

Review of Parking Zone U Upper Clapton





Parking consultation

Why I am being consulted?

As part of our Parking and Enforcement Plan (PEP) we have made a commitment to review Parking Zones (PZ) within a year of implementation to ensure that the parking controls in the area continue to meet the needs of residents and businesses.

The review process is a great opportunity for us to hear about your parking experience within your PZ and to find out whether it's currently meeting your parking needs.

Who is included in this consultation?

Every resident and business within Parking Zone U has the opportunity to have their say during this consultation.

During the consultation, we are seeking your views on:

- The hours of operation for your zone
- Proposed parking design changes for the area.

Parking design

Parking Zone U was originally introduced in 2018 and was extended in 2019 to include the nearby wider displacement area.

The parking restrictions in Zone U are relatively new. However, we still want to hear your views on whether these are meeting your needs. Please provide your feedback in the comments section of the questionnaire.

Parking Services are proposing to implement a few design changes across the zone. These changes are based on issues and feedback raised by residents and businesses. The attached questionnaire lists the proposed changes in the area for feedback.

Operational hours

As part of the review, Parking Services will be consulting residents and businesses on the hours of operation in Zone U.

The current hours for your Parking Zone U are:

Monday to Saturday 8:30am – 6:30pm

Residents and businesses have been provided with a choice of standardised hours of operation which we currently have in other areas across the borough.

Residents and businesses can provide their feedback on their preferred hours of operation as well as any comments on the questionnaire provided. This feedback will help the Council decide what hours of operation best serve the area.

Alongside public feedback, the Council will also give consideration to other factors such as road safety, traffic flow, supply and demand for parking, and the environmental impact of parking when making recommendations for the Zone.

All decisions will be detailed in a report which will be available to the public.

Please note that if the majority feedback is in favour of a change to the hours of operation, this is likely to result in a change to the current maximum stay periods for all Shared Use and Pay and Display bays in the area. Should the hours of operation change, this will not affect the price of your parking permit or the single yellow line restrictions in Zone U.

Parking permit prices are based on the Co2 emissions of vehicles as opposed to the operational hours of a zone. This means should the operational hours of Zone U be reduced or increased the price of your permit will remain the same.

The Council will make changes to the current restrictions based on the outcome of this consultation – it is therefore vital we get everyone's opinion even if they don't want any changes.

Disabled bays

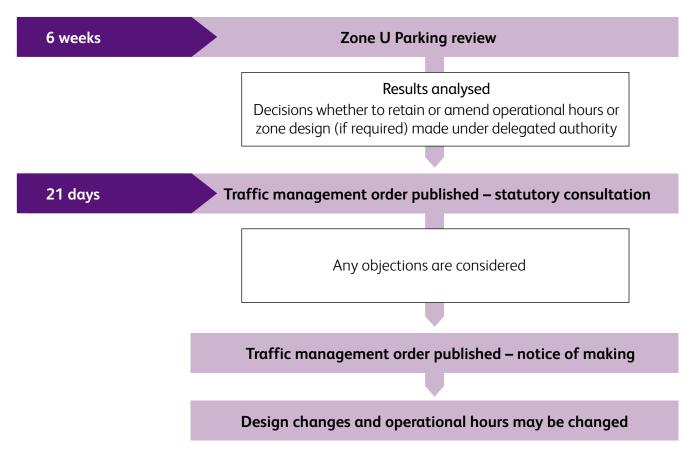
As part of the review process, all existing disabled parking bays are audited to ensure that they are still required by the registered user. In addition we also assess the level of general use disabled bays in the zone and will consider installing additional bays close to shops and other amenities in the area where necessary.

Review consultation process

Informal consultation

As stated above, PZs are reviewed to ensure that they still continue to meet the needs of the community. A consultation pack including a questionnaire is sent to all residents and businesses in the area.

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.



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Statutory consultation

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

The statutory consultation process allows any member of the public to formally declare their representations on the changes proposed. All representations received will be considered by the Council which provides formal responses within a decision audit report, detailing the objections and recommendations on whether these objections will be upheld or not. The report is then approved by the Director of Public Realm prior to the recommendations being implemented.

How can I have my say?

The easiest way to have your say is by visiting the website **hackney.gov.uk/parking-zoneconsultations** and submitting an online questionnaire. Alternatively, you can complete the attached questionnaire and return it using the **Freepost** envelope enclosed by **Monday 16 August 2021.**

Please note that our policy on consultation feedback acceptance has changed. We have reviewed our processes to ensure all residents and businesses within a consultation area can express their views on parking related matters that may impact them. The changes will ensure consultation feedback is reflective of the parking needs of the zone and allow the Council to make recommendations based on genuine feedback. The changes in our policy are as follows:

- One questionnaire per household may be submitted, either by returning the paper form, or by submitting an online response. If more than one response is received from the same household, only the first response will be considered.
- Properties registered as a House of Multiple Occupation (HMO) will receive one consultation per household, as defined by the unique property reference number.
- Photocopies or bulk/multiple submissions will not be accepted.
- Submissions without a full name, full address and signed declaration will not be accepted.
- Email addresses are compulsory for online submissions.
- Submissions received after the closing date will not be considered.
- You will need your unique reference from your consultation pack to submit your online questionnaire. Without this, you will not be able to submit an online response.

If you have not received a questionnaire, please contact us on 020 8356 8877 and a consultation pack will be sent out to you. Consultation packs will only be provided upon provision of proof of residency. The Council will only accept the following proofs:

- Driving licence
- Council tax statement
- Utility bill dated in last three months
- Signed tenancy agreement
- Bank statement (current or savings account) dated in last 3 months
- Solicitor's letter confirming completion (new residents only)
- Rent book from Council or housing trust.

You can also provide your feedback online via the Council website at hackney.gov.uk/parkingzone-consultations. Please contact us to receive your unique reference number for this.

The deadline for this consultation is **Monday 16 August 2021**. All consultation responses, both online and via post, must be received by the Council by **Monday 16 August 2021**. Anything received after this date will not be considered.

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

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

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What happens next?

Consultation closes

Date: Monday 16 August 2021

Closing date of consultation and the deadline for responses to be received by the Council.

We will not accept any responses received after this date.

Consultation results

Date: October 2021

Consultation results will be made available to 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 also be available on the Hackney website.

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**

Frequently asked questions

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 concessionary fares, meeting costs relating to the provision or operation of, or of facilities for, public passenger transport services. Hackney Council uses any surplus from its Parking account to contribute towards its charge for the London-wide Freedom Pass scheme and improvements to transport infrastructure.

How do you decide upon the design changes to the zone?

Prior to the start of consultation, we analyse the permit occupancy, Penalty Charge Notice (PCN) issue rates, pay and display revenue data and parking stress survey data on a street by street basis.

Throughout the six week consultation we receive feedback in the form of questionnaires, telephone queries and letters. All feedback is taken into consideration in the formulation of final design changes. Every attempt is made to balance the needs of all service users.

Can I submit more than one consultation response?

Only one consultation response will be accepted per household. The Council can also only accept original copies of the consultation questionnaire. We will not accept any photocopied responses. **Please ensure you read the changes outlined above regarding consultation feedback acceptance.**

What if I live on an estate?

There are a number of Council housing estates in the area which have their own parking controls. These are independent of parking zones and are not affected. However, as an estate resident you are still entitled to have your say on the existing design and hours of your zone.

What if I own a motorcycle?

Motorcycles can be parked 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), except for in pay and display bays.

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

From Spring 2022, the Council will be looking to change the current motorcycle policy. Motorcyclists will be required to hold a valid permit and visitors to the borough will be required to pay for their parking session, subject to a statutory consultation. Please visit hackney.gov.uk/motorcycleparking for further information.

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Where can I load/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 as well as within parking bays. For any specific requests, such as removals, you can request a dispensation or a bay suspension. Please visit our website at **hackney.gov.uk/parking** for more information.

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 on single and double yellow lines for a maximum of three hours, provided there are no loading restrictions in place and that the vehicle is not causing an obstruction. Blue Badge holders may 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 **hackney.gov.uk/companion-badge**

How can I apply for a disabled bay?

If you're a Blue Badge holder, and your mobility impairment makes it difficult for you to walk short distances, but you don't have access to off-street parking, you may be able to get a disabled parking bay installed outside your home or in a residential car park managed by the Council's parking services.

If you have a valid Blue Badge and want to apply for a personalised disabled bay, you will need to apply for a free companion badge or an estate parking permit. This will be linked to the one vehicle entitled to park in the personalised disabled bay.

A personalised disabled bay can only be used by the vehicle that has been registered to the bay. Only one vehicle can be registered to each bay. No other blue badge holders are permitted to park within the bay. No other vehicles displaying the Blue Badge belonging to the registered owner of the disabled bay are permitted to park within the personalised disabled bay, as the bay is associated with a vehicle and not the Blue Badge.

For advice about disabled bays, please email disabledparking@hackney.gov.uk, call 020 8356 8328 or visit the website for more information **hackney.gov.uk/parking-bays-for-disabled-drivers**

Do you consider road safety?

When reviewing parking restrictions, we take into account the safety of all road users including pedestrians, cyclists and motorists. We install either single or double yellow lines (no waiting at any time) to help prevent unsafe parking and facilitate the smooth flow of traffic.

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 conform to the design standards recommended by the Department for Transport (DfT). The yellow lines in the existing design have been placed for safety or access reasons and would be 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

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- 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.

How will you use my personal information?

Hackney Council is a Data Controller under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). We hold the information given to us for the specific purpose of processing and managing parking consultations only. Under the GDPR any information you provide may be disclosed to other organisations in order for this local authority to perform its duty to protect public funds it administers, and to this end we may use the information you have provided for prevention and detection of fraud. We may also share this information with other bodies responsible for auditing or administering public funds for these purposes

You can read more information about this, and also about your Data Protection rights in line with the provisions of the General Data Protection Regulation and Data Protection Act 2018 by going to hackney.gov.uk/privacy. This includes how to contact the Data Protection Officer, how long your information is held, and how we process your personal information. Printed copies of the Council's Privacy Notices can be provided on request.

More information

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

If you would like to find out what this document says please tick the appropriate box, put your name, address and phone number at the bottom of this page and return it to the address below.

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