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Important Parking Consultation

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Resident/Occupier in the
Gonville Road Area

Our ref:
PD/H&T/DW/Area4/consultation

Date: 8 October 2026

Dear Resident/Occupier,

Possible Controlled Parking Zone in Gonville Road Area – Have Your Say

I am writing following concerns raised by some residents in the Gonville Road area, about parking pressures, including commuter and other long-stay parking. In response, the Council is carrying out an initial consultation to understand whether residents and businesses consider that a Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) may help address these concerns. **No decision has been made to introduce a CPZ**, and your views will help the Council decide whether any proposal should be developed further.

The aim of a CPZ is to regulate parking through a combination of parking bays and waiting restrictions. During the proposed operating hours, vehicles parked in bays would need to display a valid permit or Disabled Blue Badge, or payment would need to be made using the cashless parking service. The intended purpose is to discourage commuter and long-stay parking, improve the turnover and availability of parking spaces, and help keep junctions, driveways and other sensitive locations clear.

Parking controls introduced in one road can sometimes result in vehicles moving into nearby uncontrolled roads. For this reason, the Council is consulting a wider area so that the views of residents and businesses in adjoining streets can also be considered. If a CPZ is taken forward, the initial proposal is for the controls to operate from **9am to 5pm, Monday to Saturday**, in line with most parking controls in the Borough. These hours are not final, and residents and businesses are invited to comment on whether they would be appropriate for their road.

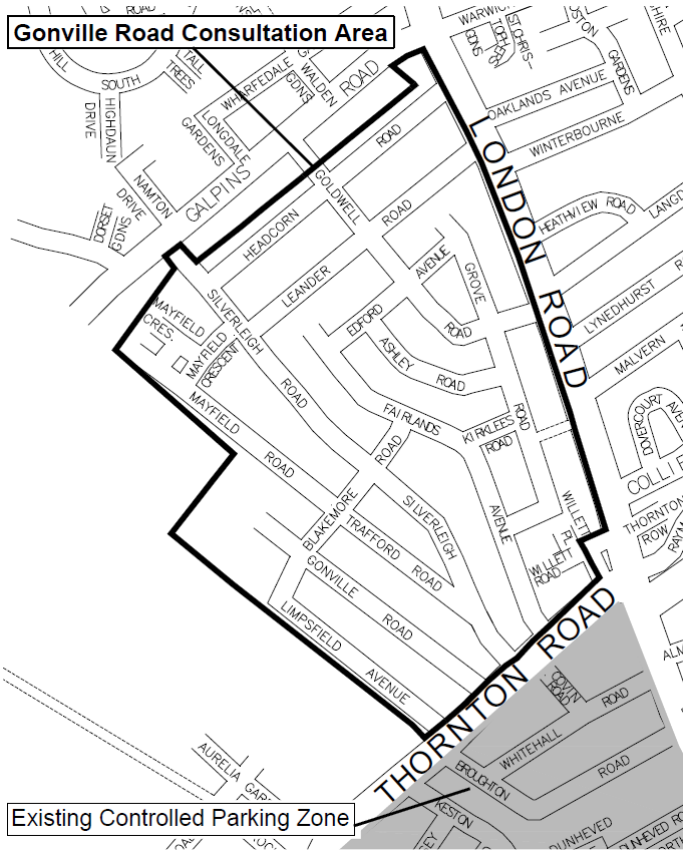
We would like to hear from all households and businesses within the consultation area, including those who do not own a vehicle and those who do not support the proposal. Parking controls may affect residents, visitors, carers, tradespeople and local businesses, so it is important that the Council receives a broad range of views.

How to respond:

Only one response from each household / business address is required. Please complete the on-line questionnaire using the QR code or weblink at the bottom of the next page. If you are unable to complete the survey online or would like a hard copy of the questionnaire, please contact the Parking Design team via e-mail; **parking.design@croydon.gov.uk** or by phone; **020 8726 6000 ext. 28444** leaving your name and address including the postcode and one will be posted to you with a postage paid return envelope. Please submit one response per household or business address by **Friday 6 November 2026**.

Cont. overleaf

Map of consultation area, also showing existing permit zone:



The Council would like to demonstrate that any measures have the support of the local community, so a good response is important. Please respond to the questionnaire even if you don't own a vehicle, and/or oppose a CPZ, because parking controls may still affect your visitors.

What happens next?

Once the consultation closes, the Council will analyse the responses for the consultation area as a whole and on a street-by-street basis. The assessment will consider the level of support, the number and distribution of responses, residents' comments, local parking conditions and any other relevant considerations.

Depending on the results, the Council may decide not to proceed, to develop proposals for some roads only, or to develop proposals for a wider area. Any scheme could form a new CPZ or an extension to an existing zone. The consultation results and recommendations will be presented in a Delegated Decision report.

If the Council decides to develop a scheme, a detailed design will be prepared. Residents and businesses would then have a further opportunity to comment or submit formal objections when the proposals are publicly advertised. All representations received during that stage would be considered before a final decision is made.

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Yours sincerely,

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