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Our ref: Stage one consultation Stamford Hill.

Date: 9 October 2015

Dear Resident / Business,

**Re: Proposed parking controls – Stamford Hill**

The Council has received a number of requests for parking controls to be introduced in your area stating local residents are finding it difficult to park close to their homes. This is often caused by either 'displacement parking' from residents in nearby zones or from commuter parking. Parking Services carried out parking stress surveys within these roads in October 2014 and this also confirmed that some of the roads currently suffer from high parking pressure.

High parking stress inconveniences residents as they are unable to find parking spaces on their road. It can also lead to road safety issues such as double parking on roads and parking at junctions or unsafe locations which may reduce visibility for drivers leading to accidents.

As a result, we are consulting residents and businesses within your area to provide you with the opportunity to have your say on whether you would like parking controls implemented on your road. Please see enclosed map which identifies the boundary of the area being consulted (area being consulted has been shaded in blue).

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](http://www.hackney.gov.uk/parking-hys).

**At the end of this letter we have a frequently asked questions section aiming to explain:**

- **What is a parking zone (PZ)?**
- **How would a PZ affect me?**
- **How you can have your say.**
- **What happens next?**

Please note that this is a stage one consultation, where a decision is being made on whether parking controls should be introduced. If there is support for parking controls in your area, we will carry out a stage two consultation to establish the design of parking controls and the hours of operation.

**For further information on the consultation please contact Parking Services on 020 8356 8877 or visit [www.hackney.gov.uk/parking](http://www.hackney.gov.uk/parking).**

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Seamus Adams F.F." The signature is written in a cursive style.

**Seamus Adams**  
**Head of Parking, Markets and Street Trading**

## **What is a Parking Zone (PZ)?**

A PZ is an area in which all on-street parking is controlled. Parking bays are painted on the road to show where it is safe to park and all other kerbside is marked with yellow lines. This helps keep the street safe for both road users and pedestrians, and allows priority for parking to be given to disabled people, residents and local businesses according to the Council's hierarchy of parking need.

During the PZ operational hours, vehicles need to display a permit, visitor voucher, or 'pay and display' ticket according to the type of bay they are parked in. The Council has the powers to issue a penalty charge notice to people who park in bays without the appropriate permit or ticket, or on yellow lines. You do not need to display a permit, visitor voucher, or 'pay and display' ticket outside of these hours, however other restrictions such as double yellow lines (no waiting at any time) will still apply.

## **What benefits does a PZ have?**

A PZ provides many benefits for the surrounding community, including:

- Greater ease in finding parking spaces close to home for residents and their visitors.
- Easier parking near shops, schools, and other amenities within the area with nearby 'pay and display' bays.
- Reduced traffic congestion due to less inappropriate parking as all road edges will be controlled, either through designated parking bays or yellow lining.
- A safer road environment for motorists, cyclists, and pedestrians due to less dangerous parking; yellow lining at junctions will ensure better visibility and pavements will be clear of parked cars.
- Greater access for emergency vehicles, as we will be able to maintain a safe 'running width' on narrow or busy roads, and powers to act on vehicles blocking access to private property.
- A tidier, less cluttered street environment through the use of existing lamp posts for signs where possible and better maintenance of street furniture.
- Reduced crime levels; the presence of parking attendants helps discourage car crime and street vandalism and they can also enforce on untaxed and abandoned vehicles.

## **Displacement parking**

The introduction of parking controls in one area can cause an increase in demand for available parking in other 'uncontrolled' roads nearby as motorists may choose not to purchase a parking permit to park within their zone. As a result, when considering what areas to consult, a larger boundary is considered to take into account displacement parking.

We are giving you the opportunity to have your say about the introduction of parking controls as your street may be experiencing displacement parking from nearby street.

*We are also consulting other uncontrolled streets in your area regarding the introduction of parking controls. Please see enclosed map which identifies these areas.*

## **Design of the parking controls**

### **Operational hours**

Roads in favour of parking controls will be consulted on the hours of operation for their area as part of the Stage Two consultation. If you form part of a new zone then the hours of operation will be based on feedback received from the stage two consultation.

If your road is incorporated into an existing PZ, it will assume the operational hours of the existing PZ.

### **How would the PZ affect me?**

#### **Would I have to buy a permit if a PZ was introduced?**

Yes, if you are a resident or business whose address falls within the PZ you would need to purchase either a resident or business permit to park in the PZ, if introduced. Permits will have to be displayed at all times during the operational hours.

#### **How much will a permit cost?**

The Council has introduced a fairer policy for parking permits in the Borough according to the size of the vehicle and its engine size. As a guide, an annual resident permit for a normal engine size car currently costs £112.00 (1200-2000cc). The equivalent permit for a business vehicle costs £540.00.

Residents are also able to purchase visitor vouchers for their visitors. These cost £20.00 for a book of 20 two-hour vouchers and £17.50 for a book of five one-day vouchers. Discounted rates are available for blue badge holders and people over 60.

Please note that as part of our drive to reduce pollution within the borough, from 2016 the price of permits will be based on vehicle emissions rather than the engine size. To find out how much your permit will cost over the next two year please visit our website; [www.hackney.gov.uk/parking-permit-price-calculator](http://www.hackney.gov.uk/parking-permit-price-calculator)

For more information about our permits please call 020 8356 8877 or visit [www.hackney.gov.uk/ek-residents-permits](http://www.hackney.gov.uk/ek-residents-permits)

### **How will a decision be made on whether my street is included in a PZ or not?**

The feedback received from the residents and businesses will be analysed on a street by street basis. If a street or part of a street has majority support for controls and forms part of a logical boundary, it will be included in the PZ.

The decision to include a street into the PZ may not solely be based on majority support. There are a number of other factors that may be considered which may result in the street being incorporated into a PZ.

The Council may, in exceptional circumstances, need to introduce a PZ without a clear majority for reasons of road safety, traffic flow, supply and demand for parking, and the environmental impact of parking. The need for a logical boundary may also result in some roads or parts of roads receiving controls without majority support.

Any decision to incorporate a street will be detailed in the delegated report and will be available to the public.

For those streets which are not incorporated into a PZ, we will continue to monitor the situation closely and would consult again where a need is shown.

### **How can I have my say?**

Please have your say on the introduction of parking restrictions in your area by completing the enclosed questionnaire and returning it to us using the freepost envelope provided by:

**29 November 2015.**

Alternatively you can complete your questionnaire online by visiting:

[www.hackney.gov.uk/parking-hys](http://www.hackney.gov.uk/parking-hys)

**Email** us at [consultparking@hackney.gov.uk](mailto:consultparking@hackney.gov.uk)

**Phone** us on 020 8356 8877

### **What happens next?**

Once the consultation has closed, we will analyse the feedback and will make a decision based on the results. We will write again informing you of the decision and what happens next.

If you have any questions regarding the consultation please contact us through the Hackney Service Centre on **020 8356 8877** or email: [consultparking@hackney.gov.uk](mailto:consultparking@hackney.gov.uk).

## **Frequently asked questions (FAQs)?**

### **Where would my visitors park?**

Residents are eligible to purchase 'visitor vouchers' which allow visitors to park in any vacant resident, permit or shared use (pay and display and permit) bay in the PZ. You only need to use a visitor voucher during the operational hours of the zone. See above for visitor voucher prices.

### **What if I have a motorcycle?**

Motorcycles can be parked in a PZ free of charge and in any bay, as long as the motorcycle is parked at a right angle to the kerb. You should use the dedicated motorcycle bays where possible rather than resident bays and always park at the end of the bay.

### **What if I have a blue badge?**

Blue badge holders are eligible to park in all shared use bays ('pay and display' and permit), 'pay and display' bays, single and double yellow lines (for a maximum of three hours) and dedicated disabled bays.

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

There are a number of Council estates in the proposed area. Many housing estates have their own parking regulations, which are independent from PZs and would not be altered as a result of this consultation. Whether or not your estate has parking controls, you would likely notice the effects of a PZ in nearby streets. Your views still count in this consultation and you would be eligible to buy an on-street permit, even if your estate has its own parking scheme.

### **Are PZs 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.

### **What if I live on a car free property?**

A car free property will be under a Section 106 agreement and will be included in your lease or deeds. If you live on a car free property you can still have your say on the design and hours of your parking zone but would not be eligible to purchase a parking permit.

If you want to apply for a permit and are not sure if you live in one of these areas please call us on **020 8356 8877**.

**What if I live on a private road?**

If you live on a private road which falls within the consultation area, your road will still be included in the consultation. Although your road will remain free of controls, you will still be entitled to have your say. If you would like your road to form part of the existing zone please let us know in the comments box of the enclosed questionnaire.

**How will you use my personal information?**

Hackney council will use the information you have provided for the purpose of identifying support for parking controls in the area. No personal information you have given us will be passed on to third parties for commercial purposes.

Our policy is that all information will be shared among officers and other agencies where the legal framework allows it, if this will help to improve the service you receive and to develop other services.

If you do not wish certain information about you to be exchanged within the Council, you can request that this does not happen.

All information provided will be handled under the Data Protection Act 1998 strict controls'.



## Parking questionnaire

Please use **BLOCK** capitals when completing the questionnaire and tick the boxes  that apply to you. Please return this questionnaire by **29 November 2015** in the freepost envelope provided.

Your name: (optional)

Your address (required):

Street number:

Street name:

Postcode:

Email: (optional)

Q1. Are you a...

Resident

Business

Both

Q2. Do you support the proposal to implement parking controls in your road?

Yes

No

No opinion

Q3. Do you support the proposal to implement parking controls in your road if controls are introduced in nearby roads?

Yes

No

No opinion

Please let us know any other comments you may have about this proposal or the consultation.