



LONDON BOROUGH OF MERTON

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT ACT 2004

**PROPOSED INCREASE IN THE LEVEL OF PENALTY FOR A PENALTY CHARGE
NOTICE FOR PARKING CONTRAVENTIONS**

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the consultation period due to end on 1 May 2020 for the notice advertised in the Wimbledon and Wandsworth Times and the London Gazette on 12 March 2020 proposing an increase in the level of penalty for a penalty charge notice for parking contraventions has been extended until 31 May 2020.
2. The Council of the London Borough of Merton propose to amend the Penalty Charge Banding relating to the enforcement of parking contraventions in the London Borough of Merton and increase the level of penalty for a Penalty Charge Notice for parking offences.
3. The change would increase the deterrent for inconsiderate parking and assist the Council in better managing traffic flow, reducing congestion and saving protected parking spaces for those that genuinely need them, such as Blue Badge holders.
4. The proposed new charges are as follows:-

Penalty Charges for parking contraventions for all roads within the London Borough of Merton would be increased from Band B to Band A – Higher rate £130 reduced to £65 if paid within the 14 day statutory period starting from the date of issue of the Penalty Charge Notice or lower rate of £80 reduced to £40 if paid with the 14 day statutory period starting from the date of issue of the Penalty Charge Notice.

NB 1. The current charges are set at Band B with the higher rate at £110 reduced to £55 if paid with the 14 day statutory period and £60 at the lower rate reduced to £30 if paid within the 14 day statutory period.

NB 2. Higher level penalties apply to contraventions which are considered more serious, such as parking on yellow lines or where an obstruction is caused. Lower level penalties apply generally where parking is permitted but the regulations are contravened, such as overstaying on a pay and display parking bay.

NB 3. Moving Traffic and Bus Lane Contravention charges in London are currently set at Band A levels.

5. Any person desiring to comment on the proposed change in Banding and increase in penalty charges should leave a statement at: www.merton.gov.uk/pcnconsultation2020 by 31 May 2020 inclusive.

Dated: 1 May 2020.

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