Rotherhithe & Surrey Docks area proposed CPZ

Parking study
July to October 2019

We would like to know what you think about plans to introduce a controlled parking zone across the Rotherhithe peninsula in anticipation of the upcoming development in the Canada Water area.

We expect there to be close to 3,000 homes built in the area over the next few years. Without a controlled parking zone new residents would be able to park on the surrounding streets reducing your ability to park in the area.

Please leave your comments at
www.southwark.gov.uk/rotherhitheandsurreydocksCPZ
15 July 2019 to 4 October 2019
What is a parking study?

A parking study is usually an opportunity for the council to assess parking stress in an area by asking local residents and businesses how they view parking on their street. In this case, we are aware that you may not currently be experiencing parking stress but we anticipate that this will change following the completion of the developments.

It is important to respond to this consultation whether you own a vehicle or not. We will analyse the responses on a road by road basis and present a report to the Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport and the Climate Emergency who makes the final decision. To help you understand what your road might look like with parking restrictions we have also prepared a draft map which shows the type of bays that could be on your road.

A copy of the map is available online [www.southwark.gov.uk/parkingprojects](http://www.southwark.gov.uk/parkingprojects)

What is a parking zone?

A parking zone is a network of streets covered by parking controls. Each street is marked out with either parking bays or double yellow lines.

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<td>only – bays solely for the use of resident/business permit holders.</td>
<td>bays which can be used on a pay by phone basis and by resident/business permit holders.</td>
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<td>waiting restrictions which allow for active loading for up to 40 minutes and indicate where parking is deemed unsafe or obstructive.</td>
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How can I have my say?
Complete the questionnaire online at www.southwark.gov.uk/rotherhitheandsurreydockscpz

Come along and talk to officers on:

23 July
Canada Water Library
5.30pm to 8pm

8 August
Osprey Estate TRA hall
6pm to 8pm

30 August
Canada Water Library
12pm to 6pm

7 September
Bacon’s College
12pm to 6pm

Why are we proposing a parking zone now?
The Council are proposing to implement a controlled parking zone across the Surrey Docks and Rotherhithe area in anticipation of the impact that the new developments around Canada Water will have on parking in the area.

We expect there to be close to 3,000 homes built in the area over the next few years and without a controlled parking zone, the new residents will be able to park on the surrounding streets which would increase parking stress and through traffic on your streets.

A controlled parking zone enables the Council to enforce planning conditions which would make the new developments permit free and thus preserve the quality of life in this area by preventing both commuter parking and the large increase in residential parking that the developments would bring.
What are the advantages of having a controlled parking zone?

- Space is prioritised for local residents, businesses and their visitors.
- Commuters will not be able to park on your street during the operating hours.
- Improved access for emergency services and refuse vehicles.
- ‘Permit free’ planning conditions can be placed on the upcoming developments so that parking stress is not increased by the construction of new residential properties.
- Reduces the amount of cars parked on your street and improves air quality.

"I am writing to say how delighted we are with the controlled parking zone in Grove Park, and to apologise for the resistance to your plan from everyone in this house. It’s literally transformed the street — we very seldom use the car but when we do we can park without any difficulty at all and the street is now an open and peaceful place to live."

Resident

What are the disadvantages of having a controlled parking zone?

- Those entitled to a permit must pay to park in the zone. This payment contributes to the enforcement of parking controls and any surplus must legally be spent on improving the public highway.
- Parking can be displaced into nearby uncontrolled roads.
- Parking zones are most effective at reducing commuter parking.
- Street clutter (signs and lines).
When would the parking zone operate?

It is up to you. The questionnaire asks what time you think the controls should operate and we also provide some guidance and information in this document. Officers will usually recommend the operating times that the majority of respondents ask for.

There are two main options are: All day and part day.

**All day parking zone**
(e.g. 8.30am to 6.30pm)

- Usually successful in areas that have a high demand for parking throughout the day with pressure not just from commuters but from local attractions such as parks and leisure centres.
- These zones give a high degree of priority for local residents, businesses and their visitors; reducing the negative effects of commuter parking.
- Longer operating hours would mean that residents would need to have visitors permits for longer periods during the day.

**Part day parking zone**
(e.g. 12 noon to 2pm)

- Usually successful in areas that have a sudden surge in demand for parking once a day, such as streets close to a commuter rail station.
- Most of the day parking is free and unrestricted which can offer greater flexibility to those eligible for a permit and their visitors.
- Part day controls are likely to result in higher pressure on parking particularly if the demand isn’t just from commuters.

- There is no difference in price for residents' permits between a part day and all day zone. For a part day zone, you would however need to buy fewer visitor permits which could save you money.
Who can purchase a permit?

Residents
- If you live within the parking zone and your vehicle is registered to that address, you will be able to buy a resident parking permit.
- Those living on estates have their own parking restrictions which would not change but you can still purchase a permit for on-street parking and have your say in this consultation.
- There is a maximum of three permits per household.
- Blue Badge holders get a 75% discount if they need to buy a residents’ permit and a 50% discount on visitors’ permits.
- Motorbikes and mopeds get a 75% discount on the price of a residents’ parking permit.
- Owners of hybrid or electric vehicles get a 75% discount on the price of a residents’ parking permit.

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Businesses
- Businesses operating from an address within Southwark’s parking zones may buy permits for vehicles that are essential to their business. They are not available if the vehicle is just used for commuting purposes.

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On-street pay parking
- £2.75/hour (pay by phone)

For details on permits for visitors, home care workers and professional health workers please click [https://www.southwark.gov.uk/parking/parking-permits/on-street-permits](https://www.southwark.gov.uk/parking/parking-permits/on-street-permits)
Myth busting

Southwark Council is just trying to make money

No. Parking zones are introduced as a tool to manage the finite supply of parking space on our road network.

We must charge for parking permits to cover the operational costs of the zone. By law, any surplus on the parking account must be invested back into transport related improvements such as highway improvements and school crossing patrols.

This could be paid for with council tax

- Council tax and vehicle excise duty help pay for services that are available to the entire population such as education, social services and road maintenance.
- Parking zones only affect a local area and are expensive to set up and run.

Visitors and Tradespersons will no longer visit my home

You will be able to book visitor permits online, by text and if you prefer, paper vouchers are available.
What happens next?

- We will analyse all the responses and draft a report proposing the implementation of a controlled parking zone with design amendments and operating times based on your feedback.

- The final report will be considered by the Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport and the Climate Emergency.

- As part of our report we will also propose street improvements based on your feedback to the consultation.

- If you leave us your contact details on the consultation form, we will be in touch with regular updates.

Timeline

- July to October 2019: Consultation
- October to December 2019: Analysis of the results and decision making
- Early 2020: Statutory traffic order consultation
- Mid 2020: Delivery and implementation of a parking zone

Further information

www.southwark.gov.uk/parkingprojects

Telephone: 020 7525 2665
Email: highways@southwark.gov.uk

Postal responses should be sent to the following address:

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Highways Division
Transport Projects, Floor 3, Hub 2
Southwark Council
PO BOX 64529
London SE1P 5LX

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SE16 2NG

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122 Peckham Hill Street,
SE15 5JR

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