# Healthy Streets & Parking Controls West Norwood Area

Public Engagement
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Dear Resident/Business

The purpose of this leaflet is to inform you of the Council's proposals to introduce healthy streets improvements and parking controls in your area.

## What are we proposing?

We are proposing to make some changes to the kerbside (the space typically used for car parking) in the West Norwood area. We are looking to introduce parking controls to manage vehicle access to the kerbside and also healthy streets improvements to make it easier for people to walk, wheel or cycle. We are asking for you to comment on the proposed parking controls and to tell us what else you'd like to see in your area, such as:

Within a parking control scheme:

- Cycle parking
- Electric vehicle charging
- Car club spaces
- Dockless e-scooter and cycle hire

Within the street environment generally:

- Places to stop and rest
- Planting and greening
- Wider pavements
- Parklets

We have undertaken parking surveys in the area, assessed local parking conditions and developed a parking management proposal to improve road safety and network accessibility for all road users. We have prioritised the kerbside space available for local residents and businesses vehicle parking.

At this stage, we haven't proposed any measures for the healthy streets improvements because we are asking you to tell us what you would like to see in your streets and where. You can share your views by completing our online survey.

## Why are we proposing this?

Our approved Kerbside Strategy has the commitment to make 25% of our kerbside sustainable by 2030. Transport emissions are responsible for nearly 25% of carbon emissions in Lambeth, despite that 60% of households in Lambeth do not own a car. One of the ways that we can incentivise more active and sustainable travel is through allocating more of our kerbside space to sustainable uses.

Free unrestricted vehicle parking comes at a cost to everyone in terms of public health and the impact on our climate. The proposed changes would allow reasonable kerbside access for local residents who own a car and drive, and better support our many residents who do not own a car and who travel by walking, wheeling or public transport.

Please give us your views on these issues by responding to the online survey. The responses will help us to further develop the proposals to ensure they address local needs.

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## Parking Control Proposals

Whilst the Kerbside Strategy aims to reallocate 25% of space for sustainable purposes a large proportion of the kerbside will still remain for vehicle parking which needs to be managed effectively to accommodate the needs of all road users.

The Council has successfully alleviated problems with parking congestion, road safety and network accessibility for the travelling public in over two thirds of the borough by introducing parking controls to ensure vehicles are parked responsibly.

Parking controls allow us to regulate the use of the kerbside, ensuring safe and reasonable access, but also incentivises the use of cleaner vehicles that result in fewer harmful emissions, cleaner air and improve public health.

The area of West Norwood that is proposed to have parking controls is shown on the plan opposite. Details of the local issues identified are explained on the accompanying Parking Study sheet.

The main benefits of having parking controls are as follows:

- Prioritises vehicle parking for local residents and businesses,
- Prioritises car parking for disabled people to support their mobility,
- Removes commuter, workplace and other long stay parking from local streets and reduces the volume of vehicle traffic,
- Controls parking overspill from new developments,
- Supports provision of measures for sustainable transport modes such as on-street secure cycle parking and on-street electric vehicle charge points,
- Incentivises the use of less polluting or zero emission vehicles to mitigate the impact of climate change and improve air quality.

### Climate Action Plan

Lambeth's Air Quality Action Plan and Climate Action Plan identify road transport as the main source of air pollution in Lambeth. The impact of poor air quality is often felt by the most vulnerable including children and elderly residents, and those already suffering existing health conditions. Parking controls and reallocating kerbside space to sustainable uses play an important role in improving air quality.

### Kerbside Strategy

The kerbside is most easily recognised today as the space where cars park and is one of the largest public assets we have control over. In Lambeth, it is a space the size of 194 football pitches. How we use this space can both support, and work against, our objectives. Our Climate Action Plan (CAP) agreed that we will allocate 25% of this space to support resilience to climate change.

Our kerbside strategy has four key priorities:
(1) Enable accessible and active travel,
(2) Create places for people,
(3) Increase climate resilience and
(4) reduce traffic and emissions from transport.

Our kerbside strategy aims to support the shift towards more sustainable travel modes to improve air quality and mitigate the impact of climate change, whilst improving parking access for those who are unable to use public transport or travel in other ways and rely on their car for getting around. For more information: lambeth.gov.uk/transport-strategy

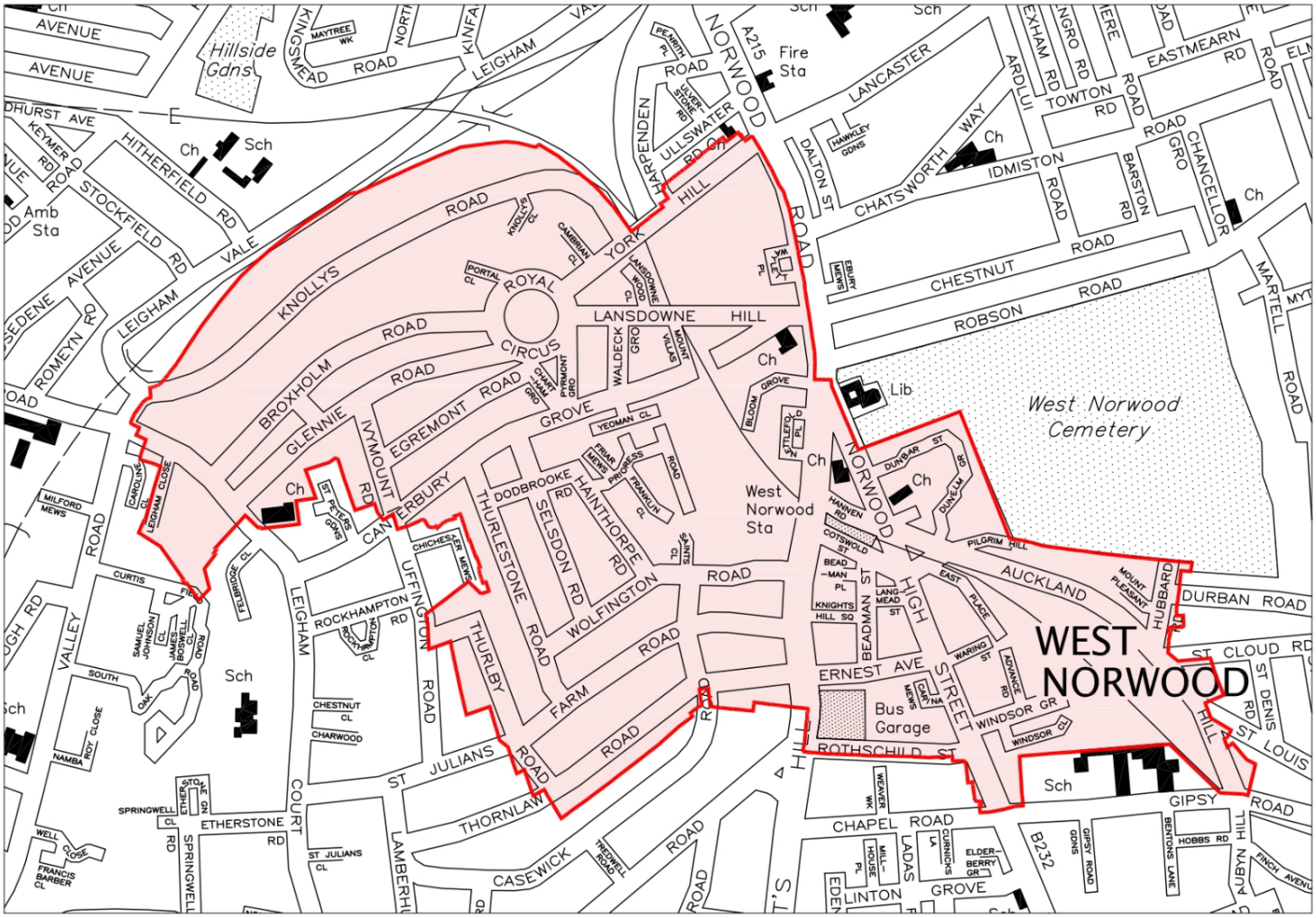
## The Big Shift

Lambeth's Big Shift active travel programme brings together a number of initiatives to help residents, businesses and schools choose cleaner and healthier ways of getting around the borough, such as walking, cycling and public transport. The Big Shift has a number of schemes that range from helping people access bikes, to improving the street scene to make active travel a more desirable choice. For more information: lambeth.gov.uk/streets-roads-transport/cycling-walking/big-shift-programme

## Where can I see details of what is being proposed in my area?

To view detailed maps showing how the proposals may affect you and to let us know your views please visit the council website at www.lambeth.gov.uk/wn-hspc.

**Proposed CPZ Boundary:**



## How can I give my views?

**Online**
The quickest and easiest way to submit your views is to complete the online survey using the link provided at www.lambeth.gov.uk/wn-hspc. Please complete and submit your views by the consultation closing date of **25 May 2025**.

**Please note, only one submission will be accepted per household.**

**Post**
If you're not able to get online, you can request a paper version of the questionnaire, Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's), parking permit pricing and a plan showing proposals in your immediate area by calling **020 7926 6799**.

Please mention **West Norwood CPZ** when you leave your message.

We regret that due to the number of responses received during a public consultation of this size it will not be possible to individually reply to each respondent. We welcome your comments on this proposal, which will be noted and included within the proposed measures where appropriate.

## What if I live on a private road or a housing estate?

Residents living in estates are being consulted for their views on the proposals on the surrounding public highway roads only. Should the proposals be introduced in the surrounding public roads, all residents (including those in private and estate roads) who reside within this area would be eligible to purchase a parking permit for the area. If proposals are introduced in this area, Lambeth Housing intends to undertake a separate consultation to manage parking on Lambeth Estates roads to ensure the estates are protected from any possible parking displacement from the highway.

## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

We've developed an extensive set of FAQs, which you can view here: www.lambeth.gov.uk/wn-hspc. The FAQs contain more detailed information about healthy streets, parking controls and how any changes may affect you.

## What happens next?

The results of the consultation along with officers' recommendations will be presented in a report to Deputy Leader of the Council (Sustainable Lambeth and Clean Air). Once a decision is made you will be informed accordingly.