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Dear Resident/Business

The purpose of this leaflet is to update you of the outcome of the informal consultation that was carried out between 23 May and 21 June 2019 on the proposals to introduce a Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) GC3 to include Beecholme Avenue, Caithness Road, Edgehill Road, Elmhurst Road, Garden Avenue, Hill Road, Melrose Avenue, Park Avenue, Ridge Road and Streatham Road.

GC3 CPZ CONSULTATION RESULTS

The consultation resulted in a total of 200 online responses. After removing duplicate/multiple returns and those who do not live within the proposed GC3 CPZ, the overall response rate was 20%. Of the 200 who responded, 57% support a CPZ in their road, compared to 34% who do not and 8% who are unsure or made no response. Residents were also asked which hours of operation they would prefer should the CPZ be introduced in their road. Results show 58% of respondents prefer 8.30am – 6.30pm, 26% prefer 11am – 3pm and 12% prefer 10am – 4pm. In response to the days of operation, the results show that 55% of respondents prefer Mon – Fri, 22% support Mon – Sat, 22% support Mon – Sun and 1% did not respond. Further analysis of the results on a road-by-road basis indicated that some roads do not support a CPZ, mainly Melrose Avenue and Edgehill Road who voted against being included in a CPZ.

However, due to the possible displacement, it has been agreed to include these roads within the statutory consultation thereby giving residents of these roads a further opportunity to consider the proposals with the understanding that double yellow lines will be recommended despite exclusion from the zone. Also due to the geographical position of these roads within the proposed CPZ, if these roads are excluded there would be parking displacement which would impact these road if a CPZ is implemented in the neighbouring roads.

The results of the consultation along with officers' recommendations were presented in a report to the Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Housing and Transport on the 28 August 2019. The report and the decision sheet can be viewed on our website. www.merton.gov.uk/cpzgc3 The following recommendations which were made to the Cabinet Member have now been agreed:

- To proceed with a statutory consultation to include in Beecholme Avenue, Caithness Road, Edgehill Road, Elmhurst Road, Garden Avenue, Hill Road, Melrose Avenue, Park Avenue, Ridge Road, Streatham Road within the proposed GC3 CPZ, operational Monday to Friday between 8.30am and 6.30pm.
- To proceed with the statutory consultation of the relevant Traffic Management Orders (TMOs) and the implementation of the 'At any time' waiting restrictions within the proposed catchment.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

A Notice of the Council's intention to introduce the above measures will be published in a local newspaper (Wimbledon Times), London Gazette and posted on lamp columns in the vicinity. Representations against the proposals described in this Notice must be made in writing or email trafficandhighways@merton.gov.uk by no later than **15 November 2019** quoting reference **ES/ GC3 CPZ**. Objections must relate only to the elements of the scheme that are subject to this statutory consultation.

A copy of the proposed Traffic Management Orders (TMOs), a plan identifying the areas affected by the proposals and the Council's Statement of Reasons can be inspected at Merton Link, Merton Civic Centre, London Road, Morden, Surrey, SM4 5DX during the Council's normal office hours Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm. This information is also available on Merton Council's website www.merton.gov.uk/cpzgc3

All representations along with officers' comments and recommendations will be presented in a report to the Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Transport and Housing. Please note that responses to any representations received will not be made until a final decision is made by the Cabinet Member.

The Council is required to give weight to the nature and content of your representations and not necessarily the quantity. Your reasons are, therefore, important to us.

You may recall that during the informal consultation, we advised you that the Council was undertaking a consultation on making changes to the parking charges that includes permit charges. I can now advise you that a decision on the new charges was made on 10th September 2019. These charges will come into operation on 14 January 2020.

Should a CPZ be introduced (subject to the outcome of this statutory consultation and Cabinet Member approval), the current permit charges will apply. These charges are £65 for the first car in a household, £110 for the second in a household and 140 for the third and subsequent car in a household plus an additional charge of £150 for a diesel vehicle. An annual visitor's permit is £140. A daily visitor's permit is charged at £2.50 and half day visitor's permit is £1.50.

If the CPZ is introduced, your permit prices will be the current charges as set out above but only if you apply for your permit within 8 weeks of the implementation of the zone. application after this period will be subject to new charges. More specific dates for applications will be provided if the CPZ is introduced.

Upon renewal of your permits you would need to pay the new charges as set out below:-

- First permit £80.00
- 2nd permit £130.00
- 3rd and subsequent permit £180.00
- Annual visitor permit £330.00
- Daily visitor permit £3.00
- Half day visitor permit £2.00

There will be an additional charge of £150 for a diesel vehicle.

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