Dear Resident / Business,

The purpose of this consultation document is to inform you that the Council is carrying out a review of the existing Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) 3E and to seek your views on the proposed changes. The neighbouring zone 3F is also being reviewed separately.

Your Zone was implemented in 1998 and although over the years the Council has carried out minor changes to address requests and concerns of the local community a full review has not been carried out since its introduction.

The objective of the review is to improve the zone's operation and to address access difficulties. This may involve changes to the zone boundary, hours of operation, changes to the different types of bays, additional bays, bay extensions, reduction of existing restrictions and the introduction of double yellow lines.

In addition, to enable effective enforcement of the controls, it is necessary to ensure that all the restrictions comply with the Department for Transport's regulations. This means that all designated on-street parking bays must be clearly marked and correctly signed.

PROPOSED CHANGES

The following changes are proposed and shown on the enclosed drawings (278/136/01_3E_Informal Consultation - Sheets 1 & 2).

- To revise the existing zone boundary to include property No. 170 Haydon’s Road.

- To change the operation of the existing pay and display part time shared use/permit holders bays in Ashley Road, Birkbeck Road, Edith Road, Effra Road and Faraday Road to allow permit holders to park Mondays to Saturdays, between 8.30am and 6.30pm.

This will improve the current usage of these bays between 9.30am and 4.30pm by providing more available parking spaces for permit holders.

- To convert the existing pay and display part time shared use/permit holder bays in Effra Road outside property Nos. 135 to 143 (odd numbers only), to resident permit holders only bay.

This will provide more available parking for residents, who find it difficult to park.

- To provide two new pay and display shared use/permit holder bays in Edith Road outside property No. 14.

This will increase parking provision in the area for use by permit holders and pay and display customers.
• To add additional spaces or extend parking bays, where appropriate without compromising safety and access.

• To improve safety and access by reducing obstructive parking that is currently taking place in the evening and on Sundays by replacing the existing single yellow lines with double yellow lines at the junctions, cul-de-sacs, bends and passing gaps in the zone.

• Review the zone boundary to include Haydon Park Road, Cromwell Road, Avondale Road, Albany Road and part of Aschombe Road as a separate zone designated as zone 3H, operational as Mondays to Saturdays, between 8.30am and 6.30pm.

  This will prevent inter-zonal movement, which may cause parking stress to those who live within close proximity to Wimbledon Town Centre.

(N.B. Proposed changes along Haydon’s Road between its junctions with Gap Road/Plough Lane and Merton High Street are currently being considered as a separate scheme and will be subject to a formal consultation.)

OPTIONAL CHANGES

The following optional changes could be considered where there is general support:

• To change the operational hours:
  
  One-hour operation
  
  This will provide less restriction for residents' visitors and reduce the number of visitors' permits they would normally obtain. However, it may encourage others to park in the area outside the controlled times to access the local shops and nearby train station, which would increase the demand for parking. Trying to enforce the entire zone within a limited period of time will also put extra pressure on the Parking Attendants, making the enforcement of the zone less effective.

  Reduced hours of operation
  
  Reducing the hours of operation will provide less restriction for residents and their visitors whilst still preventing commuters from parking in the area. However, residents returning from work later in the afternoon, outside the controlled times, may have difficulties finding available parking due to short-term shoppers. Motorists unable to park in the adjacent roads, where there are longer controlled hours, may take advantage of the lesser restrictions and park in this zone outside the controlled times.

  Extended hours of operation
  
  Later restrictions in the evening would provide residents with added parking priority, safeguarding them from others using the nearby facilities in the evening. However, this would increase restrictions for residents' visitors and increase the number of visitors' permits they would normally obtain.

• To change the operational days:
  
  Additional controls on Sundays
  
  Providing additional controls on Sundays would provide residents with added parking priority, and would have similar affects as the extended hours mentioned above.

LET US KNOW YOUR VIEWS

The decision on the implementation of each aspect of the scheme will be subject to the responses received during this consultation. Please complete and return the enclosed prepaid questionnaire (no stamp required) with any further comments/suggestions you may have by 17th November 2006. You are also invited to our public exhibitions to speak to officers (see dates and venue on the last page of this document).

We regret that due to the large number of responses received during a public consultation it will not be possible to individually reply to each respondent. We welcome your comments on this proposal, which will be noted and included within the proposed measures where appropriate.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

The result of the consultation along with officers' recommendations will be reported to Street Management Advisory Committee and the Cabinet Member for Environment and Traffic Management on 15th February 2007. Once a decision is made you will be informed accordingly.

CONTACT US

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Detailed of the public exhibitions and your local Ward Councillors are provided overleaf.