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To the Occupier,

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Date: 15th October 2012

Dear Resident or Business,

Your views on Proposed Permit Parking Scheme for Highams Park Area E4

Re: Public Consultation 15th October to 5nd November 2012

Waltham Forest Council is carrying out a public consultation to seek **your views** on a proposal to introduce permit parking controls in a network of streets around Highams Park Station. The area for the proposed permit parking scheme is shown on the attached plan.

What is this about?

The council has received many requests from residents asking for a controlled parking scheme in this area as they have experienced difficulties in finding a parking space close to their house.

In order to prioritise local residents' parking needs, the council considers introducing permit parking schemes in areas where non-resident parking is an issue. At the same time we try to discourage vehicles used for commuting as this contributes to the growing traffic and highway problems which are not sustainable.

The council is consulting locally to determine whether there is adequate support for such areas to be included in the 2012/13 Controlled Parking Scheme Implementation Programme.

Taking into consideration concerns raised by the local residents, the council has developed some parking proposals to help find a balance between residents, customers and commuters around Highams Park Station.



Benefits of Controlled Parking

When unacceptable levels of parking congestion take place it is difficult to find a parking space in your road or close to your home. In addition, a number of safety issues may occur including:

- Parked vehicles at junctions reduce drivers' visibility and obstruct pedestrian footway crossings.
- Vehicle crossovers narrowed down by closely parked vehicles.
- Inconsiderate parking along the road and at junctions increases response time for the emergency services.

The introduction of permit parking within your area will make parking easier for local residents and improve safety and accessibility for all road users.

How will the scheme operate?

- Residents and businesses within the zone will need to apply and obtain a parking permit from the council to park within the area. This will prevent non-resident parking, thus a space will be available for residents;
- Parking bays will be marked on the road to define parking areas and signposted with operational hours. **Please note: parking bays will not be marked in 'Permit Holders Only Area' – please see attached drawing;**
- Single yellow lines will be implemented over driveways and places of access on to the highway. These will indicate no parking during the hours of operation of any CPZ;
- We will automatically aim to include double yellow line 'No waiting at any time' restrictions where parked vehicles cause road safety issues or impair sightlines for motorists and pedestrians;
- Loading and unloading is allowed within all permit parking bays for those who do not have a permit. For example deliveries, meals on wheels etc. However, the loading/ unloading vehicle should be attended all the time;
- Blue badge holders will be able to park and no need to obtain another permit;
- People dropping off/picking up children at school can apply and purchase a school permit, which allows 15 minutes parking in a permit bay near to the particular school;
- Civil enforcement officers enforce the parking controls by issuing a penalty charge notice to any vehicle that does not display a valid parking permit or voucher during the operating hours or parks on a yellow line restriction.

Council's parking policy

- Requires that following consultation, the scheme can be implemented in roads or areas where at least 51% of respondents support the scheme.

- Allows the introduction of parking controls in the whole area consulted on or in smaller zones within that area.
- A single street could not be excluded if the roads surrounding it on all sides were in favour of controlled parking.

Operational Hours

Your views on our proposals are important to us and therefore, the council would like to hear **your views** on introducing a controlled parking scheme to control commuter parking. You have been given a choice of operational days and hours in the attached questionnaire, these are:

- Monday to Saturday, between 8.00 am to 6.30 pm;
- Monday to Saturday, between 10.00 am to 4.00 pm;
- Monday to Friday, between 8.00 am to 6.30 pm;
- Monday to Friday, between 10.00 am and 4.00 pm.

Choices may vary across the consultation area. If this is the case these variations will be taken in to consideration during implementation.

Parking permits

Controlled parking schemes cannot be funded from Council Tax or business rates. Central government requires controlled parking schemes to be self – financing, so money raised from parking pays for the installation, parking attendants, the cost of processing fines, maintenance and other associated costs.

Waltham Forest has one of the lowest CPZ permit costs in London. And while other boroughs are increasing their permit charges Waltham Forest reduced by 33% in 2011 the cost for a standard emissions first vehicle permit in a household from £45 to £30 a year. For further information about parking permit charges please see attached tables.

Can I see the proposals in more detail?

We will display detailed plans in Hale End Library, Castle Avenue, Highams Park E4 9QD on Monday 15th October.

If you want to discuss the plans in detail you are invited to meet our traffic engineers in an informal setting at our staffed drop-in session on Saturday 27th October 2012 between 10am and 12pm in Hale End Library. Officers will be available if you wish to discuss any aspects of the scheme.

We need your views!

The recommendations to take forward any of the parking measures will be solely 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.**

To express your views on the proposal, please take some time to read, complete the attached questionnaire and return it in the Freepost envelope provided before **Monday 5th November 2012**. In the meantime, if you would like any clarification on any part of this process please e-mail cpz.schemes@walthamforest.gov.uk or

alternatively write to Waltham Forest, Traffic Team, Low Hall, Argall Avenue, London E10 7AS.

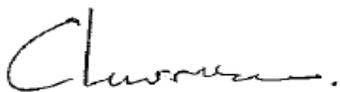
What happens next?

The consultation results will help us reach a decision on whether to proceed with a Permit Parking Scheme and if so, which streets want parking prioritised for residents and local businesses and which streets do not. Permit parking controls would be implemented only in roads or areas where the majority of consultation responses are in favour.

The results of the consultation will be logged, analysed and presented to councillors for a decision on whether or not to proceed with a Permit Parking Scheme.

The council will write to you again to advise of the results of the consultation and to inform you of the decision made.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Harrison', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Chris Harrison
Traffic Regulation Manager

Permit charges in Waltham Forest are:

ANNUAL RESIDENT PERMITS

Resident parking permits have been priced according to the CO2 emissions of the vehicle. Carbon dioxide emissions have been identified as a major contributor to climate change. The Council is keen to encourage drivers to help tackle climate change by choosing a low emission vehicle.

*Vehicles with first registration before 1 March 2001
(see your 'V5C' vehicle registration certificate).*

Engine cylinder capacity (CC)	First permit for use of each household	Second permit per household	Third and subsequent permits per household
Under 900	£22.50	£42	£65
900 - 3,000	£30	£90	£150
Over 3,000	£120	£210	£280

**Vehicles with first registration on or after 1 March 2001
(see your 'V5C' vehicle registration certificate).**

CO2 emission (g/km)	First permit for use of each household	Second permit per household	Third and subsequent permits per household
Less than 120	£22.50	£42	£65
121 - 225	£30	£90	£150
Over 225	£120	£210	£280

VISITOR PERMITS	Single zone (residents or businesses)	All Waltham Forest zones (businesses only)
Visitor 1 hour (book of 30)	£14 – (47p/hr)*	£23
Visitor 2 hour (book of 20)	£16 – (40p/hr)	£30
Visitor 5 hour (book of 10)	£18 – (36p/hr)	£40

*FREE VISITOR PERMITS FOR OVER 70s

One book per year of 30 x 1 hour visitor permits will be provided to any household where there is a resident or residents who are 70 years of age or over. When applying please produce your driving licence, passport or birth certificate as proof of age.

ANNUAL BUSINESS PERMITS	COST OF EACH PERMIT
First permit per business address:	£390
Second permit per business address:	£390
Third permit per business address:	£570
Fourth and any subsequent permit per business address	£570
3 month permit	£220

OTHER PERMITS CHARGES			
<i>Vehicles with first registration before 1 March 2001 (see your 'V5C' vehicle registration certificate).</i>			
Engine cylinder capacity (CC)	One month temporary permit	Schools 15 minute all zone permit	
Under 900	£15	£20	
900 - 3,000	£20	£40	
Over 3,000	£100	£120	
Vehicles with first registration on or after 1 March 2001 (see your 'V5C' vehicle registration certificate).			
CO2 emission (g/km)	One month temporary permit	Schools 15 minute all zone permit	
Less than 120	£15	£20	
121 - 225	£20	£40	
Over 225	£100	£120	

One-month temporary permits are also available if you recently moved into the area and need time to update vehicle documents and proofs of residency.

Permits for use while on duty are available, at a reduced cost, to certain Essential Users such as the Emergency Services, Health Authority for example, and to registered charities.

Refunds are available for annual permits if no longer required. All parking charges can be viewed on the Council's website at:

www.walthamforest.gov.uk/parking-home

HIGHAMS PARK AREA – CONSULTATION QUESTIONNAIRE

Please complete this questionnaire and return it in the freepost envelope before **Monday 5th November 2012**. It is recommended that you read the leaflet and enclosed documents before completing the questionnaire, as it may contain information that you are not aware of.

Due to the large number of responses anticipated, we cannot replay to you individually.

Questionnaires returned without an address will not be officially recorded in the results of this consultation. We count your household/business as one response, rather than number of responses from individual residents/employees from the same address.

Name (optional): _____

*Address (essential): _____

*Postcode (essential): _____

(Please include your address and postcode so that we can look at the responses in each street individually. This information will be used for no other purpose)

Resident and Business:

1. Are you? a Resident or a Business

Other (please state) _____

2. Do you support the introduction of a Permit Parking Scheme in your road?

Yes

No

If the scheme is introduced in your street, please indicate your preferred enforcement hours.

Days

Monday – Friday

Monday – Saturday

Times

10am – 4pm

8am – 6.30 pm

Comments