



The Counties Residents' Association

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New Parking Controls in Wanstead

13/12/16

On Monday 5th December the Council announced that Wanstead would have an extensive increase in the areas of controlled parking. SOME of the changes include:-

- A new **Resident's Parking Scheme** for The Avenue, Grove Park, Grosvenor Road etc.
- A new **Pay and Display Scheme** for Wanstead High Street, including the ends of most roads leading off the High Street and areas around Nightingale Green.

It should be noted that whilst the Council are providing forewarning of these changes and are inviting comments, this is NOT being conducted as a consultation. These plans are in place and intended to be implemented in February 2017.

Full details can be found at "www.redbridge.gov.uk/parking/parking-changes" and/or visit the **Drop-In Sessions** at Wanstead Library on Wednesday 14/12/16 (**TOMORROW**) between 2-7pm and Saturday 17/12/16 between 10am-2pm.

This doesn't affect me, my road isn't listed, why should I care!

True, none of the Counties roads are included in any of the new controlled parking zones, however, we will be affected by the impact of displacing the commuter parking from The Avenue, Grove Park and Grosvenor onto the Counties Roads. Leicester Road is already reaching capacity with commuter parking, but it is tolerable here, just as it is tolerable with The Avenue, Grove Park and Grosvenor, due to the availability of off-street parking for residents, where as there is very little off street parking on many of our roads.

This is obviously going to be a problem as most of the Counties Estate is pretty full in terms of parking anyway, even on a weekend - would you want everyday to be like an Eton Manor Rugby event day?

Road safety concerns could also result from removing road side parking from The Avenue etc. You only have to look at how sparsely parked these roads are all night to see how empty they would be once these new controls are in place. Grove Park in particular, but Grosvenor Road too, are on rat runs between the High Street and Hermon Hill - imagine the speed cars will travel at if these roads are clear of parked cars.



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But what can I do, you say this is going to happen!

Again true, but until it does happen there is always a chance that popular public opinion will be listened to, after all we're never far away in political terms to the next local election.

Naturally the CRA will be objecting to these plans and we understand that the Wanstead Society will also be objecting. But as is always the case, numbers count and frankly your individual voices carry more weight than our group voice. It is a shame that the Council disbanded the regular Area 1 committee meetings as this would have been the perfect venue for this issue to be discussed. Perhaps a special one off meeting could be arranged for this topic - request one!

So take action yourself and do something!

- Go to one of the Drop-In Sessions at Wanstead Library
- Email the Council's parking department on parking.schemes@redbridge.gov.uk
- Write to Redbridge Parking Team 12th Floor Lynton House, 255-259 High Road, Ilford, IG1 1NY.
- Contact your Councillors (details below)
- Contact the Council's Cabinet Member (details below)

Wanstead Ward Councillors:-

Councillor Sheila Bain	c/o Town Hall, 128-142 High Road, ILFORD, IG1 1DD sheila.bain@redbridge.gov.uk .
Councillor Michelle Dunn	24 Jackson Court, Brading Crescent, Wanstead, LONDON, E11 3RX michelle.dunn@redbridge.gov.uk .
Councillor Paul Merry	6 Woodcote Road, Wanstead E11 2QA paul.merry@redbridge.gov.uk

The Redbridge Cabinet Member for Environment and Sustainability:-

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