

## **Parking enforcement on Lambeth Living Housing Estates – Information sheet**

### **Background to the changes**

In late 2012, new legislation was introduced (the Protection of Freedoms Act) which restricted the use of clamping to manage parking on private land which includes all Housing Estates.

In January 2013 Lambeth Council decided to introduce Traffic Management Orders across 63 Lambeth Living estates so that parking enforcement could be carried out in a similar way as the public highway.

Lambeth Living contacted all affected housing residents in November 2012 to notify them of the pending enforcement changes, advising them of processes and dealing with any queries from residents. This has been supplemented by the formation of a residents parking steering group in late 2012 for resident input into the proposals.

### **Why it's taken so long?**

Unfortunately, interpretation of the legislation has proven to be difficult and a number of unforeseen complexities have arisen which has led to implementation being severely delayed. The Council have had to get external legal advice to get clarification of the right statutory process to follow. There has been also a need to carry out a number of detailed surveys to establish the existing conditions and types of parking areas across the estates.

We believe we have now come up with a practical, cost effective solution for all estates that will minimise impact on residents within the constraints of the regulations. We therefore propose to treat each estate as a 'permit parking area' rather than an overly complex, expensive solution which will be difficult to enforce.

### **What's changing and how will it affect me?**

This means that we will be removing over 1,500 signs and replacing these with new signage to comply with the traffic regulations. The Traffic Management Order making process and signage replacement work is being undertaken by Council approved contractors and will cost in the region of £210,000.

Residents and visitors will be able to park on their estate provided they have a current and valid permit or voucher that is displayed on their vehicle. (Please note the permits cannot be used to park on the public highway). There are no current plans to repaint or replace yellow lines.

Although these restrictions apply at any time to discourage unauthorised parking, informal agreements may be applied to individual estates to meet local needs. We will begin an engagement process shortly to establish these local rules working with the appropriate decision making body at each estate.

Parking enforcement will be carried out and managed through the Council's on-street parking contract. This service is currently provided by NSL. Lambeth Living will act as the client and will liaise with Lambeth Parking (through a formal Service Level Agreement) to

ensure that the right level of enforcement is taking place and to resolve any issues or complaints about the service.

Permit and vouchers can be purchased at Olive Morris House, Kennington Lane or through our website using the online permit application service. There will be no increase in the cost for a permit or voucher as part of this change.

<http://www.lambeth.gov.uk/parking-transport-and-streets/parking/apply-for-a-parking-permit>. There will be no increase in the cost for a permit or voucher as part of this change.

After a short period when Warning Notices will be issued, NSL will be issuing Penalty Charge Notices (PCN's) against any vehicles that do not have permission to park on the estate or do not properly display the permit.

PCN's are charged at a higher and lower rate depending on the seriousness of the offence. On Lambeth Living estates, the majority of offences fall under the higher charge category. The following table shows a breakdown of the current levels of fines which are set by Central Government:

<b>BAND</b>	<b>HIGHER CHARGE</b>	<b>LOWER CHARGE</b>
<b>A roads (north of the South Circular)</b>	£130	£80
<b>B roads (south of the South Circular)</b>	£110	£60

A 50% discount applies to the above charges if paid within 14 days.

A list of the estates included in the scheme are attached to this note

In exceptional circumstances, vehicles that are considered to be either abandoned or causing a dangerous obstruction may be either repositioned or removed to the Council car pound. If a vehicle is taken to the car pound the owner will have to pay additional costs to get their vehicle back.

### **Further information**

All enforcement income collected will be credited to the Housing Revenue Account. Lambeth Living will pay Lambeth Parking a unit fee for managing the process. The unit fee is set so that Lambeth Parking recover the costs to manage the enforcement service, administer the statutory representations and appeals process and manage the recovery of any debt due to uncollected parking fines. A profit margin has not been added.

Any surplus generated by Lambeth Living will be allocated to maintaining the carriageways and footways within the housing estates.

### Timetable for implementation

Description	Date
Delegated decision	18th July
Purchase Orders to make signs issued	21st July
Traffic Management Orders Consultation starts	25th July
Statutory Consultation Ends	22nd August
Begin Implementation (signage removal/replacement)	1 <sup>st</sup> September
TMO released	31 <sup>st</sup> October
Issue warning notices	3rd November
Installation Ends	14 <sup>th</sup> November
Issue PCN's	17th November

### Estates

Estate Name	Identifier
Ascot Court	AHA
Bonham	BHA
Bowlands Road	BHB
Brighton Terrace	BHC
Brixton Road	BHD
Broadgates Court	BHE
Brockwell Park	BHF
Caldwell Gardens	CHA
Canterbury Gardens	CHB
Charles Barry	CHC
Cheshire	CHD
China Walk	CHE
Clapham Manor	CHF
Clapham Road	CHG
Cotton Gardens	CHI
Cressingham Gardens	CHJ
Crewdson Road	CHK
Culpepper Court	CHL
Dumbarton Court	DHA
Edmundsbury Court	EHA
Fenwick	FHA
Foxley Road	FHB
Gaskell Street	GHA
Gauden	GHB
Greenham Close	GHC
Heath Road	HHA
Hemans	HHB
Hornbeam Close	HHC
Holland Town	HHD
Hurst Street	HHE
Larkhall	LHA
Lilford	LHB

Estate Name	Identifier
Macaulay	MHA
Magnolia Place	MHB
Mawbey Brough	MHC
Mursell	MHD
Nelsons Row	NHA
Notre Dame	NHB
Oaklands	OHA
Park Hill	PHA
Penwith Manor	PHB
Poynders Gardens	PHC
Railton Road	RHA
Renton Close	RHB
Rusper Court	RHC
Saxby Road	SHA
Sinclair	SHB
Solon	SHC
South Lambeth	SHD
Southwyck House	SHE
Springfield	SHF
Spurgeon	SHG
St Alphonsus	SHH
St Matthews	SHI
Tanswell	THA
Union Road	UHA
Weir	WHA
Westbury	WHB
Whitgift	WHC
Willard	WHD
William Bonney	WHE
Wiltshire	WHF
Wyvil	WHG