



Community & Environment Services

**Review and possible extension to Harrow
and Wealdstone controlled parking zone**

Zone C

public consultation



- **What do you think about on-street parking in and around your road?**
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What is this about?

About five years ago, we consulted people in Wealdstone about a controlled parking zone (CPZ). We extended the CPZ and split it into two, zones C and CA. We believe that residents' needs for parking in CPZ have been addressed since its introduction in June 2003.

However, residents of the roads outside the zones C and CA have complained that parking has become more difficult for them. Businesses have also raised issues, although these are mainly associated with zone CA.

Residents tell us that much of the daytime parking problem is caused by non-residents. A CPZ would deter people without a permit parking throughout the day. We agreed to review zones C and CA giving people living just outside the CPZs the opportunity of joining the CPZ/permit parking scheme and look at other parking issues in the area. People also tell us that parking right up to the junctions causes visibility problems and can obstruct refuse and emergency service vehicles. We are proposing double yellow lines near to the junctions to address this.

Residents' Parking and other Parking Restrictions

We held a stakeholder meeting last year, attended by representatives of residents and business. The meeting helped us decide how far we should go with consultation on the possible CPZ extension and other parking issues. Plan 1 shows you the current and possible future extent of zone C and the area where just junction restrictions are being considered. How far we extend the CPZ, if at all, will depend on what you tell us.

We are consulting people living in the orange shaded area of Plan 1 about controlled parking. This area is our own initial assessment of a scheme that would create limited displaced parking without being too extensive. We will give residents of surrounding streets the option of being included, in case they suffer the effects of displaced parking. A smaller scheme may be implemented, depending on what people tell us they want.

We are asking all the people in the CPZ (present and suggested extension) about which hours it should operate. During the last review most people told us they wanted Monday to Friday 10 – 11am, which is the operating period for zone C. We are asking people again about the hours as there have been changes, including:

- An increasing number of people tell us of problems due to parking after 11am;
- The council's policy has changed, so the "permit holder only" plates by each parking bay will in future show the zone time(s);
- The council is considering how to control parking at the Civic Centre, it may include more charging for parking. This could mean more parking in surrounding roads.

The choice of zone hours is a balance between deterring parking from non-residents to make it easier for residents to park, while keeping flexibility for resident's visitors. The shops in Wealdstone, the train station and the Civic Centre are perhaps the cause of increasing parking pressure.



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Showing the times of operation on every permit bay sign will give greater transparency for drivers in general and it may mean more non-residents park in permit bays if arriving after 11am or at weekends. The cost of varying the operational hours, requiring the replacement of many more signs, means changing times in future would be too expensive. So this is the last opportunity to change the hours. The effect on parking on surrounding streets of any changes at the Civic Centre is difficult to predict, but you may feel that protecting your parking in the afternoon is important. The choice is between the present morning hour only (Mon-Fri 10am-11am) or adding 2pm to 3pm as well.

We need your views on this subject.

Please read the attached guide about controlled parking zones, then fill in the response form. Each area has its own issues, and whether your road is included in the scheme is up to you: we will plan the scheme based on responses received.

However, we will not be able to allow individuals to opt in or opt out of the scheme against the majority view of people living around them.

This stage of the consultation process

To help you make your decision, we enclose:

- Information on controlled parking zones which explains their benefits, limitations and costs
- Provisional controlled parking zone boundary plan, showing the present and suggested new extent of zone C (Plan 1).
- Detailed plan(s) showing the bay layout and other restriction proposals for your immediate area. There are single yellow line restrictions between the parking bays in CPZs but they are not shown on the plan for reasons of clarity. These single yellow lines and the residents parking bays would operate for the zone times (ie Monday to Friday 10-11am at present). Outside of this period only the separately signed lines and double yellow lines will apply.
- Response form

Plan displayed

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We want to make sure that everyone who may be affected by these proposals knows what is happening, and has the opportunity to let us know what they think. We need your views so that we can make the right decision.

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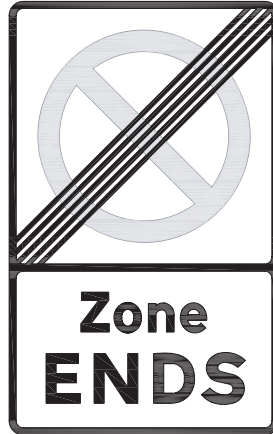
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comment on the scheme or object if they wish. We consider these before making a final decision on what scheme, if any, we should put in.

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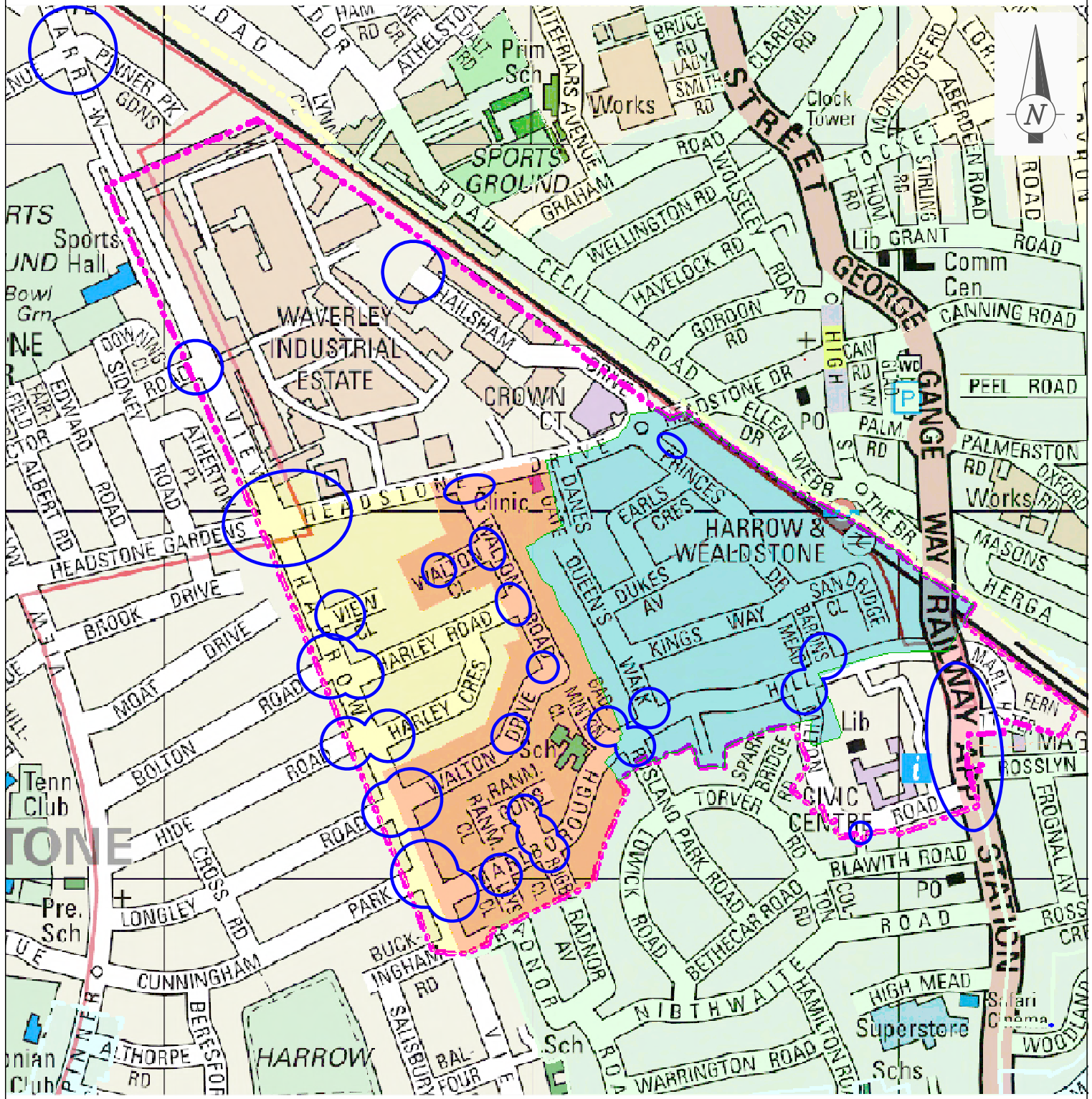
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Plan 1: Harrow & Wealdstone Parking Review




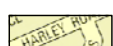
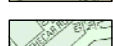


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Legend

-  Proposed double yellow line waiting restrictions
-  Existing CPZ (zone C)
-  Proposed extension to CPZ (zone C). Consultation will include detailed proposals
-  People will be asked if they wish to be included in more detailed consultation
-  Existing other controlled parking zones

A Guide to controlled parking zones and residents parking schemes

How do CPZ's work?

CPZ's work by ensuring that only vehicles that display a valid permit may park during the control period (the hours during which the CPZ operates). At other times parking is unrestricted, except where yellow lines or parking bays are signed to show they operate for longer periods than the control period. Any vehicles that are parked illegally during the controlled times are liable to receive a Penalty Charge Notice (parking ticket).

What are the types of parking bay and who can use them?

Resident permit parking

Signs at parking bays will show which bays permit holders can park in. Residents living within the zone would be eligible for parking permits. One permit is needed for each vehicle parked in the marked bays during the control period.

The costs of resident permits are:

No. of permits	Cost
1 st permit	£40 per year
2 nd permit	£50 per year
3 rd permit	£70 per year
4 th and subsequent permits	£115 per year
"Environmentally friendly" vehicles*	Free

* a full list of such vehicles is available but includes alternative fuels (ie not petrol or diesel), electric and hybrid powered vehicles.

Visitor parking

Residents' visitors may, with the owner's consent, park in private driveways if this is possible, or arrange their visits outside the control period of the CPZ. If this is not possible they may use visitor permits supplied by the resident.

Visitors can park in a permit holders bay during the control period provided a valid visitor permit is displayed in their vehicle. Outside the control period visitors do not need to display a permit.

Visitor permits are in the form of "scratch cards" and are sold in books of 10.

A book of ten costs £10 for the Wealdstone Zone (CA). The cost for people over 65 or on disability benefit is reduced to £5. Each visitor permit would be valid for either the morning or afternoon. Two visitor permits would be needed to park all day.

It should be noted that

- only residents are allowed to buy visitors' permits
- only two books can be bought at any one time
- the number of books issued to each household is limited to 10 per year.

Visitor parking, within the zone, will reduce the parking available to residents.

Business parking

Our policy and criteria for issuing permits to businesses has changed recently so businesses will in future be able to purchase parking permits for up to two of their vehicles. These permits enable parking in the permit and shared use¹ bays in the zone in which the business is located, in this case zone CA. It is necessary to show the vehicle is being used for the operation of the business and not just by a person to get to their work. The annual cost is **£300 per permit**.

Pay and display bays

These bays accommodate the parking needs of shoppers and/or visitors to the area. The current tariff structure in Wealdstone is:

- 30 pence per 20 minutes up to 3 hours
- £10 over 3 hours

There are these bays in Headstone Drive and also proposed in High Street opposite the Police station.

Shared use bays

These bays may be used by the three permit groups (residents, (resident's) visitors and businesses) displaying their permit or other visitors displaying a pay and display ticket (cost as above). The hours which these bays operate are different to the permit bays and are shown on the signs. Shared use bay are in a number of side streets and we propose to introduce more.

Parking for disabled badge holders

Drivers who properly display a Blue Badge can park for free in all the above bays. Blue badge holders are also allowed to park for up to 3 hours on yellow lines provided that there are no loading restrictions, and not causing safety or congestion problems.

Motorcycle Parking

We are changing our policy on this so in future motorcycles can be parked in permit bays or pay and display bays free of charge.

Other frequently asked questions

Why is there a charge?

Government regulations require CPZ schemes to be self-financing: they cannot be financed from council tax. The charge will need to cover the implementation of the scheme, administration and enforcement costs. Any cash surplus goes into a 'parking fund', which is primarily used to fund the concessionary fares which provides free travel for elderly and disabled people.

Are all the signs, lines and ticket machines necessary?

To enforce a CPZ we must install road markings, signs and ticket machines if applicable. All parking bay signs (both new and existing) will detail the operational times of each bay. However, we are very conscious of the need to keep the street scene as clear as possible and will always try to minimise the visual intrusion of the equipment. A positive aspect is that controlled parking zones can improve the visual environment by reducing the number of parked vehicles.

We don't have parking problems, so why include my road?

Streets just outside the zone would probably have an increase in the number of parked vehicles as a result of the proposed CPZ extension. For this reason it may be in your interest to be part of the parking zone rather than just outside it.

What about loading / unloading?

CPZs do not prevent loading/unloading. Normally you may load / unload for up to 20 minutes in any parking bay or yellow line, except where loading is specifically prohibited (for example on a zigzag line or where there are yellow marks on the kerb or at the edge of the carriageway which indicate loading restrictions). Someone must be in attendance at all times to avoid a parking ticket.

Yellow lines give us less room to park. Why have them?

The CPZ rules are that either a parking bay or a yellow line must control all kerbside space. Yellow lines extend either side of driveways to enable residents to manoeuvre safely on/off their driveways. Junctions and blind spots must be kept clear to provide sight lines for drivers and pedestrians and to deter obstructive parking so double yellow lines are proposed. We keep yellow lines to a minimum but will not compromise safety.

Can we park over our own driveway?

Residents and their visitors can park on the single yellow line marked across driveways except during the zone hours, during this period parking ticket would be issued. We have new powers to ticket vehicles which don't have permission and park across your drive even if the restrictions are not in force.

Will the scheme guarantee me a space outside my house?

No, a CPZ cannot reserve specific parking spaces for individuals. However, the removal of all day parking by people outside the area should make it easier to park near your home.

We have more than one vehicle in our household.

You will need a permit for each vehicle if you wish to park them on the street during the restricted time.

Will permits be interchangeable?

No each permit carries the registration number of the vehicle, which protects it from theft, so a permit is needed for each car you wish to park in the permit bays during the zone hours.



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What is this about?

About five years ago, we consulted people in Wealdstone about residents' parking. Most people supported the idea so we extended the controlled parking zone (CPZ). We believe that residents' needs for parking in the CPZ area have been addressed since its introduction in June 2003.

However, residents of many of the roads just outside the zone have complained that parking has become more difficult for them. This difficulty is often experienced in roads just outside CPZs especially if the roads are comparatively close to where people want to go like shops or businesses.

Regrettably due to demand for such schemes across the borough it has taken this long to come back and review the zone. At some stage, as a zone is increased in size, most people are not prepared to walk from outside the CPZ and parking from non-residents becomes less of an issue. Businesses have also raised issues, although these are mainly associated with zone CA.

Residents' Parking and other Parking Restrictions

For these reasons, we held a stakeholder meeting last year, attended by representatives of residents and business. At the meeting we agreed to consult people living in the orange area of Plan 1 about controlled parking. The orange area is our own initial assessment of a scheme that would create limited displaced parking without being too extensive.

Your road lies in the yellow area, outside the area where we have developed detailed proposals for residents parking. You are being given the option of being included if you so wish, in case you consider parking is already a problem or that you are likely to suffer the effects of displaced parking. If the responses for your area show demand we will consult you on detailed proposals.

People tell us that parking right up to the junctions causes visibility problems and can

obstruct refuse and emergency service vehicles. We are proposing double yellow lines near to the junctions to address this, which is separate from the CPZ proposals.

This stage of the consultation process

To help you make your decision, we enclose:

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What happens next?

We will analyse the responses to see what support there is for the proposals.

If many people from your area say they want to be included in further consultation we will re-

consult you on detailed proposals. Should you accept these proposals they will be included in a revised scheme.

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Legal procedures, which the council must follow, and funding constraints, mean that we probably won't introduce any changes before winter 2007/08.

Should we go ahead with a the residents' parking scheme in your road, we will send you permit application forms and further information, before it comes into operation.

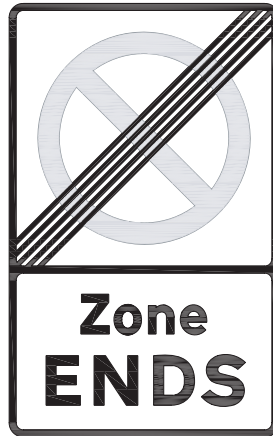
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About five years ago, we consulted people in your area on a controlled parking zone (CPZ) including its operating hours. Based on what people said, we extended the Wealdstone CPZ and split it into two, zones C and CA. Your address is within zone C which operates between 10am and 11am on weekdays. The CPZ has addressed most parking issues for residents living within the CPZ. However, some people have told us they have parking problems after 11am, so we are now asking you if you want more restrictions.

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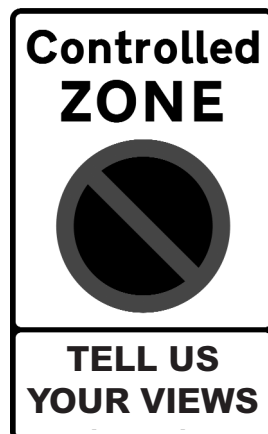
Businesses have told us about parking problems outside the shopping parade at the end of Princes Drive. You should receive extra details and a response form if your address is nearby.

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Wealdstone (C) Controlled parking zone review

Supplemental response form – Princes Drive parade parking

This form is being sent and applies to addresses near to the parade at the junction between Princes Drive and Headstone Drive.

Residents and businesses have asked the council to look into parking outside the shops. Parking in the “lay-by” area in front of guard-railing is often taken up by vehicles which are left all day which stops customers parking. As the parking occurs at right angles to the road some vehicles stick out into the road. Although the yellow lines opposite operate between 8am and 6.30pm short term parking does occur here. Traffic turning left at the roundabout into Princes Drive suddenly faces this parking. Traffic coming in the opposite direction may have to pull out past parking overhanging the carriageway. These situations produce a traffic hazard that the council has a responsibility to put right.

We propose extending the double yellow lines opposite the parade and introducing marked spaces within the lay-by area as shown on the detailed plan. The diagonally arranged bays provided less parking than at present as we have to allow for vehicles to park with recommended gaps and not overhanging the carriageway. We considered widening the lay-by to allow more parking places but this was too expensive. Although we had thought of providing a space just for loading a business representative told us maximising ordinary parking was more important so that is what we are showing. Please let us know your views on these proposals by completing the response form, over the page.

All space within a CPZ is supposed to be controlled even if it is termed a free-bay. To stop all the spaces being used by the same vehicles all day long we need some parking control. A free-bay would not stop this parking which is causing problems for business’s customers. The council are not able to properly monitor time limited free-bays. This leaves us three options and we need your views on which to use by filling in the response form over the page.

Each option has advantages and drawbacks which are explained below.

- Permit parking – These are the same as the other parking bays in the CPZ. This is the simplest and cheapest option. Permit holders, usually residents, would be able to park at all times. Any spare space would be open to anyone else before 10am, after 11am and at weekends (with current restrictions). There would be no pay and display machine to pay for and parking would remain free. The main disadvantages are the uncertainty over how much space would be left after permit holders had parked and that other parking just after 11am could block spaces.
- Pay and display parking – This had the advantage of encouraging a turnover of parking throughout the restricted period, normally 8am to 6.30pm. A relatively low initial charge could be made but the council could not justify a free period, as some income was necessary to justify the cost of the pay and display machine. This option’s main disadvantages were that any cost for parking might dissuade potential customers and it would prevent residents using this space.
- Shared use parking (between pay and display and permits) – This would again normally involve a restriction between 8am and 6.30pm. This has the advantage over pay and display only, of also allowing residents to park and apart from permit holder parking, there should be a turnover of parking throughout the day. However there remains the uncertainty over how much space would be left for customer parking. Additionally unlike a permit bay there would be a charge for customer parking.

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