The Counties Residents' Association

Protecting the interests of the community

Wanstead Parking

The CRA Committee would like to thank our members for engaging with the Council's Parking Consultation in April/May of this year. Analysis of the figures published by the Council demonstrates that an average of 30% of our members responded, compared with only a 20% average response rate for those inside the zone who you'd think would be more motivated to participate.

The parking issue consisted of two main elements, Pay & Display on the High Street and Residents Parking Permits elsewhere. The consultation resulted in virtually a U-turn from the Council regarding the Residents Parking Permit in that only a handful of roads are now to have controls and none adjacent to our patch (you'll recall the Council wished to blanket Wanstead with such controls).

Pay & Display on the High Street is still planned, but looking at the figures for our roads, which broadly mirror the response generally, and it is clear opinion is divided as to whether this should be implemented. High Street businesses did not seem particularly bothered as only 25% responded and their opinion was similarly divided to that of residents.

Given these factors, the CRA Committee consider our part of the campaign complete and are not planning any further action at this time. Other groups (eg Wanstead Society, #WeWantSay) are continuing their fight against Pay & Display and any interested member should therefore engage with their campaigns.

Pay & Display parking is to be introduced in January 2018 (with a further opportunity to object/comment during a formal consultation this autumn) and will operate Monday to Saturday from 8.30am to 6.30pm. The maximum stay will be 3 hours (up from the standard 2 hours as a result of the campaign) with the first 30 minutes free. Payment will be able to be made by phone, or by coin meters - (another success of the campaign) and the cost will be £1.20/£2.90/£4.50 for up to 1/2/3 hours respectively.

Go to www.redbridge.gov.uk and click on "parking" for more information.

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