



Reply To: Parking Services

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The Occupier

Dear Resident,

HANDSIDE PARKING CONSULTATION – AREA 3

Parking Services are continuing their consultation with residents and businesses in Handside. This final section is located to the west of Parkway and extends southwards from Brockwood Lane to its boundary with Lemsford Lane. Our initial proposals are based upon the responses we received to the general parking survey carried out in 2015. Once all the returns from this consultation have been collated, a further letter will be sent out to all the residents and businesses. This will contain our findings together with additional plan drawings and proposals which we intend to progress to the statutory consultation phase when the proposals will be advertised. Included with this letter are A3 plan drawings. This is a large geographical area, therefore smaller scale drawings can be found on our website or are available upon request using the contact details provided in this letter.

The enclosed detailed plans outline both the existing waiting restrictions and new double yellow lines proposed on junctions to prevent dangerous or obstructive parking. Where *junction protection* is highlighted to improve road safety, a minimum of 10 metres of double yellow lines would be installed on each arm of the junction. This may be increased depending on the layout of the junction, or to tie in with existing restrictions. Double yellow lines are enforceable 24hrs a day, 7 days a week.

Possible parking improvement options

There are two options that may help improve parking in your area:

1. A **single yellow line** prevents any vehicle from parking for the days and times it operates, including residents and visitors. The introduction of a single yellow line restriction in some locations may fail to solve the problem, and could make matters worse for residents. Many residents in Handside currently complain these restrictions make it difficult for their visitors. Residents in locations where there are already yellow lines; should comment on whether they wish to keep the restrictions as they are, amend the times, days of operation etc., or opt for something else altogether.

2. Some roads have little or no off-road parking provision and in these areas a **resident permit parking scheme** is a more flexible alternative to a single yellow line. This is the only way the situation can be managed and still allow parking for both residents and their visitors within the permit area. They have proved to be a popular choice and many such schemes are now in operation throughout the borough. All money received from resident permit parking schemes is used to fund their design, maintenance and enforcement. More information on resident permit parking schemes, including a list of current charges for permits, is included with this letter.

Please use the table in the survey return sheet to indicate your support for these options, which days of the week, and the times of operation you would prefer; e.g. Monday to Friday, 9am-5pm.

Please mark the plans if you feel the restrictions should be extended or if you think additional protection is required where none has been proposed.

The council has also received many complaints from across the borough about damage to grass verges and footways caused by vehicles – and parking on footways blocking pedestrian and disabled access. As part of this project, the council is also seeking to introduce a verge and footway protection order. Drawings featuring the extent of the order are included. Residents should note that the boundary of the Order extends from the kerb line to the property boundary; including verges, footways and vehicle crossovers. Certain other grassed amenity areas have also been added where appropriate.

In combination with the above, officers will also carry out a thorough investigation to see if there are any suitable areas which could be converted into more parking space. This may be achieved by removing part of the verge or green area to construct parking bays. Trees and existing street furniture, such as lamp columns, may have a bearing on the result of the investigation in addition to any existing planning constraints. If parking is limited and you think there are areas which could be converted to create more parking provision, a box is included on the returns sheet for this and any other comments or suggestions.

Please complete the enclosed form and return to Parking Services in the envelope provided by 14th May 2018. Residents will be notified by post of the findings to this survey.

Full details of the Handside consultation will be placed on the Council website.
<http://www.welhat.gov.uk/handsideparking>

Sent on behalf of
Parking Services

Resident Permit Parking Schemes

You are advised to read the following information on Resident Permit Parking Schemes (RPPS).

The only type of restriction which can allow parking for both residents and their visitors, but prevent non-residents from parking, is called a Resident Permit Parking Scheme.

Permits

- Vehicles parked on residents' driveways or inside garages on private property do not need to display permits or vouchers.
- Residents who are Blue Badge Holders and own or drive a vehicle will not be charged for the first Permit. Any additional permits to that address will be charged at the 2nd permit rate and so forth.
- Professional carers should be instructed to apply for their own Doctor/Health Visitor Permits if attending addresses within a resident permit parking zone.

Vouchers

- Residents providing proof of receiving a state pension may buy vouchers at a 50% discounted rate.
- Residents should provide visitor vouchers for tradesmen, builders etc. Alternatively these persons may apply for their own Contractor's Permit (see below)

Current charges for Permits and Vouchers

First permit - £25 per year

Second permit - £40 per year

Third or subsequent permits - £60 per year

Motorcycle permit - £10 per year

Business permit - £225 per year

Doctors/Health Visitor permits - £20 per year

Visitor Vouchers - £10 for 20 day vouchers

Please note

- Residents and visitors must remember to display permits and visitor vouchers during the hours of the restriction.
- Permits and visitor vouchers are not interchangeable and must be used in conjunction with the Area for which they were issued.
- Any vehicle not displaying a valid permit or visitor voucher may receive a Penalty Charge Notice (PCN). Vehicles must not park on grass verges or pavements. Any vehicle parked in these areas may receive a PCN.

Handside Area 3 consultation form – Please return by 14th May 2018

Name	Title -	Forename -	Surname -
Address			
Telephone	Home -	Mobile -	
Email			

Please reply to the below statements:

	YES	NO
Do nothing, keep things as they are		
I would like a single yellow line (prevents parking by all vehicles)		
I would like a resident permit parking scheme (restricted to residents and their visitors only)		
Preferred operating days (Please circle one preferred time)		
Monday to Friday	Monday to Saturday	
Preferred operating times (Please circle one preferred time)		
9am-11am	9am-5pm	8am-6pm
Please enter any comments or suggestions. Thank you		