Borough (C2) parking zone – Frequently asked questions

Why are you consulting us?
The council’s 2016/17 parking design programme includes a review of the Bankside (C2) parking zone to determine if there is a need to change the existing operational hours. In January 2016, Borough, Bankside and Walworth community discussed the consultation methods and boundary for this consultation.

What is the benefit of evening controls?
With an increasingly busy visitor economy and high pressure on parking spaces at the weekend we are proposing changes to better meet resident and business needs.

Evening controls (e.g. 8am to 11pm)
Evening controls are successfully used in areas that have a high demand for parking during the latter part of the day. This includes streets that are close to leisure attractions, late night shopping areas and public transport hubs etc.

Evening controls give a high degree of priority for local residents, reducing the negative effects of non-resident parking in streets. Of course, longer hours of operation also mean that residents and visitors who want to park on street will need a permit or to pay for parking more frequently.

Weekend control (e.g. Mon – Fri 8.30 am to 6.30pm, Saturday 9.30am to 12.30pm)
Weekend controls (e.g. Saturday or Saturday and Sunday) are most successful in areas that see high parking activity at weekends, such as streets that are close to a shopping centres or leisure facilities. An example of this would be the nearby Bankside (C1) parking zone.

Controls on Saturdays and/or Sundays will allow residents greater opportunity to park close to their homes and provide greater turnover of spaces for visitors using pay by phone (instead of bays being blocked by the same vehicle all day) as well as improving traffic flow and road safety in roads with single yellow lines.

What hours and days will Borough (C2) parking zone operate?
The operational days of the week and hours of proposals will depend on the feedback the council receives from residents/businesses during this consultation process, as well as objective analysis of parking data with the aim of finding the best balance possible.

Would longer operating hours result in more expensive parking permits?
Longer operating periods would not result in higher permit prices. The council takes the view that parking permits should be the same price in all zones within Southwark because the service that we provide (prioritising parking to certain groups) remains the same, irrespective of any operational details.

What are virtual parking permits?
The Council now operates a virtual permit system. With virtual permits you apply for your permit online and it is issued to your vehicle immediately. They replace paper permits that had to be posted to you and then displayed in your windscreen.

Further information
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