



SHOCK HORROR! – PARKING EDITION

You should have recently received a Second Class mail drop letter that was simply addressed to 'The Occupier'. If you thought it was junk mail and binned it, then no surprise. In fact it was rather an important notice from Croydon Council to inform you of the changes that they propose to make to the Croydon Controlled Parking Zone (CCPZ) of which we are part (East Outer).

Currently our zone operates 9am-5pm, Monday to Saturday. The new proposals extend this from 7am-7pm, seven days a week. This means that you will not be able to park on a yellow line inside of those hours any day of the week. Instead, you will need to use a pay and display bay, of which we have a limited number and are mainly used by resident permit holders.

The same pack also informs of a proposed increase in the cost of a residents parking permit – to £35 – but reassures us that the pay and display ticket price will remain unchanged. What they omit to mention is that the Council Cabinet Committee had already decided on 1 July to hike the price of a ticket to £1 for 2 hrs, £2 for 4hrs, £3 for 6hrs and £4 for 8hrs. The new tariff is effective from 12 August.

The excuse for this draconian measure is apparently to 'help reduce congestion and promote fairer use of parking space for residents'. Tosh! We think that this proposed scheme is nothing short of another revenue earning wheeze from the Council. It will prevent residents and their visitors from parking outside their houses at a reasonable time and likely ruin the Sunday congregation for many churches within the CCPZ. Even though Croydon's proposal does not say so, Bank and Public holidays will be treated as a Sunday – so parking restrictions will apply which currently they don't.

We have **until 21 August** to make our comments known. If you agree with us, then either write your own letter or add your name and address to the pro-forma letter (below), and post it to the given address. We know it will cost you an envelope and a stamp – but isn't it worth it? - Individual letters of objection really count!

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London Borough of Croydon
Parking & Technical Services
1st Floor Davis House, Robert Street
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From Name:
Address:
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Your Ref: T&P/PS/JAA/7/C49

Date:

Dear Sirs
We oppose Croydon Council's plans to extend the hours and days of the Croydon Controlled Parking Zone and to increase the costs for residents, businesses, shoppers and visitors alike.
Yours faithfully

Signature:

You could also write to our Addiscombe Ward Councillors, and our MP.

In case you did not know, they are:

Geraint Davies MP
House of Commons
Westminster
London SW1A 0AA

Cllr Amanda Campbell
63 Hyde Road
Sanderstead CR2 9NS (Tel: 020 8405 6709)

Cllr Mark Watson
91 Oval Road
Addiscombe CR0 6BR

Cllr Sean Fitzsimons
60A Church Road
Upper Norwood
London SE19 2EZ (Tel: 020 8654 9856)

Or, you could go straight to the Croydon chap in charge, Cllr Gerry Ryan, Cabinet member for highways, transport and public services

9 Hereward Ave, Purley, CR8 2NN (Tel: 0208 763 9561)

According to the 31 July edition of the Croydon Guardian, any comments over his scheme, then contact him direct – go for it!

Your letters do count – especially personal ones from individuals. If you don't feel up to writing a letter, then do please use our tear off pro forma. The more letters, the better.

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RUBBISH !

Our next Rolling Rubbish special will be on Saturday 21 September. Usual schedule will apply, so basically 9:00am to 12:00 noon. Make a note now – we will remind you closer to the time.

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