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Dear Occupier,

Re: Controlled Parking Zone J – Informal consultation on proposed extension of operational hours.

The council has received correspondence from residents within your area, expressing their difficulties with being able to park on street, due to the high level of parking demand.

Officers and Ward Councillors have been monitoring the parking demand in Controlled Parking Zone J to help understand the demand for parking and the levels of occupancy in the area.

The survey data suggests that the level of on-street parking generally exceeded the capacity, during evening and weekends, this means due to lack of space on the kerb side, vehicles were parking across driveways or very close to junctions. This supports the concerns expressed from permit holders within the zones, which are related to the availability of spaces in the evening and weekends for permit holders.

To align with the Town Centre Zones, the council is consulting on proposals to extend the operational hours of both your Zone - Zone J and the adjacent Zone K. The proposals are based on changing the operational hours **from Monday to Saturday 8am to 6.30pm, with match day hours to Monday to Sunday 8am to 10pm.**

Whilst the extension of hours will not create any more physical parking spaces within the area to park, it will enable permit holders, to have priority for parking within the area over a longer period of time.

To ensure consistency across the zone, Single Yellow Lines (No Waiting) restrictions and shared use Pay & Display will also be extended to the proposed operational times of Monday to Sunday 8am-10pm. Restrictions which currently operate 24 hours and are safety critical e.g. Double Yellow Lines (No Waiting at Any Time) or Zig Zag Markings will not change. Access protection markings and advisory disabled bays will also not be amended.

If the proposed extension of hours was supported by residents and businesses within the zone, the visitor voucher allowance would be increased from 690 hours to 980 hours (Senior Citizens can apply for double this allocation).



At this stage this is an informal consultation, to understand the levels of support from residents and businesses in the area. Your views are very important in determining whether this proposal proceeds to the next stage or not.

Once all responses have been received, these will be reviewed with your local Ward Councillors and the Portfolio Holder, prior to making any decision to proceed to any more detailed proposals and the final statutory consultation stage.

A questionnaire has been attached to this letter and we would be grateful if you would fill it out and return the completed questionnaire either by email to parkingconsultation@watford.gov.uk , by post to Parking Consultation, Town Hall, Watford, WD17 3EX, or drop this off at the Customer Service Centre in Watford Town Hall.

The deadline for responses is **Friday 24th February 2023**. Your engagement in this process is greatly appreciated.

Further information on the proposed extension of operational hours, including answers to a set of 'Frequently Asked Questions', are available for viewing on the Council website at www.watford.gov.uk/parking.

Following this consultation, we will write to you again, and share the outcome of any decision made and subsequent next steps.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'AS' followed by a stylized flourish.

Andrew Sturgeon
Traffic Regulation Order Manager.