

## Notes from Parking Consultation meeting

2 November Fullwell Cross Library, Barkingside

Questions and general comments from the meeting are set out below.

	Question	Answer
1	There is a problem with commuter parking on Sandringham Road and roads nearby. If I go to the shops and return before 5pm there is very little chance of finding a parking place. Can the Council consider a residents' parking permit scheme?	This is becoming a more significant problem across the Borough. However, we can't implement any schemes without understanding the implications it may have. A permit scheme may just be pushing the problem onto other streets.  The suggestion will be considered as part of the consultation.
2	An elderly friend lives on a road with permit parking. She doesn't drive but has to pay for permits for carers who care for her in the morning and evening. Do you think it is fair that she has to pay for a permit?	We will look at this. We have undertaken consultation with disability groups and are taking into account a very wide range of opinions. It is exactly these type of issues that will be taken into account when designing a borough wide strategy.
3	I have a dropped kerb outside my property. I am fed up of people parking across it and blocking my access in or out of my property.  The problem of parking across dropped kerbs is significant and was raised at a recent meeting of IG2 Safer Neighbourhoods Panel.	This is a big problem and is getting worse. Around 5 years ago, the police would've had dealt with the problem. However, it is now not a police priority and it falls to the Council to try and deal with the problem as best as possible. Unfortunately, we have limited powers and at best can only issue penalty charge notices.
4	Why can't I extend my dropped kerb?	The questioner was asked to provide details to the Chief Environmental Services Officer to discuss further.

5	<p>What will you do about parking wardens who appear to be 'over zealous' in handing out parking tickets? In particular, tickets should not be handed out when parking alongside a dropped kerb in front of an abandoned house.</p>	<p>The rules are in place to try and be fair to all road users, however common sense can be misplaced at times. Officers regularly meet with our parking contractor in charge of all Civil Enforcement Officers [parking wardens]. Officers will be instructed to remind the contractor that CEOs must take a sensible approach to issuing tickets.</p> <p>Officers will continue monitoring areas where there have been a number of proven complaints and will request that CEOs are retrained or changed where this happens.</p>
6	<p>The cycle lane along Barley Lane is constantly covered by parked cars. This makes no sense at all. What is the point in having cycle lanes if cars are allowed to park across them?</p>	<p>We are unfortunately bound by legislation and the Council is unable to enforce against vehicles parked on cycle lanes.</p>
7	<p>There is a petition to enable 30mins free parking in Derby Road car park. Can this be used as a model for the rest of the Borough?</p>	<p>It is something that we are listening to and your comment will be included in the consultation. However there is no decision on Derby Road car park.</p>
8	<p>There doesn't seem to be a particular problem of cars causing problems parked on Wanstead High Street and Manford Way, where shops are only along one side of the road. How do you resolve consistency in approach to parking when different areas have different characteristics?</p>	<p>The aim is that we ensure we have means to fairly consider parking schemes to ensure there is more consistency and fairness for those who want to park to use the shops. However, equal to this is making sure we local circumstances are considered in all future decisions, for example road layout, congestion levels and parking churn.</p> <p>We can't and shouldn't provide definitive answers to this now. This meeting is about making sure your views are included in the consultation.</p>
	<p>Over 5,000 signatures were raised to stop pay and display parking in Wanstead. The current system works well and should not be changed.</p>	

9	In your pre-amble [to the Leader] you mentioned much about prioritising businesses but not residents – why?	It is not at all the case that residents are not the priority. Residents are the most important factor in the parking review and development of the Strategy.
10	Barkingside 21 has an on-going campaign to improve air quality. What can we do to link up with like-minded groups and promote better air quality?	Poor air quality does indeed affect people’s health and is something that needs to be addressed. The first step is being clear on where the monitoring stations are and ensuring we collect empirical data that supports measures to improve air quality. This can be sent to relevant bodies, for example Transport for London.
	Is there any possibility of introducing an anti-idle law?	It should be noted that the Council has successfully applied for funding from the Mayor’s Air Quality Fund and received £25,000 funding. This will support a scheme application at Ilford Garden Bid to improve air quality key points near the A406.  Questioner to be provided with monitoring station locations and readings where possible.  It would be beneficial if more awareness about how residents contribute to air pollution was raised in schools.
11	There are double yellow lines on the junction of Horace Road and Trinity Road. However, while this is a good thing, there is confusion caused by people parking all four wheels on the pavement within the previous white box.	The white box (marking permitted pavement parking) should not be in place and will be removed as soon as possible.