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Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ)

Proposed Zone M3 - Chalgrove Avenue Area



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Dear Resident / Business

The safety of our residents and visitors to the borough is of high priority for us. The quality of the street scene is also of importance. As part of this commitment, a Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) is proposed in the uncontrolled roads in the Chalgrove Avenue area. CPZs are only considered where local residents have petitioned the Council to introduce parking controls in their road. A CPZ is implemented if the majority of those who responded support the proposed measures.

The purpose of this leaflet is to seek your views on proposals to introduce a CPZ in the uncontrolled roads in the Chalgrove Avenue area, as shown on the enclosed plans. This proposal is in response to representations received from Chalgrove Avenue area residents who are experiencing parking difficulties in their roads. Generally, residents feel the problem is being caused by:

- Commuters who park and complete their journey by public transport.
- · Staff of nearby businesses.

This area is currently being proposed as a new stand alone zone thereby allowing residents to choose the hours of operation of the zone.

WHAT IS A CONTROLLED PARKING ZONE (CPZ)?

A Controlled Parking Zone is an area where parking controls are introduced to protect the parking needs of residents and their visitors, as well as those of local businesses. Parking bays are marked on the carriageway to indicate to motorists where they can park safely. Yellow line restrictions are also introduced to improve safety and traffic flow by removing dangerous or obstructive parking. In a CPZ the operational times for the single yellow lines are indicated on zone entry

signs. In some cases there may be single yellow lines that may operate at different times and these will be signed separately. Double yellow lines restrictions do not require signs. In the absence of loading restrictions on yellow lines, loading or unloading of goods is permitted for a limited period of time. All parking places within a CPZ are individually signed to ensure that motorists are aware of the operational times and conditions. This ensures that the bays are fully enforceable. To minimise street furniture, every effort is made to ensure signs are placed on existing street furniture such as lamp columns or signs are combined with other street signs. In a CPZ, residents, local businesses and their visitors are given priority to use the appropriate parking places by purchasing and displaying a valid permit in respect of that zone. However, a parking permit does not give the holder the right to park outside a particular property, and does not guarantee an available parking space.

Please see the frequently asked questions (FAQ's) sheet enclosed for more information.

HOW WILL IT WORK?

All road space in a CPZ is managed by the introduction of parking controls. 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 and at specific locations along lengths of roads where parking would impede the passing of vehicles. It is also necessary to provide yellow lines (effective during the CPZ hours of operation or at any time) where the kerb is lowered, i.e. at crossovers for driveways.

The key objective of managing parking is to reduce and control non-essential parking and assist residents, short-term visitors and the local businesses. Within any CPZ, only those within the zone are entitled to permits.

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This means that long-term parking will not be permitted within the permit bays during the operational times. An incremental pricing structure for 2nd and subsequent permits also assists in minimising the number of permits issued to individual residents and help discourage multiple car ownership. CPZs comprise of various types of parking bays such as permit holder bays (for use by resident or business permit holders and those with visitor permits); shared use bays (for permit holders and pay and display) and pay and display only bays (permits are not valid). Council appointed Civil Enforcement Officers will enforce the controls by issuing fines/Penalty Charge Notices (PCNs) to vehicles parked in contravention of the restrictions. Outside the controlled times the restrictions are not enforced.

However, Civil Enforcement Officers will issue PCNs for any other parking contravention such as parking on double yellow lines, footways and parking across individual crossovers without the property owner's consent. The Council aims to reach a balance between the needs of the residents, businesses and the safety of all road users. In the event that the majority of those consulted do not support a CPZ in their road or area officers may recommend that only the proposed double yellow lines identified at key locations are introduced to improve safety and maintain access. This would be subject to the approval of the Cabinet Member for Environmental Sustainability and Regeneration

PROPOSALS

The proposals include a number of provisions which are detailed below

Due to the narrow nature of Chalgrove Avenue, the proposal is to introduce double yellow lines to remove obstructive parking where traffic is currently being impeded thereby improving clear access for all road users including refuse vehicles and emergency vehicles. The proposal also include removing a section of the central island in Chalgrove Avenue close to its junction with London Road to provide parking bays on both sides of the road for

the use of permit holders.

Operational Hours - The choice of operational hours are explained below:

All Day Controls (8.30am - 6.30pm) - This will provide maximum protection to the residents by removing short and long-term 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 short-term parking by non residents or businesses, such as shoppers outside the operating times. Residents returning from work later in the afternoon may find less available parking in their street due to this.

4 hours controls (11am - 3pm) - These operating times offer fewer restrictions for residents and their visitors than the "all day" controls. It is still effective in preventing commuters and other long stay parking. However, it may encourage short-term parking outside the operating times by non-residents or businesses. Residents returning from work later in the afternoon may find less available parking in their road due to this. Motorists unable to park in nearby roads without controls may also take advantage of the available parking outside the controlled times. The standard annual parking permit charges apply regardless of the hours the zone operates.

The proposed operational days include: **Monday to Friday** - This will offer more flexibility to residents and visitors at weekends. However it may encourage non residents, especially shoppers, to park on Saturdays, therefore reducing available parking.

Monday to Saturday - Provides maximum protection to the residents. However, it will be more restrictive

on visitors who would require a visitor's permit to park during the controlled times.

The Cost of the annual parking permits remains unchanged whether the CPZ operates all day or part.

LET US KNOW YOUR VIEWS

The decision on whether or not to proceed with the next step, which would involve undertaking a statutory consultation on the proposals, will be subject to the responses received during this consultation. We would ask that you complete and submit your questionnaire online using this link www.merton.gov.uk/cpzm3_chalgrove by 10th April 2015. The online system has been created to keep costs down and allow the Council to process your views more efficiently. If you are unable to fill in the questionnaire online please phone us on 020 8545 3214 to obtain a hard copy of the questionnaire.

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. We welcome your comments on this proposal, which will be noted and included within the proposed measures where appropriate. It should be noted that subject to the responses received, a recommendation may be made to only include those roads where there is a majority in support of the proposals.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

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

All consultation documents relating to this proposal can be viewed by visiting our website using the following link www.merton.gov.uk/cpzm3_chalgrove.. You may also view the plans in Merton Link at Merton Civic Centre, Morden during our working hours, Monday to Friday between 9am and 5pm.