

## **CRA Deputation to Cabinet on 7/2/17**

On 19th January, Cllr Howard confirmed the original scheme is to undergo a "full and detailed consultation". These plans involve Pay and Display and Permit Parking as a blanket across Wanstead covering almost two square kilometres.

As a resident's group we defer High Street Pay and Display to businesses whose views should be heeded, but it is worth noting that Wanstead does not have large supermarket car parks found in other high streets.

However, Pay and Display in areas beyond where shoppers park is unwarranted such as Chestnut Drive, Overton Drive and Warren Road. Pay and Display in these locations would cause chaos for the local schools and have a negative impact on Wanstead Park.

The current one-hour restrictions generally succeed at deterring "park and ride" commuters - the only user group which need moving on. This is confirmed by the Wanstead Technical Report and by Cllr Athwal on 13th January - both stated there is no current parking problem.

The Wanstead Technical Report also states that Permit Parking is only planned due to anticipated displacement from the High Street. However, even if High Street parking was utilised by commuters, which it isn't, this would constitute such a low number of cars as to be easily accommodated in the side roads. Therefore, as previously recommended, any Permit Parking should be implemented in phases, and only if displacement is clearly demonstrated to become a problem.

Permit Parking zones are for roads without off-road parking, however, almost all the roads in the new scheme have driveways. Consequently, the impact of displacement would be minimal anyway and no contravention of the Parking Strategy would occur.

Permit Parking would however negatively affect "park and work" commuters - a valuable user group - who shop and lunch in Wanstead and we refer you to the various statements made by Wanstead High School, Wiseman Lee Solicitors and Treehouse Nursery - sentiments which echo what we hear from many smaller businesses too.

Permit Parking would also have a knock-on effect into adjacent areas, such as the Counties and Nightingale Estates which extensively use on street parking. Pushing commuters and shoppers out of areas where they can be accommodated without a problem, into areas where they will cause a problem, makes no sense.

So in summary, these proposals are unwarranted, could jeopardise the Wanstead economy, create rather than solve problems and should be abandoned.