 11.00pm and Sunday between 2pm and 6pm.

As part of this review consultation, we would also like to take the opportunity to ask you if you have any other suggestions as to how you consider the W2 CPZ could be amended to improve road safety and better benefit you as residents.

Potential outcomes of this consultation could include:-

- Retention of the status quo e.g.: no change to operational days/hours or zone boundary
- A change in the operational hours
- Amendment to the boundary of zone
(subject to the outcome of the informal consultation the zone may be sub-divided between those who opt for extended hours of operation and those who do not i.e. retention of the 'status quo')
- Changes to waiting restrictions
- Changes to types of bays

A plan of the existing CPZ is enclosed, although due to the scale it may be preferable to view this from the website, and we would also suggest that to help you when making your decisions and, before you complete the online questionnaire, you consider the following text overleaf.

Operational hours

If the CPZ hours are extended to Monday to Saturday 8.30am – 11pm and Sunday 2pm – 6pm, although offering maximum protection against both short and long term parking, the scheme will be less flexible for both you and your visitors.

Residents, who currently do not park on-street during the daytime and have no access to off-street parking facilities, would now need to purchase a permit to park in their road in the evening. In addition, anyone visiting after 6.30pm and parking on-street, would need to display a visitors' parking permit in their car.

If the CPZ hours are extended and you have a supply of existing W2 CPZ half-day visitor permits (valid 8.30am – 2pm or 12pm – 6.30pm) they will remain valid.

Permit costs

The standard annual parking permit charges apply regardless of the operational hours and days of the zone. The Council has recently agreed the introduction of a new diesel levy for resident, business and trade parking permits and reduced permit charge for electric vehicles. This levy is in addition to the cost of the permit. For information on the diesel levy please visit <http://www.merton.gov.uk/transport-streets/parking/parkingconsultations/diesellevy.htm>

Further information on how CPZs work and details of permit costs can be found on the Council website at the following links <http://www.merton.gov.uk/transport-streets/parking.htm> and <http://www.merton.gov.uk/transport-streets/parking/cpz.htm>

LET US KNOW YOUR VIEWS

The decision on whether or not to proceed with the next step, which would involve statutory consultation, will be subject to the responses received during this consultation. This informal consultation will 'go live' on Monday 19 June 2017.

We would ask that you submit your questionnaire online using the following link <http://www.merton.gov.uk/transport-streets/parking/cpz/w2review>.

The online system has been created to keep costs down and allow the Council to process your views more efficiently. Anyone who does not have access to a computer can contact the Council and a hard copy of the questionnaire will be provided. Please let us have any comments or suggestions you may have by Monday 10 July 2017.

We regret that due to the number of responses received during an informal consultation it will not be possible to individually reply to each respondent.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

The results of the consultation along with officers' recommendations will be presented in a report to the Cabinet Member for Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Environment and Housing. Once a decision is made you will be informed accordingly. The website will also be updated.

Yours sincerely,

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