



# London Borough of Hounslow

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In addition to this, as opposed to previous years, Members agreed that these tariffs would be the maximum charges and that demand in each car park would dictate whether a lesser hourly charge is levied. In order to combat the issue of motorists choosing to park on street rather than the car parks you will note that the on street charge is £2 per hour and car park charge 40p per hour less.

Unlike neighbouring Boroughs, Hounslow very much resisted the introduction of Sunday charging this year on the basis that it would like to continue to contribute to the economic well being of its town centre and major shopping parades. Our tariffs have also not increased at the level of our counterparts. For smaller shopping parades a "stop and shop" initiative allowing free parking for up to half hour was also agreed.

**When was this decided?**

The new price increases were agreed by Cabinet in March 2011.

**Will prices change again?**

Hounslow Council has not increased its charges for a number of years. In the future prices will be reviewed annually and advanced warning of any price changes will be publicised.

**Who decides the prices?**

Hounslow Council Officers review these together with the Lead Member.

Recommendations are made to the Executive.

**What will happen if I sent my application in an old parking permit application form/old prices?**

The council will allow old parking permit applications to be processed for a 2 week gross period, after the beginning of the increased permit charges which commenced 1 July 2011.

Any parking permits received after this time will be returned with a new application attached for completion.