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# Parking zone protest

By Martin Earl

Local traders and businesses are up in arms at the price they will have to pay for trade permits in the new East Finchley controlled parking zone (CPZ). A petition signed by 64 businesses has been sent to the Council with a formal objection to the charges, which the traders understand to be five times the rate for residential permits. They are also opposed to the limit of three permits per business.

### Barking zone

One of the organisers of the petition, Mike Jacobs of Universal Office Equipment, says that the extra costs and restrictions will affect residents because traders will have to increase prices and some will quickly go out of business. "Its effect will be against the revitalisation plans of the Town Centre Management Programme", he added.

The CPZ scheme (See Box for details) is due to start in May or June next year at the earliest. Objections will be heard at a Council meeting in January. Apart from the traders the Council has also had objections from residents in some of the roads on the edge of the scheme who want to be included in it. (The Council says that the inclusion of extra roads would not take place without further consultation.)

A spokesperson for Barnet Council told *THE ARCHER* that the proposed cost of trade permits was not high compared with those elsewhere. The restrictions on the number of permits is an attempt to balance the needs of residents and traders who can both use the general permit bays.

### Commuter program

The scheme itself is designed to limit the number of commuters who leave cars parked all day in the residential streets around the tube station. The traders are in favour of the proposed pay and display parking in the High Road, which should help shoppers.

Chair of the Local Agenda 21 Transport sub-group, Roger Chapman, said that the Council had consulted widely on the scheme and had already taken

account of a number of views of residents and of the LA 21 itself. Within LA 21 the issue of the cost of trade permits had been left to the traders to discuss.

Anyone wanting more infor-

mation about the scheme can contact Brenda Wilson at Barnet Council on 020 8359 4333. The Scheme, once implemented, is to be reviewed after it has been in operation for six months.

### East Finchley CPZ in a nutshell.

(Information provided by Barnet Council)

The Proposed Scheme: There will be three types of parking bay: Residents Only (mainly on residential roads near the shopping area), General Permit (the majority), and Free. Resident Permits for use in both Resident Only bays and General Permit bays will be £20 per year - max three per household. Trade Permits for General Permit Bays - £125 per year - max three per business. Restrictions only apply Monday to Friday from 2pm to 3pm. All bays can be used by anyone at any other time - (the hour restriction is thought sufficient to deter commuter parking and control parking by town centre workers). In addition, most of the High Road will be short term pay and display Mon to Sat from 8.am to 6.30.pm at 20p for 20 mins, 40p for 40 mins, 60p for 60 mins and £1 for the max of 90 mins. Long stay bays in Cherry Tree Hill and Bishops Avenue for commuters will have similar charges to short stay, plus £1.50 for 4 hours and £2 for over 4 hours. There will be specific bays for disabled parking and motor cycles. Pay and display will be free for orange badge holders.



Would the owner of this vehicle kindly remove it...? Photo by John Larimer

Some people don't seem to have any trouble parking... This car has seemingly been abandoned outside Tom's butchers for several weeks.

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