



The Counties Residents' Association

Protecting the interests of the community

Do You Want Commuter Parking Outside Your Home?

You will have recently received a letter from the Council about the parking changes in Wanstead. The Council has NOT fully included the Counties Estate in the parking consultation because they say that we are not "directly affected". **How can this be?** If the proposed parking scheme turns The Avenue and Grove Park into a resident parking zone, where does the Council think the cars will go?

The CRA has persuaded the Council to include us, if we print/distribute the questionnaire at our expense. Unless there is a high response from the Counties Estate, the Council will be free to do what it wants - **we urge everyone to participate** (if individuals in your household want to respond separately, see link below).

The Council Leader has repeatedly said that if the consultation finds that no parking changes are needed in a particular area, then they would not implement them. The Warren Estate has been omitted from the parking scheme because its residents objected - **let's see if we can do the same**.

Is resident parking needed on The Avenue and Grove Park?

These roads have plenty of off-street parking and currently have one hour restrictions which deter the bulk of commuters already - **why does the Council think they need a residents parking scheme at all?**

Most Counties Roads have little off-street parking - Buckingham, Hereford & Warwick have virtually none!

Is it fair to push parking onto our roads which are less able to handle the burden than elsewhere?

Do you want everyday to be like an Eton Manor festival - once or twice per year is OK, but everyday?

Will pay and display deter shoppers?

Rather than paying to shop on the High Street or Nightingale Square, won't people just shop elsewhere, where they can park more easily? Our businesses, shops, cafes & pubs are already suffering - **will they all survive?** What will happen to the ambience of Wanstead, which many residents from other areas come here for?

More Information

You will have received a letter from the Council, complete with an overview map of the scheme and attached is a newsletter by WaSRA (the joint residents group of Wanstead of which the CRA is a member) which contain lots of information, thoughts and arguments about these proposals - **please read all info fully!**

We also attach the resident's questionnaire which has been reproduced and should be returned to:-

Parking Design, 12th Floor Front, Lynton House, 255-259 High Road, Ilford, Essex, IG1 1NY

We're unable to fund stamped address envelopes for everyone, but post your completed questionnaire into 43 Leicester Road and it will be sent to the Council for you. The questionnaire is also available online:-

www.redbridge.gov.uk/parking/parking-changes

and this link also contains additional information/maps and a separate "shoppers" questionnaire!

Three Drop-In Sessions will be held at Wanstead Scout Hut (near Snaresbrook Station) on the 5th, 8th, and 20th April, but these are by appointment only and you need to ring 020 8708 3959 to book a slot!

If you care about parking, you need to take part in the consultation!

Whether you think the current arrangements work, these proposals are the solution or something else entirely is needed, you need to let the Council know!

The consultation closes on 5th May 2017

See over for suggested comment wording!

Example Wording for Question 15 of the Questionnaire

(feel free to use these, or rephrase them to suit your own views)

- I am content with the current parking restrictions in Wanstead and do not want any changes.
- Resident parking schemes are supposed to be for roads without off-road parking so that residents can park near their homes. The Avenue and Grove Park have lots of off-road parking and do not need resident parking controls.
- Current parking on The Avenue and Grove Park does not cause a problem for its residents as they have driveways.
- My road has very few driveways and can't cope with any extra cars being displaced from The Avenue and Grove Park (where they park without causing a problem).
- The houses on my road have very small front gardens and are not able to have driveways installed. The extra cars parked on my road as a result of this scheme would make parking difficult for me.
- The current one hour restrictions on The Avenue and Grove Park prevent most commuters allowing shoppers to park during the day. I am very concerned that making these roads resident zones will damage the High Street.
- The current one hour restrictions deter most commuters, all other users are a benefit to the High Street and have the right to park on these roads - they should not be deterred or charged.
- I am concerned about the viability of the shops, restaurants and pubs on/near Nightingale Green and afraid they may close with pay and display parking controls outside.
- I do not accept the Council's belief that pay and display parking will displace enough cars from the High Street to cause a problem that justifies resident parking schemes everywhere.
- The High Street has space for about 50 cars which wouldn't cause much problem if displaced into side roads. The implementation of large residents scheme is therefore unjustifiable.
- Displacement from the High Street will be much lower than the Council believes and no residential scheme should be installed in the side roads unless displacement actually causes a problem - ie don't install everything in one go, install in stages only if problems occur and to allow quick changes.
- Installing parking controls (ie signposts, lines etc) all at once is expensive and wasteful if they then need to be removed. I suggest installation is done section by section - if needed at all!
- The extra parking that will be forced onto my road and those near me will increase the demand for converting front gardens into driveways. I am very concerned about the effect this would have on the flood risk in my area and the aesthetic damage to our Conservation Area.
- The map provided shows that the Council are thinking of just Pay and Display on the High Street. This seems a more sensible approach, the resident schemes aren't needed.
- I am concerned about the simple practicalities and subtle consequences of Pay and Display, such as going to the doctors, bank, hairdressers and shopping and the social activities these can lead to which make Wanstead an attractive place to live and visit.