



HATCH END Residential Roads Parking Controls

Statutory Consultation

IMPORTANT – THIS AFFECTS YOU

What this is about

This Statutory Consultation leaflet is to inform you of the council's proposals to help local people who have told us about existing parking problems in and around the residential roads of Hatch End.

Background Information

You may recall that we carried out an initial Public Consultation in October 2012. The purpose of that consultation was to find out in more detail how residents felt regarding the current parking issues and to find out which proposals would be supported. By carrying out this consultation we were able to listen to residents and develop proposals accordingly.

Residents have reported that there are parking problems due to:

1. Commuter Parking from Hatch End Station
2. Problems with parked vehicles obstructing traffic movements at junctions.
3. Dangerous parking near to and at junctions, impacting on visibility for road users.
4. Inconsiderate parking creating access issues for residents entering and exiting the highway.

After noting your comments from the Public Consultation we have developed parking proposals to address the needs of local residents by proposing controlled on street parking measures in various residential roads where majority support was received.

Consultation results

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who responded to the initial consultation document.

We asked residents and businesses a number of questions about whether they would like controlled parking measures in their road. The results from the consultation were analysed and collated. A total of 322 responses were received from 1,657 properties consulted. This represented an overall response rate of 19.4%. Unfortunately it is not possible to reproduce all the results in detail in this leaflet; however a detailed summary of the results can be found in the Traffic and Road Safety Advisory Panel (TARSAP) report presented to the panel on 6th February 2013.

This information is available to view online at: <http://tinyurl.com/qae92gj>

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If you do not have web access and are unable to get to a Public Library to use the internet then you can contact Alistair Macadam on 020-8424-1988 and we will provide a relevant extract.

TARSAP consists of elected councillors from around the Borough. The panel recommended the progression of these proposals to a Statutory Consultation and this recommendation was subsequently approved by the Senior Councillor.

Detailed proposals for residential roads

The plans enclosed with this leaflet show the proposed measures in the vicinity of **your** property and further measures for the area.

Introduction of controls to manage problems raised:-

- 1)
 - (a) **Anselm Road** - The introduction of a Controlled Parking Zone from Monday-Saturday, 1 hour in the morning and 1 hour in the afternoon, 10am-11am and 3-4pm.
 - (b) **Devonshire Road (including Avon Mews)** - The introduction of a Controlled Parking Zone from Monday-Saturday, 1 hour in the morning and 1 hour in the afternoon, 10am-11am and 3-4pm.
 - (c) **Dove Park** - The introduction of a Controlled Parking Zone from Monday-Saturday, 1 hour in the morning and 1 hour in the afternoon, 10am-11am and 3-4pm.
 - (d) **The Avenue** - The introduction of a Controlled Parking Zone from the junction of Uxbridge Road to the junction of Royston Grove with a Monday-Saturday 1 hour in the morning and 1 hour in the afternoon 10am-11am and 3pm-4pm.
 - (e) **Westfield Park Area (Including Westfield Park, Oakdene Close, Thorndyke Court, Cherry Croft Gardens and St.Cuthberts Gardens)** - The introduction of a Controlled Parking Zone from Monday-Saturday 1 hour in the morning and 1 hour in the afternoon 10am-11am and 3pm-4pm.
- 2) **Double yellow lines:**

Officers will also look to implement at any time waiting restrictions (double yellow lines) wherever necessary for safety and traffic flow improvement, to seek compliance with the well established rule in the Highways Code.

Advantages and disadvantages:

The Introduction of parking controls or a new parking scheme can help balance various parking requirements for areas where the demand is high and competitive.

Some of the main advantages are:

- Extended availability (priority) of parking bays for residents;
- Safer conditions for pedestrians especially the elderly, disabled, wheelchair users and parents with prams;
- Less congestion at ordinary and peak times and improved access for deliveries and emergency vehicles;
- Changes to waiting and loading restrictions (single and/or double yellow lines) to bring them in line with the current national and local standards and other areas of the borough.

Some of the main disadvantages are:

- Need for residents and visitors to obtain permit if parked in the controlled hours in the above options;
- No guarantee to find a space but it is more likely;
- Risk of penalty for non-compliance;

Parking permit charges

For proposed permit zones the current **annual** resident parking charges in Harrow are:

1 st Vehicle in household	£62.40
2 nd Vehicle	£93.60
3 rd Vehicle	£124.80
4 th and subsequent Vehicle	£156

Motorcycles do not need a permit and can also park free-of-charge in any pay and display bay or permit bay in Harrow.

Visitor permits are £15.60 per book of 10, which is reduced to £7.80 for senior citizens or those receiving mobility benefits if the discount is claimed.

The charge for business permits is £300 per annum. There is no charge for environmentally friendly vehicles, but a permit is still required.

Current stage of the consultation process

We are seeking the view of residents directly fronting the proposals. There are two different parts to the consultation: **Informal** and **Statutory**. The **Informal** is where we invite your comments and ask you to complete a questionnaire. The other is **statutory consultation** when you can make a formal objection.

Please consider carefully what you wish to do; you can complete both the questionnaire and make a formal objection if you wish. However, completing the questionnaire on its own will not be treated as a formal objection, whatever comments are made.

The reason why we have these two processes is that the legislation only makes provision for people to object, whereas the informal consultation allows people to comment and make their views known. This enables us to try and amend the proposals, where possible, to best meet the needs of local residents and businesses.

Details of how and when to object are given later in this leaflet.

We distributed an A5 booklet entitled "Parking – Can we help you?" with the last consultation material which gave some of the advantages and limitations of Controlled parking measures along with a number of frequently asked questions. These included the fact that vehicles could be displaced into uncontrolled areas. If you did not retain your copy and wish to see the booklet online it can be viewed on the council's web site:

www.harrow.gov.uk

A limited number of hard copies are also available on request.

Making your views and informal comments

We have provided a questionnaire with space for your comments. Please use a separate sheet if necessary. Please return the questionnaire using the envelope provided or alternatively complete the on line form available at www.harrow.gov.uk/trafficconsultations **Responses should be received no later than Wednesday 26th June 2013.**

In an effort for the council to be more environmentally friendly and cost effective, you can submit your questionnaire on-line by visiting www.harrow.gov.uk/trafficconsultations and then clicking to visit live

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consultations. This will direct you to a page containing the 'Hatch End Residential Parking Controls' statutory consultation.

You may be asked to register your details before completing the survey.

Alternatively, you may complete this hard copy and return it using the enclosed prepaid reply envelope (no stamp required).

Making comments on the double yellow lines

It is intended to go ahead with the double yellow lines at junctions for reasons of safety irrespective of whether amenity related controls progress. Although there is not a "vote" on these proposals we will look at all comments made. Please use the space in the questionnaire.

Making a formal statutory objection

Under the legislation which controls the statutory consultation process anyone, local resident/business or not, can make a formal objection to the proposals. However the objection needs to be made in **writing (email is acceptable)** including the word **object** or **objection** (to distinguish it clearly from comments) and the **reason** for the objection with your **name** and **address**. The law sets out a strict timetable for considering formal objections. Objections to the scheme proposals should be sent to:

Service Manager
Traffic and Highway Network Management
Harrow Council
PO Box 39
Civic Centre
Harrow HA1 2XA

Or by email to transportation@harrow.gov.uk

Quoting ref **DP 2013-04** and making sure it is received no later than **Wednesday 26th June 2013**.

During the statutory consultation period detailed plans will be displayed at the Civic Centre and officers will be available to discuss any issues during office hours. If you require any clarification or answers to questions please contact the project engineer whose details are in the "More Information" section.

What happens next?

All formal objections and comments received will be looked at individually and assessed on their merit by the project engineer to determine if they are valid to the proposals.

It is anticipated that the results will be reported to TARSAP on 8th Oct 2013 and you will be able to see the results of the statutory consultation on the Councils web site approximately one week before the meeting. The recommendations based on this consultation will be submitted to the Senior Councillor for roads and parking who will make the final decision on the proposals.

When final proposals are decided we will send out a letter to all properties within the consultation area. The earliest proposals would be implemented would be April 2014.

More information

We have provided links to web pages to view certain information as this is an economic and effective way of providing information to you at a time to suit yourself. If you do not have web access and are unable to get to a Public Library to use the internet, please contact the project engineer, Alistair Macadam, whose contact details are below:

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