## Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) Zone W7 - The Downs Area



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## Dear Resident/Business

The purpose of this leaflet is to let you know the outcome of the informal consultation carried out in June 2011, on the proposal to introduce a controlled parking zone (CPZ) in your road.

The consultation resulted in a total of 352 questionnaires returned, representing a response rate of 32.8%. As it can be seen from the table, 50.4% of respondents indicated that they currently have parking problems in their roads compared to 41.1% who feel that they do not.

A majority of 47.3% support a CPZ, compared to 45.6% who do not, with 7.1% undecided. In response to the preferred days of operation, 69.1% support Monday to Friday compared to 17.8% who prefer Monday to Saturday. The remaining 13% have no preference or do not support a CPZ. With regards to the preferred hours of operation, 38.4% support 8.30am – 6.30pm; 21% prefer 10am – 4pm, whilst 25% support 11am – 12pm. The remaining 15.6% had no preference or do not support a CPZ.

Results are summarised in table below.

QUESTIONS		YES	NO	UNSURE
3	Do you feel you have a parking problem in your road?	50.4%	41.1%	8.5%
4	Do you support a CPZ in your road?	47.3%	45.6%	7.1%
5	Would you support a CPZ if the neighbouring road(s) or part of their road were included in a CPZ?	50.7%	40.5%	8.8%
	If a CPZ was introduced which days would you like the controls to operate?	Mon-Fri	Mon-Sat	None
6		69.1%	17.8%	13%
7	Which hours of operation would you prefer?	8.30am-6.30pm	10am-4pm	11am-12pm
		38.4%	21%	25%

For a complete breakdown on a road by road analysis please refer to the enclosed consultation results.

The results of the consultation along with your views and officers' recommendations were presented in a report to the Street Management Advisory Committee and the Cabinet Member on the 20 September 2011, which is available on the Council website.

After careful consideration, the Cabinet Member agreed to proceed to statutory consultation to introduce the W7 CPZ to include The Downs, Lansdowne Road, Crescent Road, Southdown Drive, Cumberland Close, Thaxted Place, Southdown Road, Elthelbert Road, Delamere Road, Albert Grove, and part of Lower Downs Road, operational Mondays to Fridays between 8.30am and 6.30pm.

**Lansdowne Road:** According to the consultation results for Lansdowne Road, the majority of respondents were against the parking controls. As a rule the Council refrains from imposing a CPZ in roads where the majority of residents have opted against a CPZ, however, given the two options available (a CPZ or double yellow lines on one side of the road without a CPZ), it is considered that the residents would benefit from a CPZ as they would only be competing for a parking space against other residents and their visitors rather than commuters.

Notwithstanding the current recommendation for inclusion, if the residents of Lansdowne Road continue to be against inclusion after this statutory consultation then officers will have to be mindful of the needs and safety of pedestrians particularly with the retirement home located at the end of Lansdowne Road and those whos may

require the use of a wheel chair, officers will recommend the introduction of double yellow line waiting restrictions on one side of the road to protect pedestrians and prevent the current illegal footway parking.

**Delamere Road & Cumberland Close:** Although these roads are against the parking controls they have been included in the statutory consultation process to allow them the opportunity to be included in the CPZ as these roads will be adversely affected by parking displacement.

## WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

A Notice of the Council's intentions to introduce the above measures will be published in a local newspaper (The Guardian), London Gazette and posted on lamp columns in the vicinity. Representations for and against the proposals described in this Notice must be made in writing to the **Head of Street Scene and Waste Management Division**, **Merton Civic Centre**, **London Road**, **Morden**, **Surrey**, **SM4 5DX** or email trafficandhighways@merton.gov.uk by no later than **25 November 2011** quoting reference **ES/SGE/ZONE W7**. Objections must relate only to the elements of the scheme that are subject to this statutory consultation.

All representations along with Officers' comments and recommendations will be presented in a report to the Street Management Advisory Committee and/or the Cabinet Member for Environmental Sustainability and regeneration.

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.

A copy of the proposed TMO, a plan identifying the areas affected by the proposals and the Council's Statement of Reasons can be inspected at the Merton Link, Merton Civic Centre, London Road, Morden, Surrey, SM4 5DX during the Council's normal office hours Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm. A copy can also be inspected at Wimbledon Library. This information is available on Merton Council's website, www.merton.gov.uk/cpzw7.

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