May 2017

Traffic Scheme Consultation

BURNT OAK AREA
(Greencourt Avenue, Axholme Avenue, Orchard Grove, Oakleigh Avenue, Broomgrove Gardens, Westleigh Gardens, Briary Grove, Rembrandt Road)

Possible changes to parking arrangements

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

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Introduction

The council has previously received requests from residents in Greencourt Avenue and Axholme Avenue highlighting inconsiderate and obstructive parking, reportedly as a result of displaced parking from roads within control parking zone (X) which is causing residents parking problems.

To address these parking concerns we are now undertaking an informal public consultation with the residents and businesses within the consultation area (see attached plan) to get a better understanding of the problems being experienced and whether they support the extension of zone (X) to include their road.

This is important so the council wants your views about parking problems in your area.

This leaflet has been sent to you because we have received complaints about the parking problems in your area and we would like to find out how you would like the council to deal with them. This consultation is intended to gather information from local people to help the Council to decide what will happen next. No decisions have been made yet.

Although some people have contacted us to explain their parking problems we would like to hear your views as well. Your response is vital so that officers are able to clearly identify the parking problems that need to be looked at and gauge whether there is support for the extension of zone (X).

The Burnt Oak area is currently a priority and if you have any genuine concerns about parking you should let the Council know. Once this parking review is completed it is unlikely that another review will occur in this area for many years.

How do you decide what to do?

Your feedback will be used to develop a parking scheme. The consultation results and a scheme proposal will be discussed and agreed with councillors before a decision is made as to what proposals should be taken forward to the next stage which is the Legal Notification stage.

Parking schemes will normally only be recommended where there is majority support. Residents will be informed of the outcome of the meeting before the council proceeds to the next stage.

It is good practice for any scheme to include some yellow line restrictions both inside and outside of the proposed scheme zone in order to prevent obstructive parking compromising road safety and vehicular access as a consequence of changes in parking patterns resulting from the scheme. This will reinforce the requirements of the Highway Code and allow the Council to take any necessary enforcement action.

What happens next?

The Council is encouraging the use of its online consultation portal on the Harrow website and 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 ‘Burnt Oak area Parking Review’ and click on ‘start survey’ to make your comments. You will be asked to register your details before completing the survey. The public consultation will run for a period of 21 days between 22nd May 2017 and 11th June 2017.
We are aware that local opinions vary and therefore a questionnaire is available for you to complete so you can tell us your views. We would be grateful if you could answer the set questions provided because that will help us to gauge local opinion in a consistent way. Space is provided for your own comments if you need to add anything that is not covered by the questions.

If you do not have internet access you will find a copy of the questionnaire provided with this leaflet which should be completed and returned to the following address:

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

All responses should be received by no later than 11th June 2017.

Can I discuss this with an officer from the council?

Yes, if you would like to discuss any aspect of this consultation in more detail please contact the scheme officer Sally Wilson using email address transportation@harrow.gov.uk or by telephone number – 020 8424 1585.

Parking permit charges

Central government requires parking schemes to be self-financing, so monies raised in operating and enforcing schemes pays for the installation of the scheme, parking attendants, the cost of processing parking fines, issuing permits, maintenance and other associated costs. The current annual resident parking permit costs in Harrow from 1st April 2017 are:

1st vehicle in household £ 70.00 2nd vehicle £ 105.00
3rd vehicle £140.00 4th and subsequent vehicle £175.00

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 for environmentally friendly vehicles.

Thank you for replying to this consultation
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