Traffic Scheme Consultation

KERRY COURT AREA

Proposed changes to parking

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

IMPORTANT – THIS AFFECTS YOU – PLEASE RESPOND

November 2016

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Introduction
The council received two petitions from local residents highlighting inconsiderate and obstructive parking (reportedly as a result of mini cabs not being able to park in the station forecourt) that is causing residents problems in Kerry Court and Kerry Avenue. These petitions we considered at the annual parking review meeting of the Traffic and Road Safety Advisory Panel (TARSAP) earlier this year and included in the councils parking program 2016-17.

The problem
Kerry Court and Kerry Avenue are situated within the Controlled Parking Zone (H) that is operational Monday to Saturday between 10am to 11am and 3pm to 4pm.

The main problem identified by residents is the parking of mini cabs waiting for passengers, these vehicles are parking in the residents parking bays and when these are full are tending to park on the existing double yellow lines.

It should be noted that this type of parking is extremely difficult to administer as most of the time the vehicles are occupied by the mini cab drivers and when a Civil Enforcement Officer (CEO) approaches they move off, and it is likely that the introduction of increased parking controls will not help address all of the residents’ concerns.

A second cause of concern is the large number of vehicles parking in the area whenever there is an event at Wembley stadium, these events occur mainly in the evening when the existing restrictions are not operational.

Proposed options
- Make Kerry Court and Kerry Avenue 24hour/7day a week residents only parking. This would effectively mean that only residents’ and their visitors, would be allowed to park in these roads at any time.
- Introduce at any time” loading restrictions in the form of yellow blips on the kerb at either end of the central island on Kerry Avenue and at the entry and exit to Kerry Court, (Drivers can drop off or collect passengers on loading restrictions but they must not leave their vehicle unattended nor wait for passengers. This also applies to blue badge holders).
- Introduce one way working to assist safer movement of vehicles through Kerry Court and to help deter non-resident drivers from entering the area.

Residents should be aware that if they agree with the proposed new zone, the residents of Kerry Court and Kerry Avenue will not be able to park in the remainder of the existing zone (H) and people from the existing zone (H) will not be able to park in the new zone. Both residents’ and their visitors will have to clearly display a valid residents and visitor’s permit at any time.

The council wants your views.
Although some people have told us about their parking problems we would like to hear your views as well. Your response is vital so that officers are able to clearly identify what parking problems need to be looked at and what parking measures you would support to ease these problems.

What happens next?
We are aware that not everyone is of the same view and therefore have enclosed a questionnaire for you to complete in private. The information you provide will be analysed along with all other comments received.

If you have access to the internet we would prefer you to respond on-line as it is more environmentally friendly and helps the council to save costs. You can submit your questionnaire on-line by visiting: www.harrow.gov.uk/trafficconsultations

You then click on the link for the ‘Kerry Court Parking Review’ and click on ‘start survey’ to make your comments. You will be asked to register your details before completing the survey. Alternatively, you can send the questionnaire by post to:

Service Manager – Traffic, Highways and Asset Management
Harrow Council
PO Box 39
HA1 2XA

The public consultation will run for a period of 5 weeks between 25th November 2016 to 30th December 2016.

All responses should be received no later than 30th December 2016.

The results of the consultation will be discussed with local ward councillors, the chair of TARSAP and the Portfolio Holder for Environment, Crime and Community Safety for approval to proceed to Statutory Notification.

Packing controls will only be implemented where there is clear majority support for a particular area and type of scheme. This means that at least 60% of those residents who respond to the questionnaire need to indicate support before measures are taken forward. That is why it is important that as many people as possible respond.

Residents will be informed of the outcome of the consultation before the council proceeds to make the legal Traffic Regulation Order (the required legal process to introduce any parking restrictions). At that stage anyone can object to the scheme but must state the material reasons why they are objecting.

Can I discuss this with an officer?
Yes, If you would like to discuss any aspect of this consultation in more detail please contact our design partners Atkins: bruce.bolton@atkinsglobal.com, telephone - 01372 756016.

Parking permit charges
Central government requires parking schemes to be self-financing, so monies raised in operating and enforcing schemes pays for the installation, parking attendants, the costs of processing parking fines, issuing permits, maintenance and other associated costs.

The current annual resident parking permit costs in Harrow from 1st April 2016 are:

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Visitor permits are £17.50 per book of 10, which is reduced to half price for senior citizens or those receiving mobility benefits if the discount is claimed. Blue badge displaying vehicles are free. There is no charge

These costs will not vary even if residents opt for greater hours of control.

Thank you for replying to this consultation