



DPUF Meeting: 1 PM, Tuesday 24th Feb 2026

Minutes of meeting held at The Winkfield Resource Centre

Attendees: 19

Victoria D (VD), Gullu K (GK), Matilda A (MA), Eylu F (EF), Penny T (PT), Osman D (OD), David R (DR), Orkun S (OS), Hijseyin K (HK), Selda A (SA), Hassy N (HN), Hoda A (HA), Suparna B (SB), Leah Z(LZ), Purvangi D(PD), Suzie M(SM), Denise A(DA), Dawn H(DH), Michael T T(MT), Andrea B (AB), Lydia S (LS) Greig C (GC).

Minutes:

Welcome and Introduction

- GC handed over to SO to lead the meeting
- SO welcomed members to the meeting and thanked everyone for their attendance.
- SO provided a recap of the January meeting and welcomed MT, DA, and DH from Haringey Council's Concessionary Travel Team, who attended as special guest speakers to present to the group.

Presentation and Discussion

DA / DH and MT presented Parking and High Roads in Haringey and encouraged people to use online visitor parking permits. Paper permits are available for those who cannot use online services. They presented a video on how this works, and MT offered help with any questions or to set up online accounts.

The Team also shared information on the concessions Haringey offers its residents:

- Freedom pass, Taxi Card, Blue Badge and Dedicated Disabled Bays.
- Presented how and where to park with you Haringey issued Blue Badge, to avoid PCNs. They have kindly shared this resource, and Greig has sent it with the meeting minutes.

Q&A - Parking, Permits, Blue Badges & Concessions

Visitor Permit Books

- PT asked whether an unused visitor permit book can be returned or exchanged.
- MT advised that previously, unused books could be exchanged like-for-like, but with the shift to the virtual permit system, stock is tightly managed and refunds/exchanges are no longer offered.
- DH added that residents are encouraged not to over-purchase books, as expired or unused books cannot be refunded.
- PT asked why visitor permits have an expiry date.
- MT and DH explained that expiry dates help prevent fraud, as counterfeit visitor books had previously been an issue.

Eligibility for Concessionary Travel

- LZ asked how to determine eligibility.
- DH explained that eligibility includes individuals who are:
 - Freedom Pass holders
 - Blue Badge holders
 - Aged 65+

Blue Badge & Resident Bay Parking Issues

- VW noted that despite having a Blue Badge, she sometimes receives tickets when her resident bay permit expires.
- DH advised ensuring that both the resident permit and Blue Badge expiry dates are aligned. Errors can be rectified, though automated reminders are not currently available.

Parking on Yellow Lines

PT asked whether Blue Badge holders may park on yellow lines.

DH explained:

- Check for sign plates and road markings.
- If there are no curb markings, waiting/loading restrictions do not apply.
- Full guidance is included in the Blue Badge booklet distributed during the meeting.

DH added that:



- In Haringey, Blue Badge holders may park in resident bays and on yellow lines.
- Outside Haringey, local borough rules vary, so individuals must check local regulations.

PT shared she received a ticket for not displaying her clock. MT explained that other boroughs cannot verify Haringey's virtual Blue Badge system, so standard enforcement still applies.

Understanding Local Rules

- LZ asked how to check the rules for each borough. The team agreed to send GC a link to local parking regulations (included in the meeting minutes).
- LZ also asked why rules differ between boroughs.
- DH explained that due to localism, boroughs have the authority to set their own policies, though many are broadly similar.

LTN and School Street Exemptions, and Blue Badge Misuse

- LS raised questions on behalf of GD regarding LTN exemptions.
- DA explained that these systems are currently not integrated into Haringey's parking system. Work is underway to integrate LTN and School Street exemptions in future, but they will still require separate applications and renewal conditions.
- LS also asked whether Blue Badge spot checks are still carried out.
- DA answered that Enforcement Officers can scan any Blue Badge to check its validity. DA said Tim Gunn's team is hoping to carry out new operations soon, but there are no set dates and there are challenges coordinating with the .

Renewal Process for LTNs & Parking Permits

HK asked whether all evidence must be resubmitted at renewal.

DH explained:

- Blue Badges: Supporting evidence must be resubmitted unless the individual is accepted under criteria that waive future reassessment.
- Haringey aims to align expiry dates to make renewals easier.

Identifying Your Controlled Parking Zone

- VW asked how to identify their parking zone.
- DH answered that permits will display the zone code, and residents may park in any space within that zone.

Taxi Card Eligibility

LZ asked about taxi card criteria. A document outlining eligibility was provided during the meeting.

If an individual's PIP descriptor differs from the automatic eligibility criteria, DH confirmed that:

- There is no workaround.
- Decisions must be based on DfT guidance, not local discretion.

Checking LTN Exemption Status

- PT asked how to check whether her LTN exemption is still valid.
- MT stated Confirmation emails labelled "X2" include the expiry date.

Home Visits & Dedicated Disabled Bays

- PD asked whether home visits are offered for Blue Badge applications and whether there is a limit to the number of disabled bays.
- DH stated that Evidence must be submitted, and mobility assessments may be required if no DWP benefits are claimed. There is also no set limit, which can lead to availability issues. Obtaining a resident permit was suggested as an alternative.

HK provided feedback about difficulties securing parking when supporting his disabled son.

LTN Fines and Appeals

- SO explained he received an LTN fine after driving with a new, unregistered vehicle despite being a disabled resident. His appeal was unsuccessful.
MT noted that newly approved LTN exemptions can take a few days to register with cameras, which may result in incorrect fines.
- DA acknowledged the frustration but emphasised the need to adhere to published guidelines.

Direct Payments (DP) – Carer Pay

VW asked whether self-employed carers are paid more than agency staff.

LS explained they are and why that is. Self-employed carers receive the full DP rate. Agencies receive the same overall amount, but part covers payroll, tax, and administrative costs and the same must be done if you employ your own PA.

Resources

- Video shown during the meeting on buying, booking and cancelling permits - [Online parking permits: Buy and book visitor parking](#)
- Eligibility and how to apply for concessionary qualification for visitor permits so they become half price - [Concessionary qualification | Haringey Council](#)
- Care at Home Permit - [Resident care at home permit | Haringey Council](#)
- Dedicated Disabled Bay - [Dedicated disabled parking bay | Haringey Council](#)
- Taxicard - [Taxicard | Haringey Council](#)
- Where you can park with a Blue Badge - [Where you can park | Haringey Council](#)
- Local information for Blue Badge holders which includes a link on page 2 to find out about parking in other boroughs - [Haringey Concessionary Travel - Key Information Handbook \(August 2024\)](#)

Adjournment

- GC thanks SO for leading the meeting.
- If anyone else would like to lead the meeting next month, please reach out.