

LONDON BOROUGH OF HARROW

Meeting:	Wealdstone Regeneration Advisory Panel
Date:	15 January 2004
Subject:	Controlled Parking Zones – Business Permits
Key decision:	No
Responsible Chief Officer:	Interim Head of Environment and Transport
Relevant Portfolio Holder:	Environment and Transport
Status:	Part 1
Ward:	All
Enclosures:	None

1. **Summary/ Reason for urgency (if applicable)**

- 1.1 The Wealdstone Regeneration Advisory Panel requested a report on business permits in controlled parking zones. Details of this are given in this report and how this affects Wealdstone.

2. **Recommendations**

- 2.1 **For information.**

3. **Consultation with Ward Councillors**

- 3.1 Not appropriate, but Ward councillors have been sent a copy of this report.

4. **Policy Context (including Relevant Previous Decisions)**

- 4.1 The Traffic and Road Safety Advisory Panel has considered reports on the proposed introduction of on-street permits for use by businesses within controlled parking zones. The following was recommended by the Panel and ratified by the Environment and Transport Portfolio Holder, except for recommendation 2 which will go to a future meeting of Cabinet for consideration.

- (1) Business parking permits within the Borough's Controlled Parking Zones (CPZs).... be authorised, and officers be authorised to make provision for business

permits under the powers provided by Section 45 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

- (a) Business parking should be in shared use (business/pay and display) bays converted from existing parking spaces.
- (b) The maximum stay should be limited to 3 hours with a “no return” period of 30 minutes or that of the associated pay and display whichever is less.
- (c) The maximum size of a vehicle should be 2.3 metres high and 5.5 metres long.
- (d) The maximum number of permits per business per year should be two.

(2) The charge for on-street business permits to be £300 per annum except for Harrow Town Centre (defined for this purpose as zones D, E and F and the area bounded by D, E and F).

(3) The introduction of (1) above be carried out for each zone at their next review.

5. **Relevance to Corporate Priorities**

5.1 The environment in Harrow is enhanced by managing parking, by encouraging more sustainable transport activity and promoting the vitality of local centres.

6. **Background Information and options considered**

6.1 At the last Wealdstone Regeneration Advisory Panel meeting, a report was requested on this subject.

6.2 In the context of Wealdstone, the following points are relevant to note:

- The Wealdstone CPZ (Royal Estate Area) was first introduced on 19 December 1994.
- After the first review, the CPZ was extended into and around Wealdstone Town Centre on 30 September 1996.
- The second review not only extended the CPZ further, but split the zone into two different operational hours. This review became operational on 2 June 2003.
- With the exception of Harrow Town Centre, the Wealdstone CPZ along with the Pinner CPZ has had more reviews than any other CPZ in the Borough.
- The next review is currently not scheduled to start until 2005; priorities are reviewed annually at the March meeting of the Traffic and Road Safety Advisory Panel. Consequently on-street business permits for Wealdstone will not be considered until 2005 based on the current agreed priority list.
- The CPZ priorities list mentioned above is subject to adequate funding in the years specified. A lack of adequate funding will lead to proportional slippage on the CPZ programme.

- Off-street business permits are available in the Shopper Car Park at a current cost of £400 if registration number specific and £525 for a company space per annum. This car park is conveniently located within a reasonable walking distance for most businesses in Wealdstone.
- Pay and display parking is available in Headstone Drive and Sandridge Close. There are also shared use bays in Locket Road, Montrose Road, Graham Road and Wolseley Road where vehicles can be left either displaying a resident permit or using the pay and display facility.

7. **Consultation**

7.1 None

8. **Finance Observations**

8.1 Whilst the proposals for on street business permits could be expected to generate additional income this is not anticipated to be significant.

9. **Legal Observations**

9.1 Not appropriate

10. **Conclusion**

10.1 On street business parking permits costing £300 within controlled parking zones will be considered for any new scheme or at the review stage for existing schemes.

11. **Background Papers**

11.1 Traffic and Road Safety Advisory Panel – 17 September 2003 and
3 December 2003

Wealdstone Regeneration Advisory Panel – 2 October 2003

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