

# **Boundary Change Consultation**

**Fairholt Road** 





# **Parking consultation**

# Why am I being consulted?

The Council carried out a parking consultation with all residents and businesses in the proposed Parking Zone V area between August and October 2018. As a result of the feedback received and due to the absence of evidence to suggest there are traffic flow or safety issues in the majority of the roads in this area, the Council made the decision not to introduce controls.

Prior to the consultation in Zone V, the Council carried out a parking stress survey in your area in 2016 which identified the following:

- Majority of the roads bordering existing parking zones including Zone G suffered parking stress at some point of the day.
- Roads in the north of the borough close to the border of neighbouring borough Haringey, suffered from high parking stress at some point of the day.
- Parking stress in Fairholt Road was 69% overnight and increased to 73% during the day.

With the recent extension of parking controls in neighbouring zone T and the introduction of controls in the borough of Haringey, the parking stress is likely to increase to above 80%.

Since the publication of the Parking Zone V delegated report, the Council has received requests and a petition from residents of Fairholt Road for controls to be introduced due to parking stress caused by an increased number of drivers from nearby roads seeking out parking spaces on this street.

In response to the requests received, and to make it easier for residents on Fairholt Road to park close to their properties, we are proposing to amend the parking zone boundary on Fairholt Road (all addresses on Fairholt Road between junctions with Bethune Road and Lordship Road) and move them into Parking Zone G (see enclosed map). We also propose to extend the boundary to include Fairholt Close to allow residents of this estate to purchase on street Zone G permits if they wish to do so. Please be aware that this would not impact the existing controls on the estate.

This change would mean that Fairholt Road would be subject to parking controls as it would form part of an existing Parking Zone. The introduction of controls on this road would allow residents to park closer to their properties and in all other roads within Zone G including Lordship Road and Queen Elizabeths Walk.

Parking Services are carrying out a "combined" stage 1 and 2 consultation to ensure that controls are implemented in a timely manner if residents are in favour.

We are requesting your feedback on:

- Support for a boundary change
- The proposed design of parking controls for the area

Please see enclosed map for more information regarding the changes being proposed.

# What is a Parking Zone (PZ)?

A Parking Zone (PZ) is an area where all kerbside space is controlled by either yellow lines or parking places which generally have the same operational hours and days of controls. There are 3 types of zones currently in Hackney:

# **Controlled Parking Zones (CPZs)**

This is where zone entry plates are used to indicate the operational hours of the single yellow lines within the zone. Within a CPZ, signs are not required to indicate the operational hours of single yellow lines throughout the zone. Parking bays within the CPZ are signed with the operational hours.

If parking controls are supported, you will be joining existing parking zone G, which is as a CPZ.

# **Parking Zones (PZs)**

This is where there are no large entry signs to the zone. All parking bays and single yellow lines are signed with the operational hours of the zone at each location.

# **Restricted Parking Zones (RPZs)**

These are where there are no lines at all; instead the restrictions are individually signed. RPZs are only used where there are special circumstances such as narrow streets or special carriageway materials (e.g. cobbles) that make lining inappropriate.

# What is the purpose of a parking zone?

Parking zones provide a range of benefits to local communities and can be used for a variety of purposes. These include:

- Effectively managing supply and demand of on street parking in an area
- Improving road safety and visibility for all road users and pedestrians
- Reducing parking stress and traffic congestion
- Improving the local environment and local air quality by reducing CO2 emissions by discouraging unnecessary car use
- Assisting the Council in prioritising parking spaces according to need (e.g. resident only parking to protect the needs of local residents from non-local demands of commuters)
- Encouraging visitor-only parking close to businesses to protect the needs of local businesses.

# How does the Council decide whether a parking zone is introduced?

The Council's decision to implement a parking zone in an area is based on a combination of the following factors:

- Feedback from local residents and businesses responding to a consultation (petitions are not factored into the percentage support)
- Road safety

- Traffic flow
- Supply and demand for parking
- The environmental and air quality impacts of parking and traffic.

All factors above have an equal weighting in the decision making process.

# How does the Council decide on the hours of operation?

While in some parts of Hackney there are circumstances that necessitate specific hours of control, many areas in Hackney share the same characteristics and are suitable for similar hours of control as other parking zones which are already in force.

If the final decision of this boundary change consultation is in support of joining existing parking zone G, then Fairholt Road would inherit the same operational hours. The hours of operation in Zone G are **Monday to Friday 8.30am to 6.30pm**.

Please note that this proposal will only affect parking on Fairholt Road. We are not proposing any changes to estate parking or any other roads in the area.

To have your say, please complete the enclosed questionnaire and send back to us using the freepost envelope provided by **14 October 2019**.

#### Who is included in this consultation?

Every resident and business on Fairholt Road and Fairholt Close has the opportunity to have their say during this consultation.

This booklet contains a detailed explanation of the proposed parking design for your zone.

During the consultation, we are seeking your views on:

- Support for a boundary change
- The proposed design of parking controls for the area.

# **Boundary Change Consultation Process**

#### Informal consultation

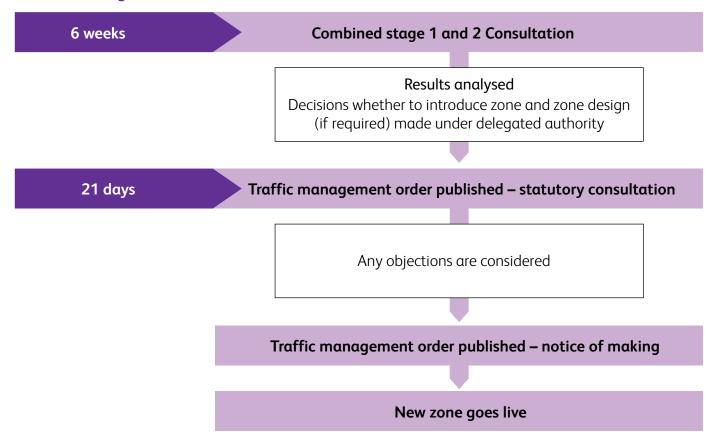
A consultation pack including a questionnaire, letter and map is delivered to all affected residents and businesses in the area.

The Council is undertaking a combined stage 1 & 2 public consultation, which combines the 'in principle' and detailed consultation stages together.

We would like to hear from you, even if you do not drive or own a vehicle, as parking may affect you as a pedestrian or cyclist and the people who visit you.

The diagram below describes the combined stage 1 and 2 consultation process that is to be undertaken by the Council before deciding whether to implement a boundary change on Fairholt Road.

#### Combined stage 1 and 2 consultation



# **Statutory consultation**

Once the public consultation has been completed and any recommendations approved, the Council is then required to carry out a statutory consultation. This requires for a Traffic Management Order notice to be advertised in the local press for a period of 21 days.

This process allows anyone to formally declare their representation on the changes proposed. All representations received will be considered where, the Council is required to draft a decision audit report detailing the objections and its recommendation on whether these objections will be upheld or not. The report is then approved by the Assistant Director of Public Realm prior to the measures being implemented.

# How can I have my say?

You can have your say by completing the attached questionnaire and returning it using the Freepost envelope enclosed or online by visiting **www.hackney.gov.uk/parking-hys** by **Monday 14 October 2019**. Please note:

- We will not take into consideration any responses received after the closing date.
- Only original copies of the questionnaire will be accepted we will not accept photocopies. If you require any additional copies, please contact us using the details below.

If you have any comments on the proposed changes, please let us know what these are in the comments section of the questionnaire.

For further information on the consultation please contact Parking Services on **020 8356 8877** or consultparking@hackney.gov.uk. Alternatively you can visit **www.hackney.gov.uk/parking**.

# What happens next?

#### Consultation closes

Date: Monday 14 October 2019

This is the date the consultation closes, so please ensure you return your completed questionnaire before this date.

#### Consultation results

Date: December 2019

Consultation results will be made available to the residents and businesses. A summary consultation pack detailing the results will be sent to all residents and businesses in the area by post and will be available on the Hackney website.

If you have any further queries regarding the consultation, please email us at **consultparking@hackney.gov.uk** alternatively you can contact our Service Centre on **020 8356 8877**.

# Frequently asked questions

# Will I have to buy a parking permit?

If parking controls are supported on your road and you do not live within a car free development, you will need to purchase either a resident or business permit to park on your street during the operational hours of the parking zone.

# How much will a parking permit cost?

The way we charge for parking has been changing over the past three years as part of a drive to reduce pollution and improve air quality, these changes mean that parking permits are charged according to CO2 emissions instead of engine size.

This will mean cheaper parking permits for low emission vehicles and higher charges for the most polluting vehicles. Other changes include:

- Cars built before 2001 will move up a band in the charging scheme, reflecting the levels of CO2 they produce.
- Diesel vehicles will incur a £50 levy, which represents the high levels of particulate matter pollution.

#### Resident permit prices, using emission-based charging (CO2) 2019-20

Band		3 months	6 months	12 months
1	No local emissions	£10.00	£10.00	£10.00
2	Up to 120 g/km	£26.50	£38.50	£61.00
	Price including diesel supplement	£39.00	£63.50	£111.00
3	121 - 185 g/km, or under 1200cc*	£43.00	<b>£</b> 67.00	£112.00
	Price including diesel supplement	£55.50	€92.00	£162.00
4	186 - 225 g/km, or 1200-2000cc*	£59.50	£95.50	£163.00
	Price including diesel supplement	£72.00	£120.50	£213.00
5	226 g/km +, or 2001cc*+	£76.00	<b>£</b> 124.00	£214.00
	Price including diesel supplement	£88.50	£149.00	£264.00

The diesel supplement will be £50 per year, and will be pro-rated for 3 and 6 month permits.

Information on CO<sub>2</sub> emissions for all UK vehicles can be accessed on the government website: https://www.gov.uk/co2-and-vehicle-tax-tools

# Where can my visitors park?

Residents are eligible to purchase visitor vouchers which allow visitors to park in any available resident permit, general permit (resident or business permits) or shared use (pay and display or permit) bay in the PZ.

You only need to use a voucher during operational hours. There are two types of vouchers that can be purchased by residents:

<sup>\*</sup>Where no information is held on a vehicle's CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, permit price will be calculated on engine size.

- A book of 20, 2hr scratch cards at a cost of £23
- A book of 5, one day scratch cards at a cost of £20.

Businesses are also able to buy vouchers for their own vehicles and their visitors, which cost £225 for a book of 10 scratch cards which allow parking in all zones for one day. We also provide Pay & Display parking for business visitors wherever possible.

#### More information on costs

For more information about the cost of permits and visitor vouchers please refer to our website **www.hackney.gov.uk/parking** or call Hackney Parking Services on **020 8356 8877**.

# What if I live on a Car Free Property?

A Car Free Property will be designated under a car free restriction in a planning legal agreement, and should be included in your lease or deeds. If you live on a Car Free Property you are not be eligible to purchase a parking permit. However, you are eligible to purchase visitor vouchers for your visitors.

Please ensure that you check the car free status of your property before you respond to this consultation. Information regarding the car free status of your property can be found in your lease or deeds.

#### Where can I load and unload if I receive deliveries?

Active loading and unloading can take place on all single and double yellow lines where there are no loading restrictions and also in parking bays. For any specific requests, such as removals, you can request a dispensation or a bay suspension. Please visit our website for more information www.hackney.gov.uk/parking.

## Can I apply for a disabled bay?

If you are a Blue Badge holder with no access to off street parking, you may be able to get a disabled parking bay installed outside your home. However, in order to qualify for a bay, there is a set criteria which you need to meet including an assessment by Social Services.

Although a disabled parking bay is registered to an individual once installed, it can be used by any Blue Badge holder as the bay is not personalised.

For any advice about disabled bays, please email disabledparking@hackney.gov.uk call 020 8356 8328.

# What if I have a Blue Badge or a Companion Badge?

Blue Badge holders are eligible to park in all shared use bays (pay and display and permit) and pay and display only bays for an unlimited amount of time and for a maximum of 3 hours on single and double yellow lines, providing there are no loading restrictions in place and that the vehicle is not causing an obstruction. Blue Badge holders can also use any disabled bay.

Companion badge holders can park in the same bays as Blue Badge holders, but have the added advantage of being able to park in resident and permit parking bays within their home parking zone. For more information on Companion Badges please visit http://hackney.gov.uk/companion-badge.

#### What if I live on an estate?

Council housing estates have their own parking regulations. These are independent of parking zones and would not be affected. However, estate residents whose addresses fall within a parking zone and are not car free are entitled to purchase an on-street permit..

# Allocation of parking bays?

In a parking zone, parking bays are allocated for different uses including disabled motorists, local residents, businesses and local visitors according to the Council's 'hierarchy of parking needs' - please see the table below. Please refer to the enclosed user friendly map for the bay locations.

Type of parking bay	Permit, voucher or ticket required		
General Permit parking bay	Resident or business parking permit		
	Resident or business visitor voucher		
Shared Use parking bay	Resident or business parking permit		
	Resident or business visitor voucher		
	Pay & display ticket		
Resident parking bay	Resident parking permit		
Business parking bay	Business parking permit		

## What if I own a motorcycle?

Motorcycles can park free of charge in all bays within a PZ where residents and businesses can park. (This excludes Zone B where parking for motorcycles are restricted to motorcycle bays only and pay and display bays within all zones).

Motorcycles should be parked at a right angle to the kerb and, if possible at the end of the parking bay. Dedicated motorcycle bays should be used if available, rather than resident permit bays.

# Do you consider road safety?

When reviewing parking restrictions, we have taken into account the safety of both pedestrians and motorists. We install either single or double yellow lines (no waiting at any time) to help prevent unsafe parking.

Any design changes are made in consultation with the Emergency Services (Ambulance, Fire Service and the Police) to ensure that there is sufficient road width to allow for the safe passage of emergency vehicles.

All design changes will conform to the design standards recommended by the Department for Transport (DfT). Most existing yellow lines in existing design have been placed for safety or access reasons and are unlikely to change. Examples of these are:

- Junction protection double yellow lines placed around the edges of road junctions to ensure visibility for drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians, and to allow space for wheelchair and pram users to safely cross.
- Double yellow lines painted across access points to private property and housing estates, so that we can remove any obstructing vehicles.
- Yellow lines painted along narrow roads to improve access or provide a passing point for vehicles.

# Are parking zones just a money making scheme for the Council?

No. By law revenue generated from PZs must be invested back into transport-related improvements such as highways, street scene, parking enforcement and safer car parks. It also contributes to the funding of the Freedom Pass scheme.

#### More information

For more information about the consultation results, when the works are planned to take place or any other parking related enquiries please;

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Email: consultparking@hackney.gov.uk

Call: **020 8356 8877** 



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