

### Representations received and officer's comments

#### **Objection 1**

I am writing to object against the proposal of a controlled parking zone in the Kynaston Road area.

I think it's outrageous that residents should have to pay to park in their own road. I am a Mum to a young child, a business owner, of which I am trying to get off the ground and do not have extra cash to spend on such a ridiculous scheme. As for the Monday-Friday 9-5 pay and display, whoever has decided this hasn't done their research. This is purely a residential area, there are no shops, businesses nor are we close to town. Non-residents have no reason to park here Monday-Friday 9-5. None of our roads are busy at those times but more so after 5pm and weekends, so the whole thing just seems like a money making scam. We pay our council tax and high rates of living in the area and have to pay more for car insurance due to the dodgy area of Croydon. The least you could do is let us carry on parking without unnecessary charge. I urge that this is reconsidered, not overlooked and ditched.

If there is an option for residents to come along then let me know, I will be sure to get a group of us together to fight our case. To think that this could be agreed without residents present is absurd.

#### **Officer's comment**

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#### **Objection 2**

With regards to your new proposed Controlled Parking Zone in Kynaston Rd area, since receiving your proposal a number of residents in this area have canvassed the proposed area in concern. A majority of the home residents in this area said the voted against meters, or the restrictions you have planned. We our-self voted against this proposal because it will cause many problems for myself and my family. Also this means that people who have these meters outside their homes are still not guaranteed a parking space even if they have a permit. Its first come first served rule which means they will be outside someone else's property causing aggravation and arguments.

This is just another way for the Council to tax the residents who pay there poll tax, road, and car insurance but still cannot park outside their homes. This also causes problems for family and friends visiting it means they will have to pay its unfair and legalised robbery. Publish the true results of the poll before forcing this on the people who voted no the majority. Also I would like to see a breakdown of the votes for and against as I said before we have canvased the area so we know the true figures.

This is not solving any motoring related things as you state in your letter it is creating them. Money should not come before its residents but obviously that's not Croydon Councils opinion.

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#### **Objection 3**

I wish to present my statement and object to the above timings of the proposed controlled parking zone, in the strongest possible terms to the TMAC.

My reasons are: If you proposed restrictions from 9am to 5pm that is not going to solve the problem of the exceptionally bad parking situation in this area. I live on Kynaston Crescent. The times need to start earlier and finish later, for example from 8am to 8pm (although 12am would be preferable). The residents often come home to find people who do not live in the area parking their cars and walking off into the distance, ever since Pawson's Road had their parking restrictions introduced. I have seen people swapping their cars to save a space and they do not live around here. I have had long conversations with other residents whilst we are driving around in the evening desperately trying to find a space.

If you introduce the parking from 9am to 5pm, we will end up paying for parking permits that do not benefit us. The people who do not live here will park early in the evening, then drive off in the morning. I have had to park four streets away from my home in the evenings sometimes because I am unable to find a space near my home, sometimes carrying a sleeping toddler or shopping.

#### **Officer's comment**

**The purpose of the proposed CPZ aims to prioritise parking for residents by removing long-term visitor and commuter parking. The proposed operational period, Monday – Saturday 9am – 5pm, is to be consistent with the adjacent existing CPZs, as this reduces parking displacement with non-permitted vehicles inter-zone commuting and also avoid confusion with having roads operating parking controls at various periods.**

#### **Objection 4**

This email is in response to your letter dated 5 September 2019 to residents of the Kynaston Road area, including Attlee Close. I am writing to object to this proposal, the reasons for my opposition are outlined below:

1. I am a resident of Attlee Close and was one of the first families to move to the area from New Addington when the Close was completed by the housing association in the early 1990s. Since we moved to Attlee Close, there has never been parking problem.
2. Some families have children who are now adults and own cars, increasing the number of vehicles in the area; despite this, there have been no issues with parking, neighbours get along well and none has expressed difficulty in finding a place to park.
3. Having lived in the area since the 90s, parking, even by those who do not live in the area, has never presented any safety issue for children or the elderly living in the area.
4. This is probably, the second or third time that Attlee Close have been consulted about implementing a controlled parking scheme; indeed such a scheme was implemented by the housing association but had to be abandoned because it did not serve the needs of the community.
5. Your letter states that the majority of the people in the area voted for this proposal; this is at odds with many of the people I have spoken to in Attlee Close who claim they voted against the proposal.
6. There is a deep suspicion amongst many residents in the Close that this is just another scheme of the Council to generate additional income, but this is being done at the expense of the people who are already disadvantaged in society.

No doubt many residents of Attlee Close have already responded to express their opposition to this proposal. I add my voice to theirs by objecting to this scheme. Many people living in the Close are from disadvantaged backgrounds who are working hard to make ends meet and burdening them with yet more financial obligations in the form of the paid parking annual permits is unfair. There is a feeling among some residents in the Close that our opposition and objections will be ignored by the Council but I hope you will reconsider this carefully and abandon the extension of the controlled parking zone to Attlee Close.

#### **Officer's comment**

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#### **Objection 5**

I reside at 71 Kynaston Avenue and object to the proposed orders. We have a dropped curb and we have to constantly use the parking outside the house as we do school runs for our grandchildren n also help with running around for a Charity we volunteer for.

### **Officer's comment**

**The purpose of the proposed CPZ aims to prioritise parking for residents by removing long-term visitor and commuter parking, all sections of the carriageway must be controlled with either parking places or waiting restrictions (yellow lines). Single yellow lines are proposed across vehicle access (driveways) to ensure unobstructed access during the CPZ operational hours, Monday – Saturday 9am – 5pm, outside of these hours vehicles may park on the single yellow lines.**

### **Objection 6**

We are writing to object very strongly to the proposed controlled parking zone in the Sandringham Road/Kynaston Road area of Thornton Heath.

Firstly, you need to know that in the 48 years we have run our bakery from Sandringham Road there has NEVER been an issue with parking until you introduced the controlled parking zone in Pawson's Road so the council need to take responsibility for this and not use this as an excuse to now make money out of charging residents £300 a year to park outside their own homes because of the problems you created. Hardly anybody uses the pay-by-phone bays in Pawson's Road so it seems to have been a waste of money introducing it, by introducing it you just forced people to park in neighbouring roads causing a problem that didn't exist before. All you needed to do in Pawson's Road to get rid of the bottleneck problems was to allow free parking on one side of the road and have double yellow on the other side.

Although we have run our bakery from Sandringham Road for 48 years, it has been a bakery for over 100 years and you can't just ignore the fact that we own the properties and run a business from here. Without being able to staff the bakery we would not be able to make products for our 24 shops and in turn this would put at jeopardy 200 jobs as we would be forced out of business having served the local community for 82 years.

We own the freehold of the following addresses:

2 Sandringham Road, 4 Sandringham Road, 21 Sandringham Road, 23 Sandringham Road, 25 Sandringham Road, 27 Sandringham Road, 29 Sandringham Road, 51 Kynaston Road, 53 Kynaston Road.

I am appalled to see that we will not qualify for any parking at all as our business employs more than 12 staff. This is complete discrimination. How is it legal to treat us any differently than anyone else who owns a property on the affected roads? We have always worked closely with the Council and our neighbours and ensure that we don't allow any deliveries during commuter times to help our neighbours get to and from work/school drop offs without any delivery vehicles getting in their way.

Public transport is not possible for all staff due to either the time they start work, the distance they travel or the fact that it is just not a safe area to be walking around. In the last year we have had a member of staff mugged twice on the way to work and another mugging right outside our bakery as well as stabbings a couple of roads away. Those staff that do have to drive to work would leave if they were unable to drive to work in the future. At the very least we would need 9 parking spaces which would equate to one for each of the addresses we own on the roads affected but these should not be charged for purely for the Council to benefit and the local residents and businesses to be penalised.

A family member had controlled parking outside their property in Islington and each property owner was allocated two permits free of charge and a book of approximately 30 visitor permits to allow for free parking for family members while

visiting for short periods. Islington Council is clearly dealing with the matter looking after the needs of the community rather than as a money making scheme.

Historically we have been able to keep the areas directly outside our bakery and stores clear for the suppliers that deliver on a daily basis to us but since the restrictions in Pawson's Road have meant more people parking on Sandringham Road, we have to take our deliveries off in the middle of the road which is far from satisfactory for all concerned. It would be sensible to have the areas outside our premises as loading bays that our staff could also park in outside of delivery times.

#### **Officer's comment**

The consultation for the proposed controlled parking scheme is in direct response to a petition received from residents of Sandringham Road and Palmerston Road who requested that the Council consider introducing parking controls to help improve parking conditions.

The purpose of the proposed CPZ aims to prioritise parking for not only residents but also for local businesses by removing long-term visitor and commuter parking, and provide an increase in available parking places. Businesses based within the CPZ boundary are eligible to purchase a maximum of 2 business parking permits, however visitors and workers for local businesses, such as Coughlan's Bakery would only need to pay for parking during the hours of operation of the CPZ, Monday – Saturday 9am – 5pm, and may utilise the pay by phone facility in any of the parking bays (excluding disabled parking places). Additionally any employees of Coughlan's Bakery registered living at the freehold addresses listed will be eligible to purchase a residents parking permit.

Officers' recommendations will be to omit Marion Road, Swain Road, Ecclesbourne Road and the roads north of Ecclesbourne, therefore in the event that the proposed CPZ is implemented then employees of Coughlan's Bakery may continue to park in these roads free of charge at any time of the day.

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#### **Objection 7**

I am writing to object to the parking proposal for Kynaston Avenue as I do not believe proper consideration has been given to alternative days and times. I feel the Monday-Saturday 9am – 5pm blanket across the borough is unfair and other options should be consulted upon before a decision is given. The current blanket time increases isolation and loneliness as people may not visit as much or for as long due to parking restrictions.

I believe that a proper consultation should involve options other than yes or no.

#### **Officer's comment**

The purpose of the proposed CPZ aims to prioritise parking for residents by removing long-term visitor and commuter parking, and provide an increase in available parking places for residents and their visitors / tradespeople.

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**avoid confusion with having roads operating parking controls at various periods.**

### **Objection 8**

Will you please explain to me why residents have to pay to park in their own town? We already pay council tax and road tax for the upkeep of the roads.

This seems to be nothing more than a money making scheme as parking permits confer no benefits to residents whatsoever. There might be some small justification for the fee if a permit guaranteed a parking place in one's own street but it doesn't. I can pay for a permit and still not be able to park when I come home.

Those residents who voted for paid parking were forced to do so because people from other paid parking areas have been parking here for free. If all areas were free people would park where they live and there wouldn't be a problem.

The policy of paid parking is particularly cruel to pensioners and those on a low income who will now have to choose between eating, heating and parking.

Some elderly people (myself included) may have to give up their cars and lose their only means of socialisation, in my case this will have a knock-on effect as I mostly use my car to take elderly people home from church. If I have no car they too are forced into isolation.

Government policy encourages people to socialise and be active to prevent depression and ill-health but elderly people will have to give up their allotments because they will no longer be able to afford to park there.

My car passed all its emissions checks at MOT but you want to charge me £300 just because it was registered before 2001. How is that fair?

I could say a lot more but I know I would only be wasting my time. For many years now Croydon Council has seemed to exist for the benefit of Croydon Council rather than for the residents and will do what it wants regardless of the hurt and inconvenience to the people of Croydon.

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**All residents pay council tax, however not all residents live within a CPZ and only those that do will benefit from the scheme. Vehicle excise duty is a tax levied on every vehicle using public roads in the UK and is collected by central government (via DVLA) and not local Council.**

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**For pre-March 2001 vehicles those with an engine capacity of 1600cc or less are charged £146 for the first residents' permit rather than £300 for greater engine sizes.**