

Can I discuss my views with officers in more detail?

Yes. Officers will be available to discuss your concerns or suggestions in more detail during a series of public exhibitions. The location and dates of these are:

Harrow Arts Centre, Uxbridge Road HA5 4EA

Monday 5th March 2012	-	10:30 to 15:00
Wednesday 7th March 2012	-	17:00 to 20:00
Saturday 10th March 2012	-	10:00 to 15:00

Officers will also be available during normal office hours. If you wish to ask them about the scheme you can contact the project engineer Tim Muschamp on 020 8424 1988.

What happens next?

We will analyse all the responses we receive, based on your completed questionnaires and will develop proposals in line with local views wherever possible.

Your views are therefore important to us

Based on this consultation officers will present a report to the Traffic and Road Safety Advisory Panel (TARSAP) on 20 June 2012. The Panel will review the report and submit their recommendations to the Portfolio Holder who will determine which measures progress to the Statutory Consultation stage. The statutory consultation is the formal process necessary to implement parking measures (P&D parking bays, disabled bays, loading and waiting restrictions) and provides the opportunity for members of the public to make a formal objection to the draft traffic order. If you wish to speak to the Panel, further details can be found online at:

www.harrow.gov.uk/info/200024/consultations_and_open_forums

We will contact all residents and businesses consulted to notify them of the results once a decision has been made by the Portfolio Holder following TARSAP.

More information

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

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Hatch End Broadway Parking Review

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What is this about?

In July 2010 a stakeholder meeting was held with local residents, businesses and councillors to hear their concerns about traffic and parking in the Hatch End area. As a result a comprehensive traffic management scheme along Uxbridge Road was developed to address some of the issues raised at the meeting. The scheme which was completed recently includes some changes to parking arrangements, including introducing double yellow lines in the places where the Highway Code advises drivers not to park for safety or access reasons.

The double yellow lines account for a 'loss' equivalent to about 14 car spaces, albeit in locations where parking would cause an obstruction to larger vehicles contra to the Highway Code. To compensate for this loss, 17 new spaces were created on street along Uxbridge Road. Of these 17 spaces, three are located on the north side of Uxbridge Road in the heart of the Hatch End shopping centre, and the remainder a short walk to the east near the station entrance. The traffic management scheme designated some of the uncontrolled spaces in the service road for specific users namely disabled badge holders and ambulances, the latter outside the care home.

Background Information

The existing parking facilities around the shopping area and in the existing Grimsdyke car park provide over 200 spaces which are free of charge. However, we have been told by some of the local businesses and residents that it is sometimes difficult to find short term parking due to the apparent long-stay car parking (either resident, commuters or employee parking) occurring along The Broadway.

A parking survey conducted by the council at the end of 2011, shows that over 28% of capacity in the service road is used up by vehicles parked for over 2 hours, with similar results in the car park. Over 83% of available spaces in the newly constructed bays are used for medium (2-5 hrs) and long stay (6+hrs) parking. Over 30 parking spaces were taken by cars parked for 10 hours or more, in comparison 300 cars could use these spaces for one hour.

Council Parking Review and Consultation

Taking into consideration concerns raised by the local traders, the council has developed some parking proposals to help find a balance between residents, customers and commuters using the existing parking facilities in the Hatch End area. At the same time the council's policy is to effectively discourage vehicles used for commuting as this contributes to the growing traffic and highway problems which are not sustainable. As a council we are obliged to provide parking facilities to all road users including disabled badge holders. As a part of the consultation process we will review the use and the number of the existing disabled bays in the service road.

Initially the parking review for the Hatch End town centre was programmed for the financial year 2010/2011, however the scheme was put on hold due to the borough wide parking charges review carried out by the new Harrow Council administration. This document forms the first part of the wider consultation process and will be distributed to all properties within an area agreed by stakeholders* representatives of local residents and business owners. This consultation is an opportunity for you to comment on proposals designed to assist with the problems caused by the displaced parking and for us to find out if you agree with the measures proposed. The recommendations to take forward any of the parking measures will be taken into account based on your views and the completed questionnaires. **We will not make any assumptions for those people who do not respond to the enclosed questionnaire.**

What are we proposing?

In response to these concerns the council has designed the following proposals listed below, and shown on the drawing overleaf.

- **Grimsdyke Car Park:** Introduction of long term Pay and Display (P&D) bays (No return 1 hour)
 - The operational hours are 8am-6.30pm Monday to Saturday
 - Tariff: 20p per hour
- **Uxbridge Road:** Introduction of long term Pay and Display (P&D) bays (No return 1 hour)
 - Tariff: 10p per 20min, £4 over 6 hours
- **The Broadway Service Road:** Introduction of short term Pay and Display (P&D) bays (Maximum stay of 2 hours, no return within 1 hour)
 - Tariff: 10p per 20min
- **Cornwall Road and Anselm Road :** Replace Loading Only parking bays (operational hours 7am-7pm Monday to Sunday) with a single yellow line operating from 7am - 11am Monday to Sunday. Pay and Display parking bays will also be installed, with operating times of 11am -6.30pm Monday to Saturday (maximum stay of 2 hours, no return within 1 hour).
 - Tariff: 10p per 20min.

Pay and Display (P&D)

This option is primarily considered at locations where there is a short and long term parking requirement and an increased turnover of vehicles is desired, most notably in close proximity to shops. It is anticipated that in areas where there is P&D parking around local shops a nominal fee is likely for the initial period to encourage high turnover and the spaces to be used by those accessing the shops. The parking charges listed above are commensurate with those in the new structure for this type of local shopping area. There is an ongoing borough wide review of parking charges and it is expected that there will be a statutory consultation in the autumn of 2012.

Anyone will be able to park a vehicle in these bays providing they pay the appropriate fee. The charges, length of stay will be listed on the machine front.

There will be no charge for loading and unloading in the P&D bays.

Blue badge holders are permitted to park on any single and double yellow lines for up to 3 hours providing the vehicle is not causing an obstruction and there are no loading bans in force at the time. They can also park in P&D bays without charge.

Do Nothing

Although you may currently experience parking problems, by introducing alternative or additional measures these controls are likely to affect when and how you and your visitors park in the area. When considering the alternative options it is important to consider whether the following options would improve controls in the area.

We need your views

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. Please return your comments by **26 March 2012**.

You can submit your questionnaire on-line by visiting www.harrow.gov.uk/trafficconsultations which will direct you to the web page containing the survey. You may be asked to register your details before completing the survey. Alternatively, you can return the questionnaire using the pre-paid envelope provided.