

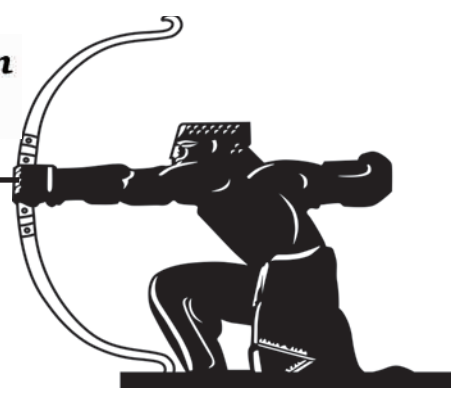


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Parking zone to encompass more N2 roads

By John Lawrence

Residents across the top end of East Finchley will be charged to park close to their own home when a new controlled parking zone is introduced in February 2024. Barnet Council announced the move late last month, two years after running a public consultation.

The new zone will encompass all residential roads inside the boundaries of the North Circular, East End Road (east side) and Coldfall Wood, joining up with existing CPZs south of Leopold Road and Hertford Road. It means the only streets in N2 remaining free of parking restrictions will be between East End Road and the A1.

Vehicle owners inside the new 'EF' zone will require a permit to park between 11am and 3pm from Monday to Friday. Twelve-month permits will vary in cost according to the vehicle's engine size and emissions, from £16.50 for an electric vehicle up to £200 for the most polluting, with an £11 surcharge for all diesels.

Trial period

Barnet Council says it is introducing the new CPZ on a trial basis for 18 months and will go ahead with installing signage and road markings from January. It says the permit system is a response to concerns about

commuter parking congestion raised in the consultation by residents in Lewis Gardens, Lankaster Gardens, Brackenbury Road, Sedgemere Road and Chandos Road.

More general demand for spaces in King Street, Church Lane, Elmfield Road, Long Lane and Creighton Avenue mean they will be marked with a combination of resident-only, Pay by Phone and shared-use bays.

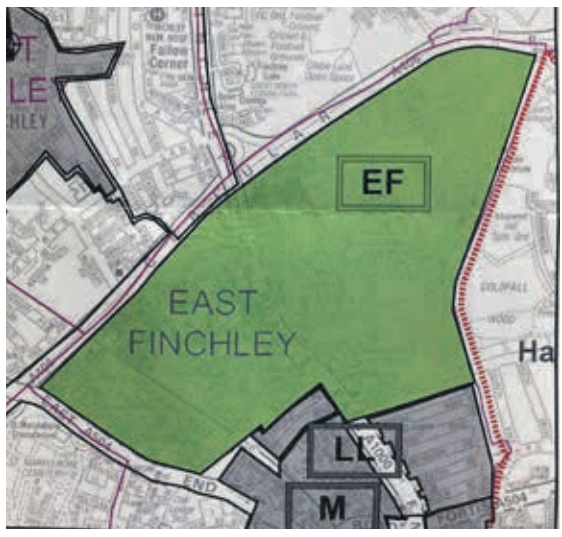
Blue Badge holders without a disabled bay already allocated to them will be able to park free of charge in any residential bay inside the CPZ.

Have your say

Anyone can send their comments to the council within the first six months of the trial. Barnet Council said: "An experimental scheme enables officers time to consider any comments received, assess the effectiveness of the parking controls and make changes if required." General information on CPZs is available at barnet.gov.uk/parking.

Give us your opinion on the introduction of the new parking zone. Email news@the-archer.co.uk.

New rules apply: The parking zone covers the northern section of East Finchley



The Archer team wishes all our readers, deliverers and advertisers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thank you for all your support in 2023, our 30th anniversary year, and here's hoping 2024 is peaceful and prosperous for all

of us. Our Christmas card designed by Mike Coles sees Archie taking a well-earned break after buying his presents in shops around East Finchley. Let's all follow his example and keep shopping locally.

Wonders of the wood

Everyone is welcome to the Friends of Cherry Tree Wood AGM meeting taking place on Tuesday 23 January at 7.30pm.

There will be an outline of events planned in the wood for the year ahead, and also an update on the woodland management plan and new forest gardens. In addition, there will be more news on dealing with the flooding issues in the wood. The venue for the meeting is still to be confirmed. Email friendsofcherrytreewood@gmail.com to be kept informed.

Before then, the Friends are repeating their very popular Christmas wreath-making event on Sunday 3 December, 11am to 1pm. Go along to the Cherry Tree Café near the tennis courts to join in. All materials will be provided.

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