

Emailing your local ward councillor is 1 of the 3 key strategies we strongly recommend, but this must be done **in conjunction** with **taking the Consultation Survey & making Comments**.

There are 3 Councillors for the ward Plumstead, and you should write to each of them.

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If you reside in another ward - Charlton, Blackheath, Kidbrooke, Shooters Hill, West Thamesmead or Woolwich, you need to write to the councillor of your own ward.

Below is a sample email written to OBJECT the CPZ, please feel free to use it.

Please personalise the [blue text](#), then edit content or simply copy / paste.

Subject: Formal Opposition to Proposed SE18 Controlled Parking Zone

Dear [Mr xyz](#)

As a long-term resident of [Admaston Road](#), I write to formally object to the proposed Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) in our area. This scheme, misleadingly branded as 'Sustainable Streets', represents nothing more than a **regressive tax** that will disproportionately harm SE18 residents while failing to deliver meaningful environmental benefits. I urge its immediate reconsideration.

1. Economic Harm to Working Families

The proposed fees constitute financial exploitation of residents already struggling with:

- ✓ **14% inflation** on essentials (ONS 2024)
- ✓ **5.1% council tax increase** (Greenwich 2024/25)
- ✓ **ULEZ expansion** and **Blackwall Tunnel tolls**

The additional costs are indefensible:

- * **Up to £300 / year** per vehicle (emission-based)
- * **£24 / 5 vouchers** for visitors
- * **£263 / year** for essential carers (Doctors, paid by the doctor. Nannies, paid by employer / SE18 resident)
- * **£18.50 / week** for tradespeople, paid by SE18 resident who does the hiring

This is NOT sustainability – it is **institutionalised profiteering** targeting **BOTH** households with and without cars.

2. Zero Environmental Benefit

- ✓ **72% of SE18 households requires vehicles for work / health / daily tasks** (TfL 2023 data)
- ✓ **Both cycling and walking require physical stamina and also unsuitable for many daily tasks**
- ✓ **Public transport is neither viable nor reliable:**
 - * £3.50 daily cost for a short 2-mile bus round trip to Woolwich Arsenal, plus hefty train fares.
 - * 32% evening / weekend cancellations (Southeastern Rail Q1 2024)

Parking fees will NOT reduce car ownership - they will only punish those least able to pay.

3. Exacerbated Parking Chaos

The CPZ will:

- ✓ **Remove 4-6 spaces per road**, worsening existing shortages
- ✓ **Unfairly taking away direct outside parking** for residents near EV charging points (unable to park)
- ✓ **Displace vehicles** to adjacent streets, creating wider disruption
- ✓ **Fail to guarantee spaces** for permit holders returning after 5PM

4. Ignoring Real Priorities

If the Council genuinely sought to 'improve the local street scene', it would:

- ++ **Address the dire litter / fly tipping / rubbish crisis that will lead to rodent infestation** - Increase regular street cleaning significantly. Actively enforce a hefty fine on litterers / fly tippers, and any household that leaves rubbish outside the green bins.
- ++ **Invest in reliable and affordable public transport** - This would make this option much more appealing to car owners
- ++ **Consult residents on equitable solutions** – Not impose punitive measures

Demands for Immediate Action

- Withdraw the current CPZ proposal**
- Conduct a full Equality Impact Assessment** (per Equality Act 2010)

I expect your written response detailing how you will represent these concerns. This matter requires urgent attention prior to any committee vote.

Yours sincerely,

[Your full name, address, postal code](#)