WHITCHURCH GARDENS AREA
(Including Woodstead Grove, Whitchurch Close, Stratton Close, Queens Mead (private gated road), Winton Gardens, St Lawrence Close and section of Whitchurch Lane)

Possible changes to parking in your area

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Introduction

A petition received from residents of Whitchurch Gardens detailing parking concerns was reported to the council’s Traffic and Road Safety Advisory Panel (TAR SAP) in 2017 and in February 2018 the Panel decided to include Whitchurch Gardens and the adjoining roads including a section of Whitchurch Lane, St Lawrence Close and nearby Winton Gardens within the 2018/19 parking review programme.

Whitchurch Gardens is an uncontrolled residential no through road with a number of cul-de-sacs leading off it (Woodstead Grove, Whitchurch Close, Stratton Close and Queens Mead which is a private gated road). This area is situated within a short walking distance to the local shops, offices, Canons Park and Edgware stations and suffers from parking pressures.

There are three controlled parking zones in the vicinity of Whitchurch Gardens to the northeast is zone (TB) which operates Monday to Friday 11am to midday, this zone is to be reviewed this year and the hours of control could possibly be extended subject to the outcome of the consultation. Zone (TA) to the east of Montgomery Road operates Monday to Saturday 8:30am to 8:30pm and to the south a new zone (O) is in the process of being introduced in the Chandos Crescent and Methuen Road area which will operate Monday to Saturday 8:30am to 8:30pm.

These parking controls, together with possible changes to the existing zone (TB) may cause additional parking pressures in the nearby uncontrolled roads which may exacerbate the existing parking issues in the Whitchurch Gardens area.

The council wants your views about parking problems in your area

The council is seeking your views to find out the level of support for a controlled parking zone (CPZ) and to determine what hours of operation if any the residents would prefer. Introducing a 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 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 introduce any new or changes to the existing parking controls in the agreed consultation area.

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 the council can clearly identify the parking problems to see whether there is support for introducing a CPZ in your area.

Whitchurch Gardens area which includes Woodstead Grove, Whitchurch Close, Stratton Close, Winton Gardens, a section of Whitchurch Lane, St Lawrence Close are currently a priority, Queens Mead will also be consulted but no parking controls will be proposed in this section of road as it is private. 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 should consider whether the parking issues you experience in your street justify the introduction of a controlled parking zone. A CPZ provides preferential parking opportunities for residents and their visitors but involves the purchase of a residents and or visitors parking permit to enable them to park on street during the controlled hours within a marked bay. Should you want a CPZ, the hours of control you choose should reflect the level of parking problems in the area balanced against the flexibility of having visitors outside the controlled hours.

You must decide what is important for you. We will analyse all the responses we receive on a road by road basis and parking controls will only be implemented where there is majority support. The results of the consultation will be referred to the next available TAR SAP and /or the Portfolio Holder (PH) for the Environment for approval to proceed to the next stage which is the Legal Notification stage (Stage Two).

Residents and businesses will be informed of the outcome of the informal consultation (Stage One) before the council proceeds to the next stage.

If the scheme progresses to Stage Two the council will write to you again with further information about this part 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 received.

We are asking you questions about any parking problems, whether you support a CPZ and if so what operational hours you would prefer.

The council is encouraging the use of its online consultation portal on the Harrow website and 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 ‘Whitchurch Gardens Area 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 completed questionnaire by post to:

Head of Traffic, Highways and Asset Management
Harrow Council, PO Box 39, HA1 2XA.

The public consultation will run for a period of 21 days between 18th June - 8th July 2018.

All responses should be received by no later than 8th July 2018.

Can I discuss this with an officer?

Yes. If you would like to discuss any aspect of this consultation in more detail please contact:

bruce.bolton@atkinsglobal.com, telephone: 01372 756016 and/or Mr Sajjad Farid telephone 02084241484

Parking permit charges

Central government requires parking schemes to be self-financing, so monies raised in operating and enforcing schemes pays for the installation, Civil Enforcement Officers, the costs of processing parking fines, issuing permits, maintenance and other associated costs. The current annual resident parking permit costs in Harrow are:

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Visitor permits are £18.50 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.

Please note whilst parking permits do offer preferential parking during the controlled times, they do not guarantee a parking space. You only need to buy a resident or visitors permit if you intend to park the vehicle on the road during the controlled times.

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