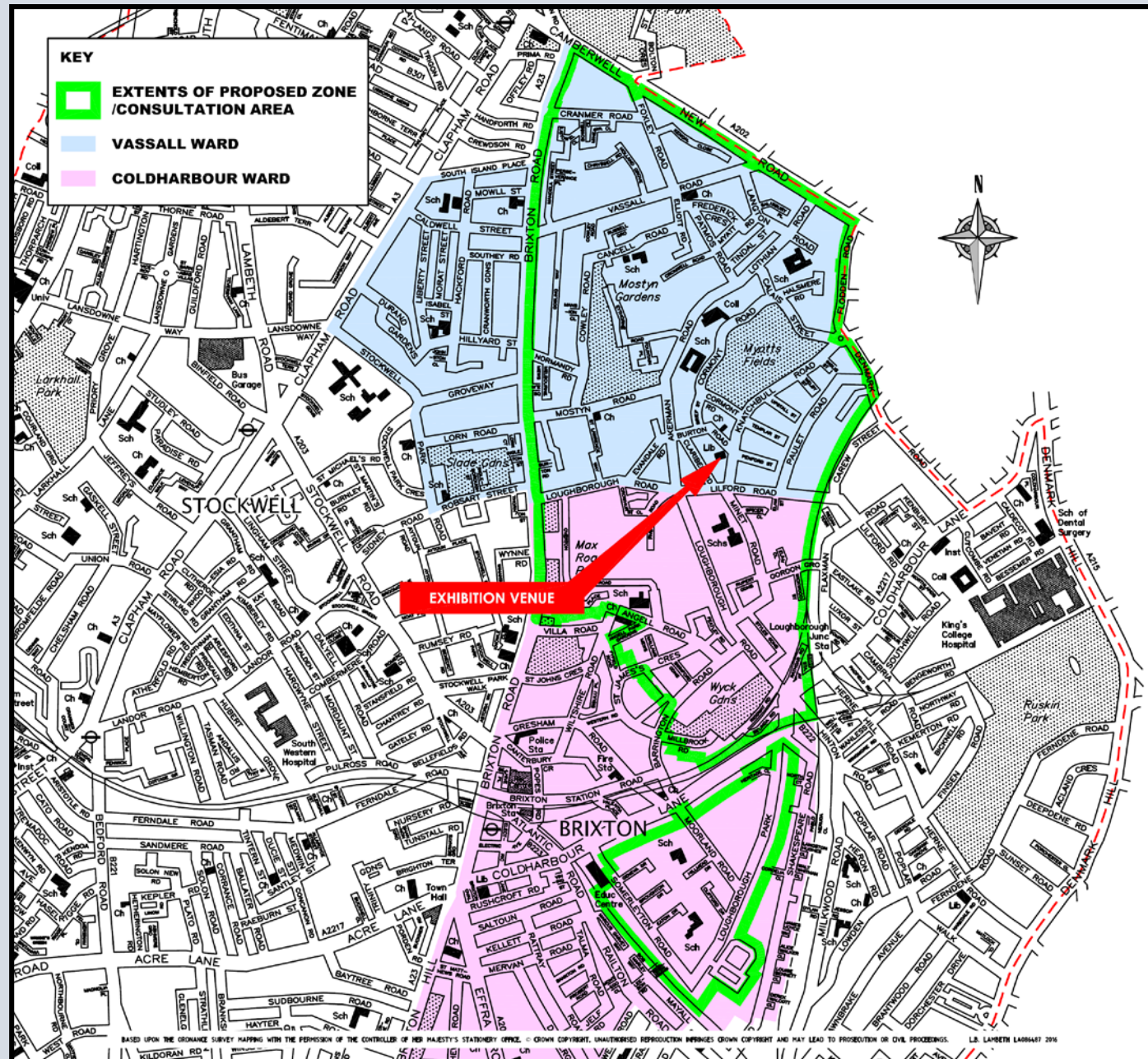


## DROP IN SESSION

If you would like to discuss details of the proposals with officers please join us at **Minet Library, 52 Knatchbull Road, London, SE5 9QY** on **Saturday 8th October 2016**, between 10am and 4pm



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# Proposed Controlled Parking Zone Vassall Area

Informal Consultation



22 September 2016 – 20 October 2016

Dear Resident / Business

We've recently received many letters, e-mails and enquiries from local residents and businesses in your neighbourhood raising concerns about parking problems. The main issues mentioned are based on:

- People who commute into the area to continue their journey to work using the good transport links in Lambeth.
- Residents and staff from local businesses in streets where there are parking controls in place are parking here to avoid paying for parking in their controlled roads.

Having listened to the concerns raised, we'd like to propose making your road a Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) to help cut down on the parking problems you and your neighbours might be experiencing, but before we do anything we need to know your thoughts on the matter. As a starting point, we're asking you to take part in this informal consultation about the parking conditions in your road and what kind of parking controls, if any, you think might be helpful to make it easier for you to park near your home.

We've carried out detailed site visits in the area and have drawn up plans which we'd like you to have a look at and then let us know your views on the matter. You can see these plans and give us your feedback on our Lambeth website at [www.lambeth.gov.uk/vcpz](http://www.lambeth.gov.uk/vcpz).

### How can I give my views?

Please complete and submit your online survey by the consultation closing date of **20th October 2016**. Please ensure you have the envelope that this leaflet came in with you when you complete the survey, as you'll need the unique reference number shown on the address label (**Sample – URN : V1234**).

If you're not able to get online, you can request a paper version of the questionnaire and plan showing proposals in your surrounding area by calling **020 7926 7720**. Alternatively, you can have a look at a detailed copy of the proposals at Brixton Library which you can visit during opening hours. There will also be a drop-in session (detailed overleaf) on **8th October** at **Minet Library** from 10am to 4pm where our engineers will be on hand to talk you through the proposals.

We've prepared some information for you to read through in the meantime which explains what a CPZ is, how it works, and what kind of controls you might want to request for your area if you're in favour of having a CPZ in your road. Please have a look at this information on the next few pages, then visit our online survey to give us feedback on what we've proposed for your area.

### What if I live on a private Road or a housing estate?

The feedback you provide to us can only be used to decide whether parking controls should be put in place on the public highway in your area. It does not relate in any way to parking controls on private roads or housing estate roads. However, if you live on a private road or estate, you will still be able to buy a parking permit to park on nearby public roads if a CPZ is put in place. Please take a look at the online consultation plans if you are unsure if a road is private or an estate road.

**Oval Quarter Development:** Parts of this development remain under construction. At this stage it is only proposed to consult the existing Restricted Parking Zone 'RPZ' area (which is adopted public highway) on proposals to introduce permit parking. Once the development is complete and the council adopts the remaining roads in the area as public highway, a further consultation is proposed.





### What is a CPZ?

This is an area where parking controls are introduced to prioritise the parking needs of residents, their visitors and businesses. You can generally identify a CPZ by markings on the road that show you where you should and shouldn't park, along with signs which tell you when the parking controls are active.

### Do I have to pay to park in a CPZ?

Any residents living in a CPZ who own a car and want to park on the highway during the hours of control will need a parking permit, as will business owners who park on the public road near their place of work. The charge for a permit is based on the size of the vehicle's engine and whether or not the resident's address falls inside the London Congestion Zone. Paying for a permit helps to ensure that the roads, lines and signs are kept in good condition, and also supports the enforcement of the parking area so that bays are kept clear for residents and business owners in the area and their visitors, preventing commuters or long term parkers from taking advantage of parking space.

Residents will also be able to buy visitor vouchers for their guests to be able to park in designated bays, or trader vouchers so that works (such as renovations or landscaping) can be done at their properties. Any persons visiting the neighbourhood to access shops or services can make use of short term parking provisions, which means they pay only for the time they're parked in the area. More information about the cost of parking and types of bays has been enclosed.

### How will I know where to park?

Parking in any controlled zone is only permitted where safety, access and sight lines aren't compromised. The places you are able to park are marked out as parking bays on the road surface and they will always have a sign plate advising of the conditions for parking there, as well as the days and times when you can and can't park in these bays.

To park in a parking bay, you need to have a valid permit or paid-for parking voucher or ticket for that parking place. Parking bays vary in length, and it's important to stay within the markings of the bay to avoid causing obstructions or hazards for pedestrians and other road users.

Some parking bays have specific uses, such as disabled parking, loading, doctors, car club or motorcycle bays. These can be identified by markings on the road next to the parking bays and in most cases, sign posts next to these bays. In order to park at these specific locations you should display the correct permit or ticket in your vehicle windscreen – or in the case of motorcycles, in the tax disc holder. If you don't display the appropriate permit or ticket, you'll be liable to a penalty charge.

### What are the yellow lines for?

These lines are included in CPZ areas to advise people of where they shouldn't park and are often found near junctions, near driveways and access points, along stretches of roads that have a bend in them, or anywhere that a parked car might create problems for traffic moving along the road or could be a safety hazard to pedestrians and other drivers.

In a CPZ the operational times for the single yellow lines are indicated on Zone Entry Signs as you enter the zone. In some cases there may be single yellow lines that operate at different times and these will be signed separately. If people park on a yellow line during the restricted hours they could be liable to a penalty charge.

### Why would I want a CPZ in my road?

The main reason for proposing a CPZ in your neighbourhood is in response to the concerns that have been raised with us. Making your road a CPZ will ensure that people who live in or run businesses in your road will be given priority to park in the area over commuters or other long term parkers by designating parking bays for residents and businesses.

### What is Lambeth proposing for my neighbourhood?

This area is currently being proposed as a new stand-alone zone which allows the residents to tell the council what their preferred days and hours of operation would be. However, based on the results of the consultation, it may be necessary for the roads where people are in favour of a CPZ to become part of an existing neighbouring zone. If roads are added as extensions to existing zones, they will adopt the hours of operation already in place in the existing zone they are being added to.

### Operational Hours:

**All day controls (8.30am to 6.30pm)** – This option means that residents are given maximum protection as it limits any parking to people who hold residents or business permits. It will be less flexible for visitors to the area, as they'll generally need to have a visitor voucher to be able to park on the days that the controls are in force.

**Part time controls (10am – 4pm)** – This option is less restrictive, but is still effective in preventing people from outside of the zone (such as commuters) from parking here for long periods. It will help a little to support people visiting residents and businesses in the area, as they'll be able to park for free outside of the hours of control, however this might cause a bit of difficulty for residents returning from work in the afternoon because there might be less parking available on their road.

**Two hour controls (e.g. 10am – 12pm)** – This minimum restriction offers more flexibility to residents and their visitors than the part time day controls, reducing the amount of visitors' permits they would normally obtain, and is still effective in restricting long-term parking. However, it may encourage other short term parking outside the restricted time, by non-residents such as shoppers and other residents from neighbouring CPZs. Non-residents may also work their way around the two hour controls by moving their vehicles and then returning to park for the rest of the day.

### Operational Days:

**Monday to Sunday** – This option protects residents the most, as it covers weekends too. However, it does make it difficult for their visitors to park, and can be restrictive on businesses who might rely on weekend trade. Guests of any residents in the road would need to make use of a visitor voucher to park and visitors to the businesses in the area would need to pay for short term parking.

**Monday to Saturday** – This option still protects residents during the week and covers part of the weekends too. Like the previous option though, it does make it difficult for their visitors to park, and can be restrictive on businesses who might rely on weekend trade, as parking will only be free in the area on Sundays. Guests of any residents in the road would need to make use of a visitor voucher to park and visitors to the businesses in the area would need to pay for short term parking.

**Monday to Friday** – Most zones in the borough use this model of parking as it offers flexibility to residents and businesses over the weekend. However, there is a drawback in that visitors to the area might reduce parking availability for residents at weekends.

We won't be able to reply individually to everyone completing the survey, but once we've analysed all the feedback, we will make the results of the consultation available on our webpages so that everyone can have a look at the outcome for themselves. Any comments or concerns that you raise when filling in the questionnaire will be considered as part of the feedback analysis.

Please bear in mind, if you decide that you don't want to have a CPZ in your road but residents in your neighbouring roads decide that they do want a CPZ in their roads, you might be affected by the vehicles that will be displaced once the CPZ goes live. This could put more pressure on the free parking available in your road.

We're advising you of this point, not to encourage you to make a decision either way, but to inform you of the potential impact that your decision might have on parking near your home in the future. For more information about CPZs, you can visit the CPZ webpage at: [www.lambeth.gov.uk/parking-transport-and-streets/parking/controlled-parking-zones-cpzs-guide](http://www.lambeth.gov.uk/parking-transport-and-streets/parking/controlled-parking-zones-cpzs-guide)

### What happens next?

We will use the results of this consultation to make recommendations on whether or not to proceed with the next step, which would involve a statutory consultation on the proposals, and what type of restrictions will be proposed. This will be done through a report to the Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport, and once a decision has been made on these recommendations, we'll contact residents and businesses to update them on the outcome.