

Public Consultation on the Parking strategy and Budget

The Cabinet has set out its initial proposals to address a £60 million budget gap over the next four years.

One of the measures that affects a statutory service, are the proposals to amend the parking strategy and parking charges across the Borough.

Changes to parking regimes must be undertaken in consultation with a number of statutory bodies, including the GLA. This public consultation is in addition to those formal exchanges with public bodies.

Strategic objectives

The objectives of the consultation are:

- To promote a wider and deeper understanding of the budget proposals for parking and the impact on parking charges.
- To undertake robust consultation – seeking opinions from the general public on the new strategy and the specific parking charges that are proposed.
- To solicit opinion on increased parking restrictions and enforcement around schools – an area that gives rise to significant concerns.
- To seek nominations from the public of areas where works could be undertaken to provide more bays, introduce residents' parking schemes, or alter existing parking regimes.

Action Plan

Channel	Audience	Details	Timescale
Havering.gov.uk	All audiences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summary of proposals • Cabinet report • Feedback forms 	Sept 29th – Dec 29th
<i>Living in Havering</i>	All residents	Summary of the parking proposals within the context of all budget proposals. Promotion of feedback mechanisms.	October
Media / social media / posters /e-bulletins	All residents	Promotion of consultation activity and links to relevant material	Sept-Dec
Public meetings	Attendees	Three meetings in constituencies Opportunity to question Cabinet Members on the full range of budget proposals. Feedback forms provided.	November
Letters to representative	Representative groups	Letters early in the process, asking for comment from representative groups for	October

groups		motorists, People with disabilities and businesses	
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Questions

The Council's role is to provide adequate parking provision and assist the free movement of traffic around the Borough through the enforcement of parking restrictions. Revenue raised through parking should cover the costs of providing this service, with any surplus spent only on transport and parking initiatives.

1. These proposals would allow for half an hour free parking (20 minutes free parking, plus 10 minutes 'grace' period) in on-street 'pay and display' bays and in car parks outside Romford. We believe this would support local businesses and shoppers. Do you agree with this proposal? [yes/no]
2. Would you prefer no free period, but lower charges for longer stays [yes/no]
3. Do you agree that parking tariffs should be set in a way that supports short term parking and deters long-stay commuters (higher charges for longer stays)? [yes/no]
4. Do you agree with the proposal that car parking in parks should cost less than it does in town centre car parks? [yes/no]
5. The 'school run' causes many issues for pedestrians, parents, children and motorists. Would you support more parking restrictions and enforcement around schools? [yes/no]
6. The proposals would amend the arrangements for a number of parking permits used by residents and businesses in certain circumstances. Do you have any comments on these proposals? [text box]
7. The Council wants to help local people park near their homes. If you have any requests for additional parking bays, residents' parking schemes or changes to parking restrictions in your local area, please list them here and we will consider them (subject to separate, local consultation). [text box]
8. Do you have any other comments on the parking proposals and strategy that you have not addressed in previous responses? [text box]

As part of the questionnaire, respondents will be asked monitoring information, including postcode, age, gender, disability and ethnicity. This will help us ensure that the responses from the survey reflect the community at large and are not confined to

certain geographical areas, age bands, or ethnicities. It will also allow us to ensure we have taken the views of people with disabilities into account.