

## Cambridge Road Car Park – North Harrow Petition

We the undersigned call on Harrow Council to consider changing the status at Cambridge Car Park from District to Local and therefore reduce the charge from 80p to 20p for the first hour.

### Response

The current tiered parking charges structure with 4 charging bands is aligned to the London Plan's town centre network classifications which are also referred to in Harrow's Local Development framework. In Harrow these are as follows:

**Metropolitan Centre** – Harrow

**Major Centre** – Edgware

**District Centre** – Stanmore, Burnt Oak, Kingsbury, Kenton, Wealdstone, Pinner, North Harrow, Rayners Lane, South Harrow

**Local Centre** – Queensbury, Belmont, Harrow Weald, Hatch End, Sudbury Hill

The approved parking charges structure that applies to these classifications is as follows:

ON-STREET CHARGES	Local (£/20 mins)	District (£/20 mins)	Major (£/20 mins)	Metropolitan (£/20 mins)	Long stay* (£/day)
CPZs	£0.10	£0.30	£0.50	£0.80	£4.20

OFF-STREET CHARGES	Local (£/hr)	District (£/hr)	Major (£/hr)	Metropolitan (£/hr)	Long stay* (£/day)
Car Parks	£0.20	£0.80	£1.20	£1.40	£4.20
CPZs comparison	£0.30	£0.90	£1.50	£2.40	£4.20

(\* a small number of on-street and off-street parking bays are designated as long stay use)

The principle of the charging system is simply that the charges will increase with the importance of the economic centre classification because the mix, quality and quantity of retail outlets and community facilities available to the customer becomes more substantial and there is consequently a greater demand to park. The charging system therefore balances the relationship between parking charges and the economic status of an area in an equitable and consistent manner.

In order to change the status of North Harrow from a District centre to a Local Centre would require the London Plan town centre network classifications to be amended. In order to do this it would need to be demonstrated that the economic activity, retail outlets and community facilities had declined to that of an area like Belmont for example. It is unlikely that this would be possible.

Any change in the planning status of North Harrow (as a district centre) would therefore need a London Plan and Local Plan review and this would be a decision for the Mayor of London.