

Important information about parking enclosed

To the Occupier

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Ref: Parking consultation

Re: Results of the consultation on the proposed introduction of parking controls around Rectory Road Station

Between March and May 2008 we consulted local residents and businesses in roads surrounding Rectory Road Station about the proposed introduction of parking controls in the area. The consultation was a result of a combination of requests from local residents and a petition asking for parking controls to be extended to the Rectory Road Station area and an assessment conducted by the Council indicating that there were high levels of parking stress in the area.

We wish to thank all those who participated in the consultation either by returning the questionnaire or attending our public drop in session held at the Old Fire Station on the 2 April 2008.

During the consultation we asked all local residents and businesses whether they supported the proposed introduction of controls by extending nearby Controlled Parking Zones (CPZ) E or E extension (Stoke Newington). Please see the enclosed map indicating the area consulted.

This letter explains the results of the consultation and the final recommendation for parking controls in your area.

Consultation results

The public consultation consisted of a drop in session held at the Old Fire Station on Wednesday 2 April 2008, a consultation pack and questionnaire sent to residents and businesses in the area during the week commencing 17 March 2008 and an advertisement in the local newspaper Hackney Today on 31 March 2008 (Issue 180).

Overall, we received a 27% response to the consultation. Of those people that returned their questionnaire, 58% were against the proposed introduction of parking controls.

Over the entire consultation area, respondents reported differences in their ability to find available parking space. Residents living in streets closest to existing CPZs perceived parking to be the most difficult, while those living further away from existing parking zones experienced less problems.

Final outcome

Prior to the consultation we conducted parking stress surveys in the proposed area to identify whether the levels of parking stress and to determine whether it was the result of commuter parking for Rectory Road Station and Stoke Newington High Street.

The results indicated that while the area does experience high parking stress, the large volume of vehicles is caused by residential vehicles and potentially vehicles from neighbouring CPZs, rather than commuter parking.

The Council has considered the current need for parking controls in the area based on results of this consultation and feedback from local Councillors. Based on feedback the Council will **not** be proceeding with the introduction of a CPZ in the area.

We will however be implementing safety restrictions in the area including adequate levels of junction protection as this was raised as a safety issue during the consultation. Junction protection ensures that motorists will have a clear line of sight when approaching road junctions, improving safety levels for road users. This increase in safety measures is something which is being carried out across the borough in order to make a safer environment for road users.

What happens next?

We will continue to monitor parking stress in the area and will undertake parking surveys as part of the operational review of CPZ E planned for 2010.

The implementation of junction protection will take place in winter 2008 and further details will be sent you closer the time.

More information

For a downloadable copy of consultation report, please visit our website: **www.hackney.gov.uk/parking** or call Parking Services on: **020 8356 8877**.

Yours sincerely

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