



Parking

We propose a specific scheme to control parking in the London Borough of Lewisham in the roads west of the Lewisham/Greenwich borough boundary that are also bound by Eltham Road A20, Burnt Ash Road A2212 and the railway line east from Lee Station. The proposal is that this period should be from noon until 2pm only on weekdays.

Other residents in roads to the south, that are in Lewisham, and also roads to the east that are in Greenwich should consider controlled parking zones as a response to this proposal.



Cambridge Drive during the week

Why introduce a CPZ ?



The introduction of controlled parking in neighbouring streets and around other rail stations (particularly at Blackheath and Kidbrooke) has pushed many more parked vehicles on to our streets.

Most of the households in the area of this request have never been consulted regarding the introduction of a CPZ and those that did were excluded from the calculations that allowed for the introduction of the Lee Green West CPZ. The consultation in July 2014 did not include households to the east of Leyland Road. The households between Burnt Ash Road and Leyland Road were eliminated from the calculations so that the final area of the controlled zone showed a narrow majority in favour of the scheme.

A CPZ makes all the streets safer by reducing vehicle movements made by motorists who are using the roads to park as part of their commuter journey - there are school entrances within the area and adjacent to it with a high number of young pedestrians and cyclists.

It also makes it easier for residents to find parking spaces near their homes – especially at the north end of Cambridge Drive and the west ends of Dorville Road and Upwood Road but also, increasingly, on all the roads. Being unable to park near their homes can present major difficulties for some residents, such as parents with young children, people carrying heavy shopping and older people and those less mobile.



Cambridge Drive at the weekend

Congestion would be reduced where commuter parking currently narrows the width of the carriageway and adds significantly to vehicle movements.

Our CPZ would increase the use of public transport – there is evidence that many commuters are continuing their journeys on train services where they could either use buses to get to a rail station or use a station further down the line (where some of those commuters live). Lee station is now one of very few Zone Three stations in south-east London that has adjacent streets with no parking controls.

It would provide safe manoeuvring space into the road from driveways.

Noise pollution would be reduced – fewer vehicle movements would result in quieter streets with a consequential lessening in anxiety caused by the nuisance and disturbance.

Air quality would be improved through fewer vehicle movements.

Also, there would be reduction in the habitual use of residential streets for the storage of vehicles by local businesses.

What are the negatives ?

Residents would need to pay to have a vehicle parked in the street during the controlled hours –

The restriction to two hours in the middle of the working day during weekdays allows for the maximum advantage to residents to be set against the maximum disincentive to non-resident commuter use.

Details of the current charges made by Lewisham Council are shown below in an information box.

The knock-on effect on surrounding streets –

It is likely that Woodyates Road and Pitfold Road would also have to consider a similar scheme from Lewisham council. The adjoining streets in Greenwich would need to contact their council.

A parking solution alone may simply result in drivers being able to increase their speed and encourage more rat running.

Take a look at our leaflet about rat running and see what we could do about it.



A CPZ often involves many additional signposts on footpaths, painted parking bays and yellow lines. This would be worse in our streets because of the high number of crossovers (dropped kerbs to access driveways) resulting in many smaller bays, each with an individual sign indicating the parking restriction.

It may be possible to following the example of other new CPZs in Lewisham. If there are limited 'entry points' to the zone then signs at these 'entry points' can simply describe the restriction "beyond this point". This, then, does not require the painting of parking bays or single yellow lines and involves a much smaller number of signs – keeping the footway clear of additional sign posts.



Current cost of resident permits:

£120 a year or £35 for three months. Free permits are available for blue badge holders. Two vehicles can be put on the same permit. However, at any time only one vehicle can be parked and using the permit.

Current Lewisham borough visitor permit costs:

One hour	Half day (5 hours)	One day	One week
£1.40	£2.80	£5.60	£20

Hourly permits can be purchased in batches of ten at a reduced rate of £10

For information, the complete list of roads in the proposal is shown below together with the legal status of who decides if a road is included or not.

The proposal is the creation of a new controlled parking zone that includes the following public highways (roads maintainable at public expense):

- Cambridge Drive
- Carston Close
- Dorville Road
- Leewood Close
- Leyland Road
- Millbank Way
- Osberton Road
- Upwood Road (evens up to 66 and odds up to 93)

The following roads are the responsibility of Lewisham Housing that are, for all intents and purposes, private

- Leybridge Court
- Rose Way
- Silk Close
- Woodville Close

Private roads - the responsibility of the landowner or frontagers

- Alanthus Close
- Buckden Close
- Burnt Ash Road (service road for odd nos. 37 to 81 is unclassified)

Last word from us

The increase in parking pressures on our streets has resulted in a significant and rapid deterioration in our residential environment. There is now an opportunity to transform our streets into places that are safer, quieter, cleaner, healthier and more pleasant.

These roads were laid out at the end of the nineteenth century and extended both before and after the second world war – they were designed as spaces for people to relax and enjoy their leisure time in a clean, safe and peaceful setting. There is an opportunity now to re-imagine and re-create those ideas.

Over to you

Have you got any ideas about what can be done about commuter parking? We know that it has been a growing problem for a long time and we know that it is only going to get worse. A CPZ is a big change – there is no going back. We need to take control and not wait until an ugly, more inconvenient scheme is forced on us.

But should we pay to park outside our own homes? What do we do when we can't park outside our homes? What do our visitors do?

What about the detail? Is noon until 2pm Monday to Friday the right restriction – or do you think something else is better? Should we calm the roads down more? How can we do that?

Have a look at the Request CPZ page on our website and make a formal request if you think it is a good idea.

- 1** Complete our survey at www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/BG7TBTT
- 2** Request controlled parking in our streets through our website www.livelee.org/request-cpz
- 3** Tell us more liveleelondon@gmail.com