

## **Muswell Hill Area Forum 15.09.2011**

### **Agenda Item 1.c. The impact of charge increases in the Stop and Shop parking policy at Muswell Hill**

#### **Notes on the introduction from Garry Weston, Parking Processing Manager, and questions raised by residents:**

##### **Introduction:**

Reason for higher charges includes the need to increase car turnover. The "significant" increases "sit with" Islington and Enfield. Survey done on business users and drivers. Majority of drivers were local and wanted to stay local. The council is doing a review in November 2011.

**Question:** any statistics since charges have gone up to show turnover in shops?

**Answer:** income profiles show no significant drop in usage (no more than 10% to 15%).

**Question:** how will traders input into the November review?

**Answer:** this is to be a web based consultation. Councillors should be encouraging traders to take part.

**Question/Statement:** I have written to MP. St John's Wood High Street only £1.10 per hour

**Answer:** Haringey sets its charging policy within an overall strategy to increase turnover of cars parking and to encourage alternative forms of transport. Current rates Muswell Hill: 30 mins for £1.50. 1 hour for £3.00. Min 20p for 4 minutes.

**Question:** I live in Birchwood Avenue which becomes a car park for Muswell Hill. Why can't more be done to get people to use the M&S and Odeon car parks?

**Answer:** With no parking controls in Birchwood Avenue, Council has limited ability to do anything. Matter to be referred back to Anne Cunningham.

**Statement:** Would be better for Muswell Hill if people used alternative modes of transport.

**Reply:** Agreed.

**Question:** How do you get to the 10 to 15% reduction in income referred to before.

**Answer:** reduction in income which means footfall against projected budget figures.

**Question:** Can't we get better information?

**Answer:** this will come with more sophisticated Pay and Display machines so that we can get every zone in the right pricing band.

**Question:** Highgate Group Practice. Between 10.00 to 12.00 you have to pay for parking but you don't know how long you are going to be in the doctor's surgery; please can we have a review of this?

**Answer:** maybe opportunity with the November review; you need to get support for this opinion.

**Question/Statement:** Next year is going to be very tough. We need a review of parking charges in next six months.

**Answer:** Express your opinion in the forthcoming November review.

**Question/Statement:** You will earn an extra million, but how much will be spent in Muswell Hill?

**Answer:** Money goes back into parking surplus which is used to fund concessionary travel and Sustainable Transport