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The person dealing with this matter is

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Dear Resident or Business Occupier

Bexleyheath Town Centre Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) **Proposed Changes to Operational Hours**

In response to complaints from local residents and businesses about difficulties being caused by increased levels of 'on-street' parking during Sunday and evening periods, the Council are now proposing to extend the operational hours of your local CPZ.

Bexleyheath Town Centre CPZ operates from Monday to Saturday, 8.30am to 5.30pm. This CPZ was the first to be introduced in the Borough, some thirty years ago. Since this time, there has been substantial expansion and re-development of the town centre, with many new shops, resturants, public houses and other services.

Although the improved economic activity in Bexleyheath is welcomed by the Council, this has led to an increase in local parking demand, especially during Sundays. This is also noticable during evening periods, as many local services still remain open to the public. During such times, local residents and businesses are not protected by the CPZ, since a permit is only required during the controlled hours. Outside of these hours, anyone can park in any CPZ bay type or on single yellow lines (which operate during the zone time). There are numerous bay designations within the zone, which are all individually signed. Double and some single yellow lines, signed separately operate over a longer timeframe.

This letter outlines proposals to extend the CPZ operating hours and a number of options are being put forward for consideration. To this end, please see a public questionnaire on the reverse page of this letter, which is being distributed to every property in your zone. I would be grateful if you could return it, in the reply paid envelope, by Friday 24th June. (No changes are proposed to the Restricted Parking Zone on Arnsberg Way / Broadway)

Following consideration of all comments and questionnaire returns, the operating hours will be reviewed and a recommendation made. You will be advised of any proposed changes by means of a formal consultation, later in the autumn. This formal (statutory) process involves public notices being displayed on site and in the local press. This gives you the opportunity to object or make comment to all of, or part of the proposals, prior to any final decisions, on whether to implement, amend or abandon any changes.

Please note that, there would not be any associated price increases made to any type of CPZ permits (i.e. resident, business or visitors permits,) as part of this consultation.

Yours faithfully

Stephen Bates

(Traffic Services)

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