

## **Camden Cycling Campaign**

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To: cleanerfairerparking@camden.gov.uk

### **Cleaner, Fairer Parking Consultation**

This response to Camden Council's consultation concerning proposed changes to the charges for and terms of motor vehicle parking 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 and at a meeting on 16/10/23.

We support the proposed increase in charges including those for Electric Vehicles as although they have zero tail-pipe emissions they are not emission-free and the use of road space is as great as ICE vehicles.

We support the proposed changes to the cost of visitor permits so that they vary depending on vehicle type and the reduction in the maximum stay for paid-for bays from 4 hours to 2 hours (1 hour in some areas). This reduction in hours should have a significant impact.

We also support reducing the number of vehicles per resident's permit from three to one and introducing petrol as well as diesel surcharges.

We are concerned about the size of some vehicles. These cause issues by taking up excessive space and also because they block sight-lines. We would like to see them restricted to specific parking spaces and subject to additional charges (probably based on weight).

As the demand for parking spaces reduces, the kerbside space should be re-allocated to more environmentally friendly purposes such as cycle storage, planting and SUDS schemes.

We support measures to make it easier for people to transition away from personal motor vehicles (scrappage (including free car-club membership), cycle training and loans etc).

### **CPZ Hours of operation**

As a related matter, we strongly support increasing the hours of control in all CPZ zones. This, along with the increase in parking charges, will have the effect of deterring non-residents from driving into Camden. This should help reduce the number of journeys into Camden from outside the borough, especially at evening and weekends, which impact all parts of Camden, not just those where there is visitor parking.

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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