

Say NO to the ARNOS GROVE CPZ Extension



Why this matters

The Council is proposing to extend the Arnos Grove Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) to include the Minchenden Estate and extend operating hours to 7 days a week, 8am - 7:30pm. **This move is unnecessary, unjust, and will impose significant financial burdens on residents.**

Read on to find out why you should object and how to make your voice heard.

Why the CPZ Extension is Unjust

1. No Evidence of Parking Issues

The proposed CPZ extension is unwarranted. There is **NO evidence of parking problems in the Minchenden Estate area** that justify such drastic changes.

Extending CPZ hours to 7 days a week does not solve any real parking issues, like overnight parking, and only burdens residents.

2. Council-Created Parking Problems

The Council is manufacturing parking issues by:

- **Restrictive Policies:** The Enfield Transport Plan (2019) and Climate Action Plan (2020) intentionally limit parking, creating the very displacement issues they now claim to “solve.”
- **Bus Lane Installation:** Adding a bus lane on Bowes Road removed parking bays, further restricting spaces.
- **Overdevelopment:** Approving developments like Coppice Wood Lodge with inadequate parking provisions, leading to spillover parking.
- **Closure of Arnos Grove Station Car Parks:** Removing nearly 300 parking spaces has caused severe parking problems, despite clear warnings. Any costs impacted by such schemes should be borne SOLELY BY DEVELOPERS through Section 106 agreements NOT by residents.

3. Exorbitant and Unjustified Permit Costs

Inflated Costs

- **Original Costs (1997):** CPZ permits were £10, with a £2 charge for 10 visitor permits.
- **Current Costs:** Residents pay between £38.50 and £197.50 for a one-hour permit, with visitor permits costing £7.50 for 10.
- **Proposed Costs:** Permit costs could soar to between £77 and £395 - **up to 3,850% more** than in 1997, while visitor permits could rise from £7.50 to £21 for 10!

Why This Matters: The dramatic increase in permit costs far exceeds inflation and is not justified by administrative costs. This is an undue financial burden on residents.

4. Negative Impact on the Community

Harm to Community Businesses

- **Community and Religious Events:** Events such as ‘Blues in the Park,’ the ‘Palmers Green Festival,’ and religious ceremonies, such as weddings and funerals, would be disrupted by a lack of available parking.
- **Local Businesses:** Increased parking costs and reduced parking availability could drive customers away from local shops, harming the local economy.

Why This Matters: The extended CPZ could disrupt community life and hurt local businesses, further eroding the quality of life in our neighbourhood.

Legal Grounds for Objection

1. Unreasonable Decision-Making

Wednesbury Unreasonableness: The decision to expand the CPZ and drastically increase permit costs could be considered so unreasonable that no reasonable authority would have made it. This could be grounds for a legal challenge under the *Wednesbury* test, which assesses whether a decision is irrational or lacking a proper basis.

2. Misuse of Environmental Policies

A Shift in Purpose: The Council is using its Climate Action Plan to justify changes that the CPZ was never intended to address. The original purpose of CPZs was to manage parking, not to act as a tool for environmental policy enforcement.

Exceeding Legal Powers: If the Council is using the CPZ scheme to achieve objectives beyond its statutory powers - such as imposing disproportionate penalties under the guise of environmental policy - this could be challenged legally as acting ‘*ultra vires*’.

Legal Precedent: In *Attfield v. London Borough of Barnet (2013)*, the courts ruled that councils cannot use parking schemes to generate revenue under the guise of environmental protection. This case could support a challenge against the proposed CPZ extension.

Take Action Now!

It is crucial that residents voice their objections to this proposed CPZ extension. The Council's actions not only place an undue financial burden on residents but also represent a misuse of power that could be challenged legally. **Make your voice heard and protect your community from these unfair and unreasonable changes.**

How You Can Help

1. Attend the Arnos Grove Ward Meeting

- **Date:** Thursday, 5 September at 7:30pm
- **Reserve Your FREE Ticket:** <https://shorturl.at/GDOA1>

2. Submit Your Objections by 13 September

Online Submission: <https://letstalk.enfield.gov.uk/arnos-grove-cpz>

Or scan the QR code:



3. Spread the Word

- Share this information with friends, family, and neighbours to ensure our community's voice is heard loud and clear.

Protect Our Community - Act Now!