

Proposed Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ)

LW CPZ – Western Road



Informal consultation
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Dear Resident,

The purpose of this leaflet is to seek your views on proposal to convert the existing parking spaces between No 195 and No 221 Western Road to a Permit Holder parking bay by introducing a Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ). This proposal is in response to a petition received from some residents who are experiencing parking difficulties. To address residents' parking and access concerns, the Council is undertaking an informal consultation to seek your views on a proposal to control the existing parking between No 195 and No 221 Western Road. Please note that :-

- No additional parking space is being created.
- A CPZ and a parking permit does not guarantee a parking space.
- The proposed CPZ will simply prevent non-permit holders from parking during the operational periods and only those within the zone boundary will be entitled to a permit.
- Number of permits issued to those within the zone will not be restricted but the cost of a second and third permits are higher.

HOW WILL IT WORK?

All road space in a CPZ must be managed by some form of restrictions. Parking is only permitted where safety, access and sight lines are not compromised. It is, therefore, normal practice to introduce double yellow lines at key locations such as at junctions, bends, turning heads, along narrow roads and at specific locations along lengths of roads where parking would impede passing of vehicles. In this case the bays and yellow line restrictions are already in place and the proposed CPZ will prevent non-permit holders from parking within the existing parking spaces during the operational periods.

All Day Controls (8.30am - 6.30pm) - This will provide maximum protection to residents by removing short and long-term non-permit parking. It will, however, be less flexible for residents and their visitors who will need to obtain a visitor's permit from the resident they are visiting in order to park in the permit holder bays.

Part Time Controls (10am - 4pm) - These operating times offer less restrictions on residents and their visitors than 'all day' controls. It is still effective in preventing long-term parking. However, it may encourage other short term commuter parking outside the restricted times by those who may also work their way around the 6 hours by moving their vehicles and then returning to park for the rest of the day. Residents returning from work later in the afternoon may find less available parking due to this.

4 hours controls (11am - 3pm) - These operating times offer less restrictions for residents and their visitors. It is still effective in preventing commuters and other long stay parking. However, it will not discourage short-term parking outside the operating times by non-residents, consequently, residents returning later in the afternoon may find less available parking. Motorists unable to park in nearby roads without controls may also take advantage of the available parking outside the controlled times.

The proposed operational days include:

Monday to Friday - This will offer more flexibility to residents and visitors at weekends. However, it allows non-residents to park on Saturdays and Sundays, therefore reducing available parking.

Monday to Saturday - Provides more protection to residents. However, it will be more restrictive on visitors who would require a visitor's permit to park during the controlled times.

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Costs of Permits

Permit tariffs vary depending on several factors including period of operation. This means that the permit price for your zone (should it go ahead) would depend on the days and hours of operation and can only be confirmed after the outcome of the informal consultation is realised and on commencement of a statutory consultation.

Further information on how CPZs work & details of permits including examples that can be used as a reference point can be found in our Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's) at www.merton.gov.uk/cpzlw

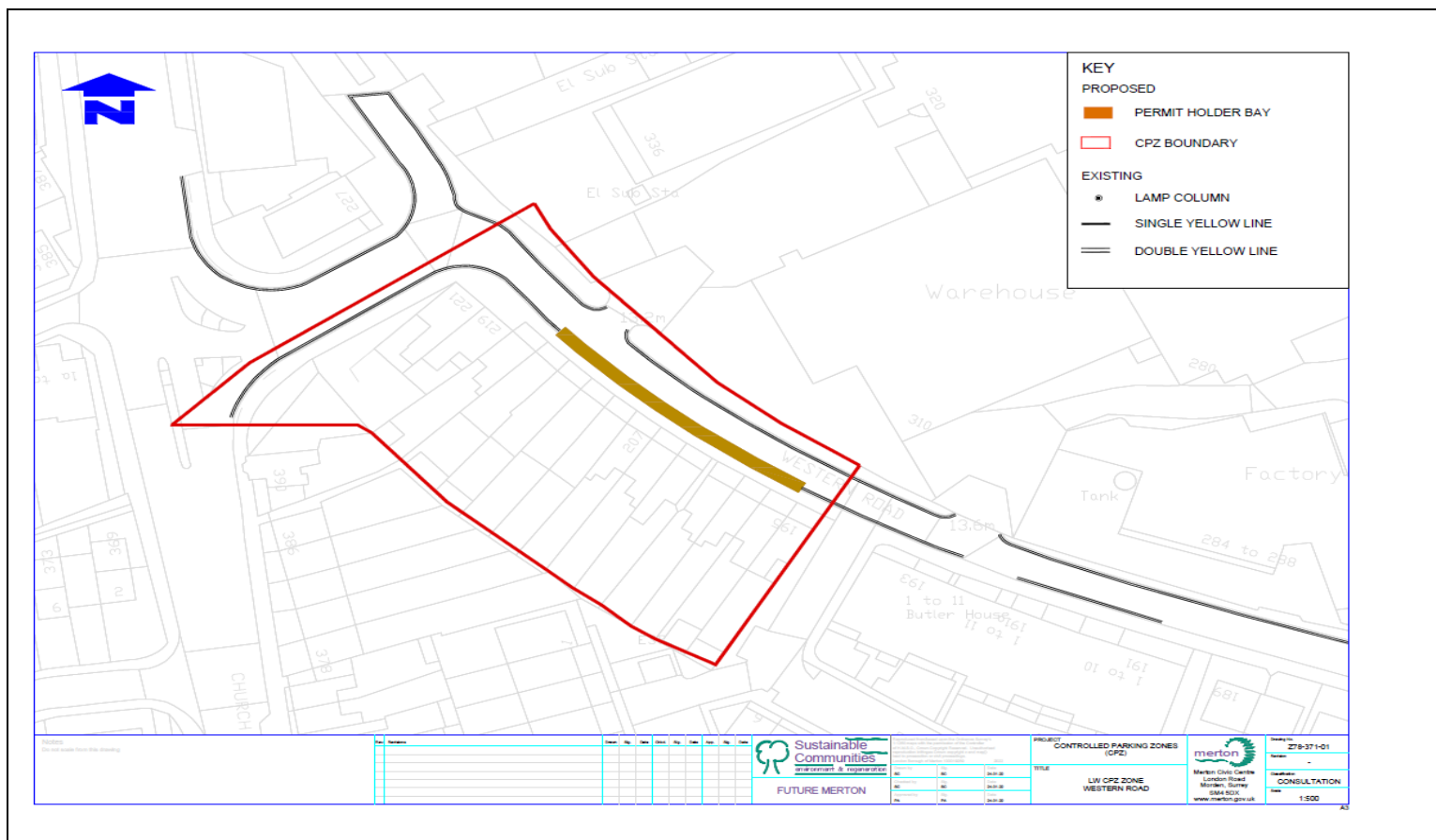
LET US KNOW YOUR VIEWS

The decision on whether or not to proceed with the next step, which would involve a statutory consultation on the proposals, will be subject to the responses received during this consultation. We ask that you complete your questionnaire and return it in the prepaid envelope by **27 October 2023**. It is only one vote per address.

Please note that during this informal consultation, it will not be possible to reply individually to each respondent. We welcome your comments on this proposal, which will be noted and included within the proposed measures where appropriate.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

The results of the consultation along with officers' recommendations will be presented in a report to the Cabinet Member for Transport. Once a decision is made you will be informed accordingly.



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