CONTROLLED PARKING ZONE (TB)
(To also include Orchard Close, Rose Garden Close, and the uncontrolled sections of Lake View and Canons Drive)

Possible changes to parking arrangements

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Introduction

Residents from Dorset Drive and Cavendish Drive submitted two petitions, one on 24th July 2017 and one on 15th January 2018, requesting Harrow council to extend the existing controlled parking zone (CPZ) TB hours of operation in Dorset Drive and Cavendish Drive from Monday to Friday 11am to 12pm to Monday to Saturday 8:30am to 12:00pm and 2:00pm to 6:00pm to help address the issue of non-resident and commercial recovery vehicles being parked up on Dorset Drive and Cavendish Drive by local garages outside the existing hours of control.

A separate petition from residents of Lake View was also presented at the Traffic and Road Safety Advisory Panel (TARSAP) meeting on 28th November 2017 requesting the council extend the existing zone (TB) to include all of Lake View as residents were concerned that parking problems would get worse once zone (TB) was extended to include Dukes Avenue in 2017/18.

These petitions were reported to TARSAP in February 2018 and the Panel agreed that all residents within the existing zone (TB) including Orchard Close, Rose Garden Close and the uncontrolled sections of Lake View and Canons Drive should be consulted and given an opportunity to respond with their views on any parking issues they may have within the agreed consultation area as detailed in the attached plan.

The council wants your views about parking problems in your area

As a result of this decision, the council is seeking your views to find out the level of support for changes to the operational hours of zone (TB) and for the level of support in Orchard Close, Rose Garden Close and the uncontrolled sections of Lake View and Canons Drive for inclusion within zone (TB), and to determine what hours of operation you would prefer.

Introducing a CPZ is a two stage process:

Stage One – is an informal public consultation intended to gather information from local residents and businesses within the agreed consultation area about parking problems on their roads 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 all the residents and businesses are re-consulted again on the proposed parking controls to be taken forward on roads where there was majority support for new/revised parking controls.

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 officers are able to clearly identify the parking problems that need to be looked at, and gauge whether there is support for introducing any changes to permit parking controls in the area. 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 and or the extension of existing operational hours. A CPZ provides preferential parking opportunities for residents and their visitors however; it does not guarantee an on-street parking space. Resident and visitor parking permits would need to be purchased and clearly displayed in the windscreen to enable vehicles to be parked on street during the controlled hours within a marked bay.

Should you want a CPZ or the hours of control to be extended, the hours you choose should reflect the level of parking problems in the area balanced against the flexibility of having visitors outside the hours of control.

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. As this is a review of the whole of zone (TB) it will be necessary to identify a consensus across the whole zone, it is extremely unlikely the operational hours would be changed on individual roads. The results of the consultation will be referred to the next available TARSAP 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). If the scheme progresses to Stage Two 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 received. We are asking you whether you are experiencing parking problems and if so what operational hours you would prefer and whether the residents of Orchard Close, Rose Garden Close and the uncontrolled sections of Lake View and Canons Drive would support the zone (TB) being extended to include these roads.

The council is encouraging the use of its on-line consultation portal on the Harrow council 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 ‘Zone (TB) 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 6th and 26th July 2018.

All responses should be received by no later than 26th 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: 0208 4209468 or Mr Sajjad Farid telephone 0208 4241484.

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:

1st vehicle in household  £ 75.00  2nd vehicle  £110.00
3rd vehicle  £ 145.00  4th and subsequent vehicle  £185.00

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.