The Gardens
Possible changes to parking arrangements

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Introduction

The Gardens is a residential road situated between Pinner Road and Vaughan Road from which West Harrow Station and Vaughan Primary School are accessed. The Gardens is currently part of Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) W, operational Monday to Friday 10am – 11am with some pay and display/shared use bays located between Pinner Road and Blenheim Road operational Monday to Saturday 8am to 6.30pm.

A petition from a number of residents of The Gardens was submitted to the council in October last year requesting that the existing parking control hours be extended to include at least one hour in the afternoon to help address parking problems associated with Vaughan Primary School and commuters using West Harrow underground station.

At the February 2017 Traffic and Road Safety Advisory Panel (TARSAP) meeting the Panel agreed to undertake a parking consultation with the residents and businesses within the agreed consultation area as detailed in the attached plan.

We are therefore now undertaking an informal public consultation to get a better understanding of the problems being experienced and whether there is support for extended hours of control in The Gardens.

The petition did not identify any preferred additional hours and therefore having considered the comments contained in the petition we are proposing two options for your consideration:

- Monday to Friday 10 – 11am and 3 – 5pm.
- Monday to Friday 8am – 6.30pm

Some residents commented that parking is also a problem on Saturdays so therefore we have included the option to extend the restrictions to Saturday in the questionnaire.

Please note that there is a 5 minute observation period for vehicles parked without a permit in a permit bay and therefore whilst the implementation of a scheme may reduce parking by non-residents at peak school times, it may not eliminate the issue due to the nature of school parking, a vehicle parked without a permit being displayed is likely to move off when an enforcement officer approaches.

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 road. We need to know your views about the parking situation and how you would like the council to deal with it and to determine what hours of operation you would prefer. Introducing a new or making changes to an existing CPZ is a two stage process.

Stage One – is an informal consultation intended to gather information from local residents and businesses about parking problems on your road to help the council decide what measures if any are taken forward to the next stage.

Stage Two – is the Legal Notification (Statutory Consultation) stage, when residents and businesses are re-consulted on the proposed parking controls to be taken forward.

We are currently at the informal Stage One process. No decisions have yet been made about whether to amend any parking controls in The Gardens.

Although some people have contacted us to explain their parking concerns, 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 introducing a new zone with extended hours of operation.

The Gardens 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?

You must decide what is important for you. The results of the consultation will be referred to the Portfolio Holder (PH) for Environment, Crime and Community Safety, for approval to proceed to the next stage. Changes to existing parking controls will only be implemented where there is clear majority support. This means that at least 60% of those that respond to the questionnaire need to indicate support before parking measures or changes are taken forward.
Legal requirements

Residents / businesses will be informed of the outcome of this consultation before the council proceeds to the next stage which is the Legal Notification (Statutory consultation) stage. This is the next stage in the process whereby the council drafts the required Traffic Regulation Order that formally advertises the proposed scheme.

If the scheme progresses to this stage the council will write to you again with further information about this stage of the process.

What do you need to do now?

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 we receive. We are asking you questions about any parking problems and whether you support a revised CPZ for The Gardens and if so what operational hours you would prefer.

The Council is encouraging the use of its online consultation portal on the Harrow Council 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 Gardens Parking Review’ and click on ‘start survey’ to make your comments. You will be asked to register your details before completing the survey.

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

The public consultation will run for 28 days between 16th August 2017 and 12th September 2017. All responses should be received by no later than 12th September 2017.

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, or Saijd Farid on 020 8424 1484.

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 2017 are:

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Visitor permits are £17.50 per quantity of 10, which is reduced to half price for senior citizens or those receiving mobility benefits if the discount is claimed. Vehicles displaying a blue badge do not require a permit. There is no charge for environmentally friendly vehicles.
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