

Resident / Occupier [Mail-Merge to Battersea Park Area Review addresses]

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Dear Resident / Occupier

Battersea Park Area Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) Review – Have your say.

The Council has listened to local concerns, including a petition, from residents of the Battersea Park Area CPZ about difficulties parking on street within the zone in the evening and at weekends when the CPZ is not in operation. The Battersea Park Area CPZ currently operates between 9am and 5pm, Monday to Friday, to deter weekday commuter and other long stay parking, thereby prioritising parking for residents, their visitors, businesses, and short-stay visitors.

However, local residents have reported that at weekends many visitors to Battersea Park choose to park in streets close to the park to avoid paying within the car parks inside the park. Parking charges apply in the car parks 9am-5pm, Monday to Sunday, including Bank Holidays. Parking on street is more difficult during the summer months and when there are events taking place in the park as more people park in the local streets.

It has also been reported that on-street parking has become more difficult in the evening and all weekend since the opening of the Battersea Power Station development and the adjacent tube station, as visitors can park for free and then walk to the power station site.

Finally, concerns have been raised about dangerous and obstructive parking at junctions outside the existing controlled hours/days. This not only restricts visibility for drivers and cyclists but also makes crossing junctions dangerous for pedestrians. Therefore, as part of the zone review exercise, we will change the existing single yellow lines at all junctions to double yellow lines to improve road safety. We will also assess other locations where single yellow lines operate and where necessary they will also be changed to double yellow lines.

We are now asking for your views about possible changes to the operational hours/days of the CPZ. For example, are you happy with the existing parking controls or would you wish to see them extended so that they operate later into the evening and/or at weekends?

Executive Director of Environment and Community Services: Paul Chadwick

Any changes to the operational hours/days should have a positive effect on parking and local traffic conditions but would also affect your visitors who would be required to pay to park (short stay) or display a resident visitor permit when parking for more than four hours.

The CPZ only operates on roads that are 'highway maintained at public expense', not on private roads/off-street parking areas, or on Council Housing Estates where separate parking regulation schemes may operate.

To help assess the current parking difficulties parking occupancy surveys will be undertaken both during the existing operational hours and in the evening including at weekends. However, the Council would like to demonstrate that any changes to the CPZ have the support of local people, so a good response rate is important. Please give us your views even if you don't own a vehicle because any changes may affect your visitors.

How to respond:

Online survey

To respond to the online survey, please enter the link below into your internet browser: www.wandsworth.gov.uk/haveyoursay/bcpz_review or scan the QR code below.



If you are unable to complete the survey online and you would like a hard copy of the questionnaire, please call (020) 8871 8929 leaving your name and postal address including the postcode and quoting 'Battersea Park CPZ Review' and one will be posted out to you with a postage paid return envelope.

Please ensure we have received your response by Sunday 28 July 2024.

Should you wish to make any additional comments these can be sent by e-mail or letter using the contact details at the top of this letter. Please use 'Battersea Park Area CPZ **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 to throughout the whole area if widely supported, or in some (Highway) roads and not others, if appropriate.

The final decision will not be based on the views of residents and businesses alone. 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 Battersea Park Area CPZ Review consultation webpage here: www.wandsworth.gov.uk/battparkareaCPZ_review

Yours faithfully

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