Parking survey of Highgate Village core

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The survey?

The area covered (Highgate High Street and South Grove) is shown in the map below, with areas of possible parking split into five zones. We walked the circuit nine times during the day starting at 8am and ending 11pm. Five of the walks will be referred to as being during working hours (9.30 to 5), with three in the evening. The survey day was Thursday, in school term time, with nothing special in terms of events, restrictions, weather etc. The survey area is part Haringey and part in Camden.



What parking is there?

The area offers mixed parking provision, as summarised in the table. The CPZ and pay/display restrictions only apply between 10 and 12 in the morning which means that anyone can park in any of the bays after noon. The permissions are more confused on the single yellow lines where full working days restrictions apply in places (along with tighter loading rules). There is also an area (the extent of which is poorly defined) of no parking reserved for buses. Some signs are hard to see. (See images at the end of this note.) The pay and display durations are 1 hour in Haringey and 1½ hours in Camden.

Zone	Pay-display (10-12)	CPZ (10-12)	CPZ/Pay- display (10-12)	Single yellow (10-12)	Total
А	10	0	0	2	12
В	5	13	0	0	18
С	0	0	18	0	18
D	0	0	11	0	11
E	7	0	0	5	12
Total	22	13	29	7	71
Table excludes disabled bays (2), double yellows, Tesco delivery bay (2-3 cars), car club spaces (2). Single yellows should not be used during CPZ hours of 10-12					

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What parking was observed?

Key points:

- 1. **Parking is at capacity**. It was extremely rare to see a (legal) parking space free during the day. In the five walks during working hours we saw about 300 parked cars and fewer than 10 spaces (in the 60 or so CPZ and pay-display places).
- 2. Cars often park for a long time there is very little churn. Over 50 of the parking spaces (of the 70 in the table) had the same car continuously parked for <u>at least</u> three surveys (ie about 4 hours or more).
- 3. **There was plenty of illegal parking**. Sometimes the drivers were present (minicabs or picking up), there were some vehicles that were clearly deliveries (vans or kids to nursery) and some looked longer term (in front of garages, on corners, etc). There was no enforcement seen during our survey walks.

This pattern of parking makes it very unfriendly for residents and anyone wanting to use the services or retailers on the area.

Much of the parking is by commuters as at night many of the spaces (about 45 of the 70 or so) are free.

Image of the High Street at the end of the survey (about 11pm).



Haringey pay and display signs:





Camden signs:







Loading and waiting restrictions:

