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Dear Occupier

### **ON-STREET PARKING REVIEW - PARKING ON SUNDAYS**

Guildford Borough Council and Surrey County Council are reviewing Sunday parking in Guildford town centre. We are considering implementing parking controls between 11.00am and 5pm on a Sunday in the town centre, and would like to hear the views of those who live, work and run businesses in the area.

We are sending this letter to residents and businesses mainly within areas A, B, C and D of the town centre 'controlled parking zone'.

#### **The current position**

Sunday is now one of the busiest shopping days of the week and this generates considerable traffic and demand for parking. At present, only double yellow line controls apply on Sundays on the highway. This means that, currently, parking within bays and on single yellow lines is unrestricted.

We have received complaints from a number of residents who are concerned about moving their car on a Sunday because the space may be taken by shoppers and visitors to the town. Although the number of non-residents trying to park in residential areas is relatively small, it has a significant effect because of the limited amount of space. Congestion is also caused by people parking on single yellow lines.

To try to encourage shoppers to use car parks the charge is currently only £1 per stay. While this means the central car parks are well used on a Sunday, the pattern of usage is different from other days. A high number of long-stay users (those staying for six to eight hours) use the most convenient car parks on a Sunday. This has the effect of reducing this capacity for shoppers, who then look to park in nearby residential streets close to the town. The long-stay car parks further out from the town centre remain fairly empty on a Sunday. A better use of this space could be achieved by changing the Sunday tariff to encourage long-stay drivers to park in the long-stay car parks. However, unless there are controls on street, this may lead to more motorists parking on the highway.

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## Have your say on the proposed solution

Sunday parking controls would:

- Control space in residential areas and prioritise space for permit holders and residents' visitors,
- Prevent motorists from parking on single yellow lines where they might impede traffic flow, cause congestion or restrict access.

I would be grateful if you could complete the enclosed questionnaire and return it to the Parking Office by no later than **Friday 2 May 2008**, using the pre-paid envelope provided.

The results will be reported to Surrey County and Guildford Borough Councillors who will decide whether changes should be made.

Yours sincerely



Andrew Harkin  
On-Street Parking Co-ordinator  
Parking Services

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## Have your say on Sunday parking in Guildford town centre area

Please indicate your views by ticking one of the boxes for each of the statements below.

Please fill in the appropriate spaces with your name, address, telephone number and any other comments you may wish to add.

Please sign and date this form and return it in the pre-paid, addressed envelope provided, on or before **Friday 2 May 2008**.

To what extent do you agree with the following statements:

1. I think there is a parking problem in my road on a Sunday.

Strongly agree	Tend to agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Tend to disagree	Strongly disagree
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

2. I think my road should be subject to Sunday controls.

Strongly agree	Tend to agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Tend to disagree	Strongly disagree
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

3. If Sunday controls were introduced in neighbouring roads, I would want my road to be subject to Sunday controls as well.

Strongly agree	Tend to agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Tend to disagree	Strongly disagree
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Name / Business .....

Address .....

Telephone Number .....

Signature ..... Date .....

Please use the reverse of this questionnaire for any additional comments you may wish to make, or on a separate sheet if necessary.

Your details will only be used for the purpose of this consultation.

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