

Tower Hamlets Parking Update

Overview and Scrutiny Committee
April 2024



- Phase 1: Updating the Parking Enforcement Plan
- Phase 2: Investigating new parking policy areas



Phase 1: Refresh of the Parking Enforcement Plan (PEP)



- Document last produced 15+ years ago
- PEP has been refreshed. Updated to:
 - articulate what we do and why we do it
 - include the council's strategic priorities
 - bring existing policies together into one document
 - include up to date reference to parking and enforcement legislation, and national, regional and local policy
 - be flexible for regular updating as needed. For example: being reflective of the wider Transport Strategy (due for review)

Status: Drafted. No new content for decision making = internal sign off by CLT

(c. June 2024)

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Phase 1: Drivers for parking & enforcement



Reflected in the PEP:

- Create and maintain safe and efficient traffic flow within and through the borough to enhance road user journey satisfaction
- Contribute to the council's cleaner and greener future, improving air quality and supporting sustainable transport solutions
- Create safe, fair, and easily accessible kerbside parking space to meet the needs of all road users
- Maintain the best possible parking infrastructure in terms of on and off-street public parking facilities
- Deliver high quality, customer focussed procedures and policies that continually improve the service we deliver



Phase 2: Investigating new parking policy areas



- Areas to explore resulting from benchmarking exercise for PEP update
- New policy areas identified that fit in with the council's strategic objectives and are expected to help reduce parking stress and promote effective parking, mobility and enforcement activities in the borough
- Areas fall into four broad categories:
 - Simplifying the customer journey and providing excellent public services
 - Encouraging active travel / traffic management and congestion measures
 - Boosting business
 - Efficiency and compliance



Phase 2: Consultation plan

- Consultation and engagement plans being prepared
- Surveys for whole community; workshops / sessions for interest groups
- Paper and online
- Face to face sessions across a range of accessible venues in Tower Hamlets
- Consultation likely to last around 10 weeks



Phase 2: Indicative timeline



- Permission to consult – June/July 2024
- Consultation – c.10 weeks (to September 2024)
- Consultation analysis and report write – c. October 2024
- Cabinet decision – c. December 2024
- Policy implementation – January 2025+



How we manage conflicting priorities



Working in partnership:

- Providing concessionary travel and parking schemes to give residents and visitors with disabilities greater opportunities for independent travel*
- Designating bays according to need (eg. for parking around markets)*
- Increasing the EV parking and charging options in the borough (with highways)
- Ongoing work to improve car club options in the borough
- Working with Highways to create more cycle infrastructure (with highways)
- Improving our public realm for pedestrians (with highways, planning)
- Installing infrastructure to make roads safer for pedestrians (highways)

* reflected in the PEP
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Questions?

How can Overview and Scrutiny contribute and help?

