



# Canning & Clyde Road Residents Association

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## Parking Alert ! Edition

### You need to take action before 4 February!

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As you may have seen from our Christmas newsletter, Croydon Council is consulting over a change in the parking hours in our two roads as well as in a number of other parking zones around Croydon.

They are proposing to increase the hours during which people may be charged for parking. Currently it is 9.00 am - 5.00 pm, Monday to Saturday. The Council is considering upping this to 8.00 am - midnight, seven days a week.

We have spoken with a number of residents. The overwhelming majority is strongly against these proposals. Accordingly on page 2 you will see our response as a residents association. Thank you to everyone who let us have your views – you may see some of your very words reproduced in our objection.

**You, however, need to send in your own opinion (in your own words) individually to the Council. It does not have to be long.**

Whatever your view – whether you are for or against the proposals – we would exhort you to email or write to the Council directly to express your opinion. We have been told that the Council will take particular note of the number of individual responses received. Councillor Phil Thomas, who is in charge of parking, has said they will reconsider if there are enough objections. **You need to send in your opinion by 4 February. Please include your postal address so the Council has no excuse to ignore your communication.**

If you are sending your opinion by email, then we would suggest you address it to several departments / individuals.

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## **Canning & Clyde Road Residents Association**

### **Response to consultation over proposed increase in chargeable parking hours**

The Canning & Clyde Road Residents Association would like to object vigorously to the proposed changes to the Controlled Parking Zone by increasing the chargeable hours from 9.00 am–5.00 pm, Monday to Saturday to 8.00 am-Midnight, seven days a week. This would make a huge negative difference to our residents.

We have consulted with our residents and there is very strong opposition. In the interests of diplomacy we have here damped the tone of a number of the responses. Croydon Council's staff and elected representatives should, however, be fully aware of the outrage caused by the proposal.

Residents firmly believe that Croydon Council's proposals are merely an income generation scheme which goes against the philosophy of a residents parking scheme which is supposed to be for the benefit of local residents. Overall parking for the vast majority of residents in our roads is not a problem so there is no reason to extend the hours. There is no congestion to alleviate and there is not a problem with shoppers using our roads to park – we are not the town centre.

Above all residents have strongly expressed serious concern about the effect this will have on family and friends who visit. It is seen as effectively a tax on family and social life.

It will adversely affect both local businesses (which need assistance in current recessionary times and provide local employment) and local facilities such as churches and halls with the associated clubs and support networks for young families eg mothers and babies, brownies etc.

We note the inadequacy of consultation. Two notices in Canning Road, one in Clyde Road and one (predictably vandalised) between the two, in white paper wrapped so neatly round silver lamp posts as to be near invisible do not constitute notifying people; hardly anyone has spotted them. There is nothing in the December *Your Croydon* about these proposals. A lot of people do not read the local press. There are many, many roads affected by these proposals where the residents will be affected but do not have an association to inform them or campaign on their behalf. Croydon Council has to weigh this all up when counting the number of individual objections.

The proposals are seen as unnecessary on the parking front, unfair, hypocritical and a gross overstepping of the mark by Council officers and elected representatives. Last time Croydon Council tried to impose similar changes, they were forced to back down at the last minute. The proposals are no more acceptable now. You can rest assured that, should the Council go ahead against the public's wishes and impose seven day a week, 8.00 am to midnight charging, it will be remembered for a very long time – in the same way that residents still remember the 27.3% Council Tax rise in 2003.