

# Proposed Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) GC3 Edgehill Area



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## Dear Resident / Business

The purpose of this leaflet is to seek your views on proposals to introduce a Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) in Edgehill Road area. This proposal is in response to petitions received from residents of Edge Hill Road, Caithness Road and Garden Avenue who are experiencing parking difficulties in their road.

To address residents' parking and access concerns the Council is undertaking an informal consultation to seek your views on proposals to control parking in your road (see enclosed plans for the proposals).

This area is currently being proposed as a new zone thereby allowing residents to choose the hours of operation. You can view the plan on the website [www.merton.gov.uk/cpzgc3](http://www.merton.gov.uk/cpzgc3)

## 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 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.

**PROPOSAL** - The proposals include a number of provisions which are detailed below:-

**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 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 time, 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 in their street 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 may encourage short-term parking outside the operating times by non-residents. Consequently residents returning later in the afternoon may find less available parking in their road. 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 or Monday to Sunday** - 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.

It is important to note that the proposed double yellow lines in the area are paramount to ensure safety and access for all road users. Regardless of the outcome of the proposed CPZ consultation **officers will strongly recommend to the Cabinet Member that the proposed double yellow lines are introduced.** This will ensure clear access for all road users including pedestrians.

To fully note the extent and nature of the proposed yellow lines, it is essential that you view the plan using the website or the large plan which is deposited in the Library and the Link at Merton Civic Centre.

## Permit costs

Currently the standard annual parking permit

charges apply regardless of the operational hours and days of the zone.

permit costs can be found in our Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's) at [www.merton.gov.uk/cpzgc3](http://www.merton.gov.uk/cpzgc3) **It is essential you read the document.**

However, it is important to note that the Council has just completed a statutory consultation on making a number of changes to parking charges throughout the borough including the permit tariff structure. Although you are being consulted on the existing permit prices, should the proposed parking charges be implemented, you would need to pay the new charges upon the renewal of your permits. The information can be found on the Council's website using the following links. [www.merton.gov.uk/parkingconsultation2019](http://www.merton.gov.uk/parkingconsultation2019)

**Please ensure you appraise yourself with the potential new permit prices.**

## 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 would ask that you submit your questionnaire online using this link [www.merton.gov.uk/cpzgc3](http://www.merton.gov.uk/cpzgc3).

The online system has been created to keep costs down and allow the Council to process your views more efficiently. If, however, you require a hard copy, please contact Paul Atie, [paul.atie@merton.gov.uk](mailto:paul.atie@merton.gov.uk) and one will be posted to you. Please let us have any comments or suggestions you may have by **21 June 2019. It is only one vote per address.**

We regret that due to the number of responses received during an 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 Regeneration, Housing and Transport. Once a decision is made you will be informed accordingly.

Further information on how CPZs work and details of

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