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Crowds flock to Cherry Tree Wood. Photo by Mike Coles

How our High Road parking could change

By Diana Cormack

Barnet Council has responded to views put forward by local traders at a meeting held in May with Dean Cohen, Cabinet Minister for the Environment (*THE ARCHER*, June 2013). The meeting was organised by fishmonger Peter Barnett to air problems caused by parking restrictions along the High Road and Fortis Green.

As a result, the following measures have been proposed for East Finchley as part of the town centre and shopping parade parking review:

1. To introduce credit and debit card Pay and Display machines as an alternative to Pay by Phone.

2. To convert some existing short-term Pay by Phone parking bays south of Fortis Green to medium-term (up to four hours). This would enable cinema goers to see a complete programme at the Phoenix.

3. To allow 15-minute free parking in loading bays in off-peak periods. Existing short-stay Pay by Phone bays along the High Road would be replaced with new loading bays.

4. To limit blue badge holder parking within existing Pay by Phone parking bays to one hour.

5. To investigate the feasibility of relocating the southbound bus stop from outside 104-112 High Road (near Poseidon) to provide a loading bay of equal length. The loading bay outside 130/134 High Road (Madden's) would be removed to allow for

the relocation of the southbound bus stop.

The traders now have the chance to respond to these proposals, with such things as the tariff still being worked on.

Mr Barnett told *THE ARCHER*: "This is pretty much what we were asking for. We'd like to have seen more free parking but it's better than none at all. There are still more negotiations to come, but it's a step in the right direction. Even if they only did this, it's a lot better than it is now."

To see a large version of the proposed plans, pop into A Scott and Son Fishmongers at 94 High Road, where it is displayed on the wall.

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