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Dear Resident / Occupier

Controlled Parking Zone Review associated with Wimbledon Stadium, Plough Lane Merton - Earlsfield (L2), Garratt Green (G1) and Tooting Broadway (E1) (part) sub-zones

As you are probably aware, a new 9,300 capacity football stadium for AFC Wimbledon together with some 633 new residential dwellings and commercial space is under construction at Plough Lane, in Merton. The new stadium development is nearing completion and whilst football matches are currently being played 'behind closed doors' due to the Covid-19 situation, some limited attendances are to be permitted in the near future. The Council is undertaking a review of the future impact of the stadium development on parking facilities in nearby Controlled Parking Zones (CPZs).

The Council is continuing to develop and assess AFC Wimbledon's proposed match-day Traffic Management Plan with representatives from AFC Wimbledon, the LB Merton, the Metropolitan Police and other Emergency Services. Additional 'No Waiting' restrictions, parking suspensions, temporary one-way traffic flow and footway/road closures with diversions, will be necessary in Summerstown, Riverside Road, St. Martin's Way and Maskell Road to maintain safe access routes for fans and emergency services vehicles, etc. These temporary traffic management arrangements are likely to operate 1-2 hours before and after match times to provide safe access and egress and, as necessary, in response to any incidents on match days.

Whilst most football matches will be played on Saturdays or weekday evenings, some could be on Sundays or bank/public holidays. There is also the likelihood that the stadium which includes conference and banqueting facilities, will be used for other events which could require similar traffic management arrangements. Additionally, there is the potential parking generated by the large number of residential units, all of which could impact on parking availability outside the existing operational hours/days within the above sub-zones.

Director of Environment and Community Services: Paul Chadwick

Parking occupancy surveys were undertaken earlier this year within the nearby Earlsfield (L2), Garratt Green (G1) and Tooting (E1) (part) sub-zones which showed that parking occupancy levels were already high in most streets outside the existing operational hours and days. Residents and businesses in some of these sub-zones have also petitioned the Council asking for the controlled hour (in the case of the L2 One-Hour area), hours or days of control to be extended to improve parking conditions due to increased parking difficulties on Saturdays/weekends or in the evening. The existing days of control in Earlsfield (L2) sub-zone and Garratt Green (G1) are Monday to Friday only. In the Tooting E1 sub-zone the controls already operate on Saturdays.

Parking Proposals

Given the possible reduction in parking space due to visitors to the stadium along with the occupiers of the new residential/commercial properties and the existing difficulties particularly in those sub-zones that only operate Monday to Friday, we would like your views on the following options:-

Extending the CPZ hours / days of operation

- To tackle parking problems occurring on a regular (daily/weekly) basis when the CPZ operates
- This could include a match / major event at the stadium, if it takes place during the CPZ operational hours / days (for example, on a Saturday afternoon when most matches take place)
- The longer the CPZ operates, the more protection it will provide. So a CPZ operating 9.30am to 9.30pm, Monday to Sunday, including bank holidays, is aimed at restricting parking by non-residents throughout the week, to include all matches / major events at the stadium and potential parking associated with the residential development
- However, restrictions should only apply for as long as they are needed so you may feel that the existing hours / days are adequate or prefer a moderate increase to 9.30am to 6.30pm, Monday to Saturday, for example
- Options include retaining the present operational hours / days or extending them to 6/7 days a week and from 9.30am to 6.30pm or 9.30pm, including / excluding bank holidays

An Event Day Zone

- An Event Day Zone could also be considered. This would extend the operational hours of the CPZ control but only on days when matches / major events take place at the stadium
- For example, extending the CPZ operational hours / days to 9.30am to 6.30pm, Monday to Saturday and applying an Event Day Zone would seek to address parking demand all year round and cover the 3pm Saturday kick offs. The Event Day Zone would come into operation 9.30am to 9.30pm to cover any events occurring outside of the usual CPZ hours / days, such as a match on a Sunday afternoon or a weekday evening.

- Applying only an Event Day Zone would not address regular parking demand associated with evening/weekend parking from the residential development or the parking difficulties already being experienced during evenings and weekends in many streets. If you experience these problems, you should consider extending the CPZs operational hours / days.

Changes to yellow lines and permit costs

Any extension to the days and hours of operation would also apply to yellow line waiting restrictions, helping to ensure that parking does not occur where it would be unsafe or obstructs vehicular traffic and other users of the highway, such as cyclists and pedestrians. The Council will also be considering other minor changes to the CPZs.

- Increasing the days/hours of the CPZ will not affect the cost of, or require you to obtain a new, resident (or business) parking permit.
- Your visitors would be required to display a resident visitor permit or pay and display ticket (or virtual - pay by phone) when parking during any extended CPZ operational days/hours and if an Event Day Zone were to be introduced.

Your views

The Council is now asking for your views about changing the operational days and hours within the Earlsfield (L2) sub-zone (including the one-hour section), Garratt Green (G1) sub-zone and part of the Tooting Broadway (E1) (to and including Fountain Road and the north-east to south-west section of Broadwater Road), as described above.

How to respond:

Online survey

Please give us your views by entering this link into your internet browser:

<https://bit.ly/39Akrz9>

Only one response from each household / business address is required. If your household is unable to complete the survey online and you would like a hard copy of the questionnaire, please contact (020) 8871 8929 and one will be posted out to you with a postage paid return envelope.

Please ensure we have received your response by **Sunday 7 February 2021**.

The Council would like to demonstrate that any change has the support of the local community so a good response is very important. Please respond to all questions even if you don't own a vehicle, and/or oppose the CPZ or amendments to it, because parking controls may still affect you or your visitors.

Should you wish to make any additional comments, you may do so by emailing the address at the top of this letter using Wimbledon Stadium Review as the Subject. All comments will be considered but it will not be possible to respond to individual e-mails/comments.

What happens next?

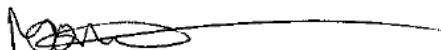
The results will be analysed for the whole area and on a street by street basis meaning that changes could be made in some roads and not others if appropriate. All feedback will be considered along with relevant traffic management and other highway factors, prior to a decision being made on the way forward. We will write to you once the Council has made a decision and an update will be provided on the Council's website here:

<https://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/wimbledonstadium>

Information on how CPZs work including all current parking charges can be found on the Council website here:

<http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/parking>

Yours faithfully



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