

Highways Committee 25 January 2017

Report from the Operational Director of Environmental Services

For Action

Wards Affected: Alperton, Stonebridge, Tokyington, Wembley Central

Wembley Stadium Protected Parking Scheme, and Associated CPZs: Off-Peak Visitor Permits

1. Summary

- 1.1 Some outstanding Executive decisions from 2013, relating to the Wembley Event Day zone (including implications for visitor permits in CPZs W zone, E zone and T zone used during *off* peak parking hours) have not yet been implemented.
- 1.2 This briefing paper identifies the Executive decisions, the decision making rationale at the time and the current context, and seeks a decision from Highways Committee on how to proceed. The report also provides a progress update on implementing Executive-agreed changes to business permits.

2. Recommendations

Highways Committee agrees:

- 2.1 To implement the decision made by the Executive on 15th July 2013 to introduce 3 year WSPPS permits with a £15 administrative charge;
- 2.2 To implement the decision made by the Executive on 15th July 2013 to introduce 3 year T zone visitor permits with a £15 administrative charge;
- 2.3 To rescind the decision made by the Executive on 15th July 2013 that approved implementation of a 24 hour online visitor pass for the T zone during off-peak hours;
- 2.4 To introduce 3 year W zone and E zone visitor permits with a £15 administrative charge;
- 2.5 To rescind the decision made by the Executive on 19th September 2012 that approved implementation of a 4 hour online visitor pass for the W zone and E zone during off-peak hours; and
- 2.6 To delegate authority to the Operational Director Environmental Services, in consultation with the Lead Member for Environment and relevant ward councillors, to introduce the changes identified in recommendations 2.1 to 2.5 above, subject to the results of formal consultation, and reporting back to the Highways Committee if substantial objections are received.

3. Wembley Stadium Protective Parking Scheme (WSPPS)

Current Service Offer

- 3.1 The Wembley Stadium Protective Parking Scheme (WSPPS) was introduced in 2006. It covers road parking restrictions which are operational on all major event days at Wembley Stadium. It includes some roads that are also subject to CPZ controls, and some which lie outside of CPZs.
- 3.2 There are five event day permit types, illustrated in the table below:

Permit	Existing Eve	Event Day permits		
type	If CPZ controls routinely apply routinely apply		VRN specific	Max purchase
Resident	CPZ resident permit	Event day permit	Yes	3
Visitor	Online visitor parking	Event day visitor permit	No	2
Business	CPZ business permit	Event day business permit	Yes	3
Schools	CPZ business permit (and forthcoming schools permit)	Event day school permit	No	20
Place of Worship	-	Event day place of worship permit	No	20

- 3.3 All permits are subject to a one-off cost of £10, and are valid for the duration that the applicant is living at that address. 5,034 permits were issued in 2015/16 and approximately 60,000 permits have been issued since the scheme was created.
- 3.4 The 15th July 2013 Executive report 'Statutory consultation on proposed changes to parking tariffs, charges and permits' superseded an earlier report in 2012 and approved the following recommendations:
 - I.Withdraw the WSPPS permits and introduce new permits identical except that they must be renewed every 3 years
 - II.Introduce a £15 administrative charge for the first purchase and each subsequent 3 year renewal.
- On 15th November 2016, Cabinet approved a programme of reviews of on-street parking management arrangements across the borough. This will involve a review of the boroughs' 40 CPZs, the WSPPS, and potentially several areas where there are currently no parking controls if there is demand from residents. In respect of the WSPPS, the report highlighted that there had been no reviews of the operation of the scheme since 2008; and made reference to the impact on parking demand that may arise as a result of Tottenham Hotspur FC potentially playing all their home Premiership matches at Wembley Stadium for the 2017/18 season whilst White Hart Lane is being developed.
- The recommendation to introduce 3 year WSPPS permits was based on concerns that the permits could be 'inappropriately used', and 'open to abuse'. The report highlighted that the 'Council has received reports of non-expiring event day permits that are continuing to be in circulation and use, despite the original users having moved away'. Regrettably this is still

the case. Appendix A provides a number of examples of Wembley Event day visitors permits being advertised for sale on commercial websites to motorists seeking parking on Event Days. Should the number of Event Days increase, this abuse could potentially increase, giving rise to additional traffic congestion and parking pressures within the vicinity of the Stadium.

3.7 The 2012 report recommended a £15 administrative charge. This was based on the average permit processing administrative charge levied by London boroughs. This charge seems reasonable; and indeed there may be grounds to increase this in future to take into account increases in inflation.

4. Temple Zone Visitor Permits

Current Service Offer

4.1 The Temple (T) zone based in Stonebridge ward operates around the Neasden Temple and has 24 hour parking controls. The Temple Zone visitor permit was introduced to allow residents to receive visitors during *off* peak parking hours. It operates alongside existing borough wide visitor parking arrangements and allows residents visitors to park between 6.30pm and 8am. Only one Temple Zone visitor permit is issued per eligible household. The permit is currently issued free of charge. 167 permits were issued in 2015/16.

Previous Executive decision

- 4.2 The 15th July 2013 Executive report 'Statutory consultation on proposed changes to parking tariffs, charges and permits' superseded an earlier report in 2012 and approved the following recommendations:
 - I.Withdraw the T Zone permits and introduce permits identical except that they must be renewed every 3 years
 - II.Introduce a £15 administrative charge for renewal
 - III.Introduce an online 24 hour visitor permit specific to the T zone priced at £0.50.

Current Position

- 4.3 The recommendation for introducing 3 year permits, and a £15 administrative charge was broadly based on the same arguments outlined in paras 4.5 and 4.6, and to ensure consistency of permit arrangements.
- 4.4 The recommendation to introduce an online 24 hour visitor permit is considered to add no value, given the longstanding arrangement using the T zone visitor permit. It also adds unnecessary complexity, and configuration costs to the parking permit system. Officers therefore recommend that this decision is rescinded.

5. W Zone and E Zone Visitor Permits

Current Service Offer

5.1 The W and E zones, in Tokyington, Wembley Central and Alperton wards operate from 8am to 9pm Monday to Sunday. The W zone and E zone visitor permits were introduced to allow residents to receive visitors during *off* peak parking hours. It operates alongside existing borough wide visitor parking arrangements and allows residents visitors to park between

6.30pm and 9pm, and all day Sunday. Only one visitor permit is issued per eligible household. The permit is currently issued free of charge. 532 permits were issued in 2015/16.

Previous Executive decision

- 5.2 The 19th September 2012 Executive report 'Permit service simplification and pricing' approved the following recommendations:
 - I.Withdraw the non-expiring W zone and E zone visitor permits
 - II.Introduce an online 4 hour visitor permit specifically for the period 6.30pm to 9pm and all day Sunday priced at £0.50.
- 5.3 The 15th July 2013 Executive report made no explicit reference to these previous recommendations other than to recommend their implementation. It is now considered that this may have been an unintended omission from the 2013 report.

Current Position

- The recommendation to withdraw the non-expiring W zone and E zone visitor permits, and replace with an online 4 hour visitor permit is inconsistent with the recommendations made on the comparable T zone visitor permit.
- To ensure consistency of permit arrangements with the WSPPS zone and T zone officers recommend that the W zone and E zone visitor permit is retained but that new permits issued have a 3 year expiry and a £15 administrative charge.

6. Information: Business Permits – Progress on Implementation

- 6.1 Brent currently sells two types of business permits in Controlled Parking Zones (CPZ):
 - I.Business permits (apx. 550 permits sold per annum)
 - II.Liveried business permits (apx. 40 permits sold per annum)
- Both permits are vehicle specific. The 12 month business permit is priced at £366; and the liveried business permit at £261. The liveried business permit offers a reduction in cost to businesses that can prove their vehicles display some form of company branding. The only other London local authority that we are aware of that offers this type of permit is Wandsworth.
- 6.3 Cabinet approved the recommendation in the 15th July 2013 Executive report 'Statutory consultation on proposed changes to parking tariffs, charges and permits' to:
 - I.Withdraw both the business permit and business liveried permit
 - II.Introduce a new business permit priced at 400% of the cost of a band 4 residential first vehicle permit in year 1; rising to 450% in year 2; and 500% in year 3.
 - III.Introduce a new non-vehicle specific business permit which is subject to an additional supplement of 50%.
- The current cost of a band 4 residential first vehicle permit is £111. However on 1st April 2017 the residential emissions tariffs will change from 7 down to 3 tariffs. The previous permit Bands, including Band 4, will no longer exist. The replacement for Band 4 vehicles is the 'Standard' tier first vehicle permit which will be priced at £83. Applying the formula agreed by the Executive, this gives the prices in the table below. It is intended that Year 1 will be

considered 2016/17 for the purpose of phasing in the new permit prices, and for Year 1 the price of VRN specific permits will be frozen at the current £366 charge.

Business Permit Type	Year 1 (2016/17)	Year 2 (2017/18)	Year 3 (2018/19)
VRN specific	£366 (frozen at current level)	£374	£415
Non- VRN specific	£498	£561	£623

Benchmarking

6.5 The standard business permit price will still represent very good value when compared to neighbouring London boroughs.

	Business permit price		mit price		
Borough	Sta	andard	0	ther permit type	Other permit type definition:
Westminster	Not available		able		
Kensington & Chelsea	Not available		able		
Harrow	Not available		able		
Ealing	£	800		-	
Hammersmith & Fulham	£	791	£	1,310	second business permit
Hounslow	£	754	£	506	vehicle intended for the carriage of goods i.e. vans
Barnet	£	525	£	840	non- VRN specific permit
Brent (proposed 18/19)	£	415	£	623	non- VRN specific permit
Brent (current)	£	366	£	261	liveried vehicle
Camden* (an additional one- off fee of £2,450 is charged for a dedicated parking bay)	£	318*		-	

7. Legal Implications

- 7.1 Should the proposals be approved for implementation, this would require the amendment of the existing Traffic Management Order (TMO) under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.
- 7.2 The requirements for publication and implementation regarding the making of Traffic Management Orders are set out in the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 ("the 1984 Act"). Onstreet parking restrictions are created by orders made by a local traffic authority under the provisions in sections 1 and 2 of the 1984 Act (orders prohibiting or restricting the waiting of vehicles or loading and unloading of vehicles); 32(1)(b) of the 1984 Act (parking for which no payment is required) and section 45 of the 1984 Act (parking bays for which payment is made by the motorist). Other related traffic restrictions may be made by traffic management orders made under other provisions of the 1984 Act. Controlled Parking Zones are defined in Regulation 4 of the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002.

8. Financial Implications

Business Permits

8.1 The introduction of the proposed changes to the business permit scheme would see an additional £4k per annum in Year 1, rising to £33k per annum in Year 3. No projection has been made for sales of the non VRN specific permits, as no comparable data is available on this. The financial detail is illustrated in the table below:

Permit Type	15/16 volumes	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
Business Permit	550	£0	£4,400	£26,950
Business Liveried	40	£4,200	£4,520	£6,160
Total		£4,200	£8,920	£33,110

WSPPS, T, W and E zone visitor permits

The introduction of the proposed changes to the WSPPS permit scheme, alongside changes to T zone, W zone and E zone visitor permits would result in an increase in permit income of approximately £29k per annum. As the proportion of 3 year permits increases over time, the additional permit income could be expected to increase from Year 4, following implementation. The financial detail is illustrated in the table below:

Permit Type	15/16 volumes	Additional Income	
Event Day - Business	69	£	345
Event Day - Resident	3375	£	16,875
Event Day – Visitor	1456	£	7,280
Event Day - Place of Worship	134	£	670
T zone	167	£	835
W zone and E zone	532	£	2,660
Total		£	28,665

9. Diversity Implications

- 9.1 S149 of the Equality Act 2010 requires the Council to have due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, and advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations between those who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
- 9.2 The changes reflect changes in tariff, and the frequency with which Wembley Event Day and W, E and T zone visitor permits are renewed. Permit eligibility criteria and permissions to park remain unaffected. As a result, there are no identified diversity implications arising from this report and its recommendations at this time.

Background Papers

19th September 2012 Executive Report – Parking Service simplification and pricing 15th July 2013 Executive Report – Statutory consultation on proposed changes to parking tariffs, charges and permits

15th November 2016 Cabinet report – On-Street Parking Management Review

Appendices

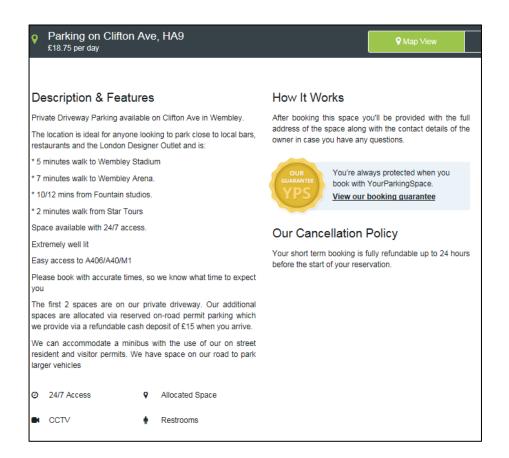
Appendix A – Examples of Event Day permits being sold commercially

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Description & Features

Parking spaces for Wembley Stadium, Wembley Arena and Wembley Park. On private residential front drive available for daily rentals. 3 - 4 spaces on drive and 2 - 3 spaces just outside of drive.

Located in front of owner's house in safe and quiet area..

Behind a gate and well lit at night. 7 minutes walk to the Stadium and Wembley Arena.

- Security Gates
- Allocated Space
- Security Lighting



Have a question about this space?

How It Works

After booking this space you'll be provided with the full address of the space along with the contact details of the owner in case you have any questions.



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Our Cancellation Policy

Your short term booking is fully refundable up to 24 hours before the start of your reservation.

Rental Terms

Monthly rentals are on a rolling 30-day agreement with a one month deposit taken up-front and the first month's rent charged on the first day of the rental. Why is there a deposit?

