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The Occupiers of:
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Our Ref: PS/PD/HW/01
Date: **12 May 2016**

Important Parking Information

Dear Occupier,

Re: Proposal to Introduce a Controlled Parking Zone in Somerset Gardens.

The purpose of this letter is to consult you on your views on a possible Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) in your road. This consultation follows a petition from residents concerned with the high level of parking in the Somerset Gardens.

At the moment apart from most junctions there are no restrictions in your road. Complaints have been received that increased parking is creating obstruction and safety concerns for residents and other road users. These parking concerns could be managed by 2 options stated below and as indicated on the attached questionnaire:

- 1) Introduce a One Hour CPZ with "Permit Holders Only" bays and single yellow line waiting restrictions. The proposed operational time is noon until 1pm, Monday to Friday.
- 2) Introduce an All Day CPZ with "Shared Use" bays with Pay & Display machines users and Permit Holders and yellow line waiting restrictions. The proposed operational time is 9am to 5pm, Monday to Saturday.

It is the Council's policy to engage with local residents before making decisions that affect them. Please complete the attached questionnaire as your views are important to us. Once completed, please return it in the enclosed pre-paid envelope. The deadline for responding is **Friday 3 June 2016**.

All responses received by **3 June 2016** will be presented in a report to the next Traffic Management Advisory Committee (TMAC) for its consideration on **6 July 2016**. This feedback will assist the TMAC in reaching a decision whether to introduce the scheme as proposed, vary it or abandon it.

The enclosed Fact Sheet gives further information on CPZs and how the scheme would operate if introduced in your road.

Please do not hesitate to contact the engineer in charge of this consultation, **Huda Wahab**, on **020 8667 8258** or by email **Huda.Wahab@croydon.gov.uk** if you require further information or clarification on this consultation.

Yours faithfully,

David Wakeling
Parking Design Manager – Highways Improvements



JOB NAME		SOMERSET GARDENS		PLACE DEPARTMENT STREETS DIVISION DIRECTOR - STEVE ILES		DRAWING NO		PD-305		REVISION		-			
DRAWING TITLE				PROPOSED CONSULTATION AREA				HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS							
DESIGNER		VERIFIED		SCALE AT A4		DATE									
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Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) – Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is a Controlled Parking Zone?

This is an area where parking activities are controlled by waiting restrictions (yellow lines) and parking bays. A CPZ usually operates during the daytime only, when traffic movement and parking activities are heaviest but can operate only for one hour during the middle of the day and from Monday to Friday if the issues are mainly with commuters.

2. At what times will the restrictions apply?

The proposed scheme will depend on the outcome of the consultation.

3. How long will I be able to park for during operational hours?

Permit holders and Blue Badge holders will be able to park for an unlimited period within parking bays, providing a valid permit/Blue Badge is displayed. Pay and display users will only be able to park for up to the maximum stay shown on the parking sign at the bay and on the parking machine.

4. Who is eligible for parking permits?

Any resident with a vehicle registered at an address within the zone and any business with a business address within the zone would be eligible for a parking permit. Information on how to apply for a permit will be sent to all consultees in due course if it is decided to proceed with the scheme.

5. What about our visitors?

Visitors will only need to pay for parking during the hours of operation of the zone. Residents can purchase Resident Visitor Permits (via the Ringo cashless system) for their visitors at a cheaper rate than the normal daily tariff. During operational hours, visitors must display either a Pay & Display ticket obtained from a nearby parking machine or a Resident Visitor Permit (the Ringo cashless system) obtained via the resident they are visiting.

6. How much will permits cost?

Permit costs will match those of the existing CPZ, which are currently:

Residents

- £80 per year for first vehicle
- £126 per year for second vehicle
- £305 per year for third and final vehicle (**maximum of 3 permits per household**)
- £1.30 per half-day for a Residents' (Ringo) Visitor Permit (**maximum of 60 permits per year per household**)

Businesses

- £123 for three months per vehicle
- £382 per year per vehicle (*first 2 vehicles per business*)
- £560 for the 3rd and £910 for the 4th and final permit at a business

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7. How much will pay & display tickets cost?

Existing charges within the East Outer Permit Area:

8 hour max stay roads

30 mins	£0.20
1 hr	£0.40
2 hrs	£0.80
3 hrs	£1.20
4 hrs	£1.60
6 hrs	£2.40
8 hrs	£3.20

Sundays free

8. Where will parking bays and pay & display machines be provided?

Parking bays will be marked out on the carriageway in safe locations and away from junctions and dropped footway or driveway crossings. Yellow line waiting restrictions will be installed at locations where parking would be hazardous or cause obstruction. Pay and display machines will be provided on the footway where they would cause the least visual intrusion to residents. The number of parking bays will be maximised.

9. Can you guarantee me a parking space outside my house?

It is not possible to guarantee anyone a particular space on the public highway. However, as residents are given a higher priority for the available parking spaces, they are more likely to find a parking space. Experience of existing zones shows that there are generally more spaces available within the zone during operational hours, than during times when parking is uncontrolled.

10. How can it be ensured that motorists parking in the zone park legitimately?

Civil Enforcement Officers (CEOs) will patrol the roads within the zone at regular intervals during the controlled hours. CEOs can issue a Penalty Charge Notice (parking ticket) to any vehicle that is parked in a manner that contravenes parking regulations e.g. parking on a yellow line or within a parking bay without displaying a valid permit/pay and display ticket. Illegally parked vehicles may also be towed away.

11. Will I be able to park across my driveway?

Yes, but only outside the controlled hours. It is not possible to mark bays across driveways as this would legalise obstruction.

12. What if I do not support the scheme?

Vote 'No' on the enclosed questionnaire - if the majority of residents / businesses vote against controlled parking then a scheme is unlikely to go ahead in the road / area. If the majority of residents are in favour of the scheme there would be an opportunity to make further comments or object to the proposals at the Public Notice Stage when the scheme is formally advertised in the Croydon Guardian, by on-street notices and on the Council website. Please note that if the majority of residents in a small part of the consultation area are in favour of an extension to the zone, then a recommendation could be made to extend controlled parking to this area alone.

13. What happens next?

At the end of this consultation, the votes and comments on all returned questionnaires will be analysed. The results of these will be presented in a report to the Traffic Management Cabinet Advisory Committee for consideration at its next meeting on 6 July 2016 at 6.30pm in the Town Hall, Katharine Street, Croydon. The Committee will then make a decision whether or not to proceed with controlled parking in your road.

Proposed Controlled Parking Zone In Somerset Gardens **QUESTIONNAIRE**

Your views are important to us, so please ensure you complete this Questionnaire and return it in the attached pre-paid envelope to reach us by Friday 3 June 2016.

Name:

Address*:

** Without this information your vote will not be counted. This information will be used only for the purpose of this consultation.*

Please choose **one** option only, by putting an 'X' in the appropriate box.

1. Are you in favour of a controlled parking zone in your road?

Yes No

Please continue even if your response is "No" to the above question.

2. If the majority of your neighbours vote **in favour** of a CPZ, which option would you prefer?

A. Introduce a **One Hour CPZ** with "Permit Holders Only" bays and single yellow line waiting restrictions. The proposed operational time for the bays and single yellow lines is **noon until 1pm, Monday to Friday.**

B. Introduce an **All Day CPZ** with "Shared Use" bays and single yellow line waiting restrictions. The proposed operational time for the zone is **9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday.**

C. **Do nothing**, retain the existing parking arrangement.

COMMENTS (please give us any additional information that you think would benefit this consultation)

*The results of the consultation will be presented in a report to the Traffic Management Cabinet Committee for consideration at its next meeting at **6.30pm, 6 July 2016** in the Town Hall, Katharine Street, Croydon. The report will be available to view from **29 June 2016** using the following link:*

www.croydon.gov.uk/democracy/dande/minutes/committees

**Please return using the pre-paid envelope provided,
Thank you.**