

Dear Consultee,

Proposed Lane Rental Scheme

The London Borough of Harrow is considering introducing a Lane Rental Scheme on a proportion of its road network in accordance with the Street Works (Charges for Occupation of the Highway) (England) Regulations 2012 (the Lane Rental Regulations) made under Section 74A of the NRSWA 1991.

In accordance with the 'Lane Rental Schemes: Guidance for English Highway Authorities' issued by the Department for Transport, the London Borough of Harrow is entering a period of public consultation. The consultation period will be open from the 6th January 2026 until the 3rd February 2026.

The following information is attached to this email and will also be made available on the Council website:

- The proposed Lane Rental Scheme Document
- The Supporting Cost Benefit Document
- The proposed Lane Rental Network Map
- The proposed Lane Rental Schedule of Locations
- The Evaluation Plan

We have been working on the development of the proposed scheme since Autumn 2025 in conjunction with Transport for London and other London boroughs who have submitted applications to operate Lane Rental. We have incorporated the relevant feedback received by these other London authorities through consultation or where the Department for Transport have requested changes through their assessment process. This approach ensures that all London borough proposals are consistent and align with the proposals that have recently been approved by the DfT for the first London borough applications.

As with other London borough Lane Rental applications, the proposed scheme network has been determined in accordance with the Pan-London borough data analytical approach, which for consistency purposes retains the basis of the algorithm used to calculate TfL's Lane Rental locations and charge band distribution.

Between October and December 2025, the government approved four London borough applications (Enfield, Camden, Lambeth and Merton) to operate Lane Rental schemes. These approvals are considered to endorse the pan-London Lane Rental scheme approach, which this consultation proposal is predicated on.

The Council is considering introducing a Lane Rental scheme to achieve better control of road works and street works which take place on its network, with a core objective of reducing disruption to the most sensitive parts of the network, at the most sensitive times.

The Scheme seeks to limit the amount of disruption to the road network by encouraging the undertaking of works at the least disruptive time for road users, and the early completion of works.

The proposal to operate a Lane Rental scheme supports the London Mayor's election manifesto pledge to expand Lane Rental across London.

Details of the proposal will be published on the Council website. Any party wishing to make comment on the proposals should submit their response in writing before the 3rd February 2026. Comments may be sent via the postal address provided on this letter marked for the attention of the Network Management Team, or by email to: LRconsultation@harrow.gov.uk.

At the end of the consultation period, we will review all comments so that we can make a final decision on if we will proceed in applying to operate a Lane Rental scheme and if so, what form the proposed scheme should take. A report will be published to respond to questions raised throughout the period of consultation. We will subsequently apply to the Department for Transport to implement a Lane Rental scheme and, depending on the outcomes of this consultation, we may do so by the end of March 2026.

Regards 

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