

## LONDON BOROUGH OF LAMBETH

### INTRODUCTION OF ELECTRONIC (VIRTUAL) PARKING PERMITS TO PARK ON HOUSING ESTATE ROADS AND CAR PARK AREAS

*[NOTE: This notice is about the introduction of electronic parking permits to park on the roads and in the car park areas within the Council's housing estates. These are paperless forms of parking permits that are also known as virtual permits and they will be available at first, in addition to the existing hard-copy parking permits, but they will eventually replace those permits.]*

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the London Borough of Lambeth ("the Council") on 9th December 2020 made the Lambeth (Housing Estates) (On-Street Parking Places) (No. 1) Order 2020, the Lambeth (Housing Estates) (On-Street Parking Places) (No. 2) Order 2020, the Lambeth (Housing Estates) (Off-Street Parking Places) (No. 1) Order 2020 and the Lambeth (Housing Estates) (Off-Street Parking Places) (No. 2) Order 2020 under sections 35, 45, 46 and 124 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and by virtue of Regulation 21 of the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996 which provides for the making of "consolidation orders" and "minor orders".
2. The general effect of the Orders, which will come into force on 28th December 2020, will be to introduce the use of "electronic", paperless forms of resident's permits, visitor's permits, contractor's permits and staff permits (also known as "virtual permits"), as a method of recording the payment of parking charges made for parking vehicles on the Council's housing estate roads and car park areas and to introduce the facility to pay for the permits online. This method of e-parking or paperless parking means that instead of the vehicle displaying a parking permit made of paper or card (a hard copy permit) the registration mark of the vehicle in respect of which a parking permit has been granted will be held on record by the Council and that record will be accessed electronically by civil enforcement officers to determine whether a parking permit has been granted. At first, electronic parking permits will be available in addition to the existing hard copy parking permits and scratch cards, but in general they will replace those permits and scratch cards over time.
3. The Orders will improve the way that granting parking permits is administered and deliver benefits for service users, while reducing costs and the carbon footprint associated with the delivery of hard-copy permits. This includes (a) greater control over the management of permits: giving more choice about when to start a permit and allowing quick changes to vehicle details online; (b) more flexibility over visitor vouchers by allowing the purchase of daily vouchers as and when they are needed; (c) a safer and more efficient process of obtaining a permit without having to book an appointment and travel to the Civic Centre; and (d) a faster process by not waiting for permits to be printed and sent by post (once the application is approved, the electronic permit will be linked to the vehicle).
4. If you have any enquiries, please contact the Head of Income Maximisation (Resident Services) by email to: [VRexha@lambeth.gov.uk](mailto:VRexha@lambeth.gov.uk).
5. A copy of each of the Orders and other documents giving detailed particulars about them would usually be made available for inspection at the offices of Lambeth Council's Highways Team (Resident Services), 3rd Floor, Civic Centre, 6 Brixton Hill, London SW2 1EG, until the last day of a period of six weeks beginning with the date on which the Orders are made. However, owing to restrictions relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, this is not currently possible and documents are therefore available for inspection online, during that time, at: [www.lambeth.gov.uk/traffic-management-orders](http://www.lambeth.gov.uk/traffic-management-orders). A copy of each of the Orders and the other documents are also available on request, by email to: [bpoulter@lambeth.gov.uk](mailto:bpoulter@lambeth.gov.uk) or by telephoning 020 7926 0209.
6. If any person wishes to question the validity of the Orders or of any of their provisions on the grounds that it or they are not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, or that any requirement of that Act or of any instrument made under that Act has not been complied with, that person may, within 6 weeks from the date on which the Orders are made, apply for the purpose to the High Court.

**Dated 11th December 2020**

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