

Emailing Your Local Ward Councillor This is 1 of the 3 key strategies we strongly recommend, but this must be done **in conjunction** with **taking the online Consultation Survey & making Comments**.

You need to write to the councillor of your own ward - Charlton, Blackheath, Kidbrooke, Shooters Hill, West Thamesmead or Woolwich
<https://committees.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/mgMemberIndex.aspx?FN=WARD&VW=TABLE&PIC=1>

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.

The concluding paragraph should include an '**ultimatum**', I believe many residents from Shooter's Hill and Plumstead took this strategy.

Subject: Formal Opposition to Proposed [SE18](#) Controlled Parking Zone

Dear [Councillor 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 withdrawal.

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% 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 brief bus round trip to / from the local train station, plus the hefty train fare.
 - * 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 large council 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

The strength of local opposition to this poorly conceived CPZ scheme is undeniable. Ignoring the legitimate concerns of [SE18](#) residents would be a profound mistake. We call on you to withdraw this proposal immediately. The council's response to this issue will be remembered, and it will undoubtedly inform the choices my neighbours and I make at the ballot box. We expect you to choose to represent your constituents and withdraw this plan.

Yours sincerely,

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