



Cllr C Kober
London Borough of Haringey
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30th March 2012

Re: Haringey Council Parking Review

Dear Cllr Kober,

Following the introduction of the Council's new Parking Charges for Green Lanes last year, we would like to make the following submission for your consideration as part of the Parking Fee Review you will be carrying out in April 2012.

As you are already aware in 2011, Harringay Green Lanes Traders Association with some 200 shop keepers along Green Lanes and members of the general public and the Traders Association submitted its comments to the Council following an extensive consultation. This was carried out as part of the Council's review of its Parking Charges and we feel that the main points raised at that time are still valid.

In 2011 we pointed out that small businesses are already disadvantaged by the larger companies. Every Sainsbury, Tesco, B&Q, Homebase etc. have their own car parking facilities, whilst the local high street business totally rely on the limited Council controlled parking bays. The current increase of parking charges has had a detrimental effect on local small businesses.

Our understanding is that the data collected over the past year, following the introduction of the new fees, show an increase in parking revenue collected by the Council. However, the number of pay and display tickets issued over this period has considerably dropped.

A number of businesses in Green Lanes rely on trade during the operation times of the CPZ. The drop in number of pay and display tickets issued is an indicator that fewer visits have been made to Green Lanes. This has been substantiated by a number of traders who have seen a drop in their trade and are struggling to stay open. Although there are certain types of businesses in Green Lanes that do operate outside the CPZ and pay and display restrictions, these tend to be A3 use and we are concerned that

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due to the current parking policies, A3 may be the only viable type of business in the future.

We feel that it is important to sustain the business viability of Green Lanes and encourage a good mix of businesses to serve not only the local community, but to still have the London wide attraction Green Lanes has particularly, for its food cluster.

We also feel that parking is integral to the success of delivering the Round 2 Bid and it is therefore, important to ensure that a charging and parking policy is developed specifically for Green Lanes in order to support this initiative. This would in turn support local businesses and to retain the “unique” character that has evolved over the past 10 years which has positively put Green Lanes back on the map.

In view of the above, we would welcome the opportunity of meeting with you and your colleagues as part of your review, to discuss this matter and examine in detail the impact of the new charges.

We would also like to work together in partnership with you so that we can develop a “Green Lanes Parking Policy” to meet the Council’s objectives and that of the traders and community in Harringay Green Lanes.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Mehmet', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mr Shefik Mehmet
Chair

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