

Camden Cycling Campaign

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To: safetravel@camden.gov.uk

CA-G Somers Town Area Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) Consultation

This response to Camden Council's consultation concerning changes to the CPZ hours in zone CA-G is from Camden Cycling Campaign, the local borough group of the London Cycling Campaign. We represent the interests of cyclists living or working in or travelling through Camden and aim to expand the opportunities for all to cycle safely in the borough. We have discussed this consultation by email within our committee and at a meeting on 16/10/23.

CPZ Hours of operation - general

We strongly support increasing the hours of control in all CPZ zones, especially those in the south of the borough and particularly at evenings and weekends, including 24 hour restrictions where appropriate. This will have the effect of deterring non-residents from driving into Camden to park their cars (avoiding the Congestion Charge) and then using public transport or walking into Central London or other destinations; this behaviour increases the number of journeys into Camden from outside the borough, especially at evening and weekends, impacting all areas, not just those subject to these consultations, and should be strongly discouraged. So we are pleased to see Camden taking action, especially in the high-demand areas.

CA-G

In CA-G we support introducing consistent restrictions on Saturdays across the whole of the zone. As well as deterring visitor parking, standardised hours will avoid confusion and to stop motorists driving around looking for sub-zones with fewer restrictions. We would support increasing the hours of control to 8:30 am to 6:30 pm across the whole area at weekends and including Sundays and extending the evening hours of operation on every day to deter out-of-area visitors using the area to park during evening/night-time activities.

We note the concerns from residents who have visitors, including the disabled, but believe that the blue badge system and visitor permits should cover this.

Please acknowledge receipt of this response. We would be very happy to discuss any aspect of our comments; contact details are below.

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