

Proposed Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) GC2 St Barnabas Road 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 Ashbourne Road, Carlingford Gardens, Edenvale Road, Figge's Road, Framfield Road, Gorrington Park Avenue (Between Nos 38 and 164), Heaton Road, Manship Road, Milton Road, St Barnabas Road, St James' Road, Stanley Road, Streatham Road (Between the Railway Bridge and Manship Road), Thirsk Road, Tynemouth Road, Uckfield Grove and Woodland Way. This proposal is in response to petitions received from local residents of some of the above roads who are experiencing parking difficulties in their road(s).

To address residents' parking 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).

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.

This area is currently being proposed as a new zone thereby allowing residents to choose the hours of operation. Due to the scale of the attached plan it may be difficult for some to view the proposed restrictions. It is, therefore, recommended that residents view the plans on the website www.merton.gov.uk/cpzgc2 or inspect a larger scale plan deposited at the Civic Centre reception and Mitcham Library.

HOW WILL IT WORK?

All road space in a CPZ is 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).

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, and if the Cabinet Member agrees, officers will recommend that only the proposed double yellow lines identified at key locations are introduced to improve safety and maintain access for all road users including pedestrians.

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 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 other short term parking outside the restricted time, by non-residents such as shoppers and non-residents 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 fewer restrictions for residents and their visitors than the "all day" or 6 hours control. It is still effective in preventing long-term parking. However, it may encourage other short term parking outside the restricted time, by non-residents such as shoppers and non-residents 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 fewer restrictions for residents and their visitors than the “all day” or 6 hours control. 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 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, therefore reducing available parking for your visitors.

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 standard annual parking permit charges apply regardless of the days or hours the zone operates.

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 (**one vote per household or business**) www.merton.gov.uk/cpzgc2. The online system has been created to keep costs down and allow the Council to process our views more efficiently. If, however, you require a hard copy, please contact Paul Atie, paul.atie@merton.gov.uk and one will be posted to you. Please let us have any comments or suggestions you may have by **10 November 2017** and **it is only one vote per household or business**.

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 Regeneration, Environment

and Housing. Once a decision is made you will be informed accordingly.

Further information on how CPZs work, details of permit costs can be found in our Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ’s) at www.merton.gov.uk/cpzgc2

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