

Vartry Community Residents' Association (VCRA)

Residents Meeting 20.11.2018

Issues discussed

1. Controlled parking Zone (CPZ)
2. Fly-tipping, litter, street cleaning

1. CPZ- information from parking Enforcement staff, residents' questions and discussion

Following an informal residents survey carried out by VCRA, Haringey Council had conducted their own survey. The results were

For 294 (68%)

Against 117 (27%)

Don't know 21 (5%)

The Council officers will therefore recommend that a CPZ is introduced, operating Monday-Friday, 8 am – 6.30 pm and including parking permits for residents and local businesses and some short-stay pay by phone parking spaces at the junctions with Seven Sisters Road.

The decision will be made on 21.11.2018 and Councillor Blake will be informed of the outcome which will also be publicised on the Council's website.

After the CPZ is introduced, Enforcement Officers will patrol the zone and the Council will monitor if the mix of residents', business and pay by phone parking spaces is working well.

Annual residents permit costs will vary, depending on vehicle emissions levels

Any visitors, tradespeople etc would need a temporary visitors permit which the residents can buy (current cost £3.50, 50% discount for over 65s).

There are no charges for Car Club spaces as those companies pay the Council an annual fee.

People on the Frederick Messer estate will be entitled to park in the CPZ but it is currently unclear if residents of other roads can park on the estate ground.

Representative from the Volvo dealership told the meeting that they are changing how they operate to reduce the number of cars they park in neighbouring roads (currently could be 40+) and that if a resident has a problem caused by dealership parking they should speak to the dealership manager. The Council officers explained that their survey had shown there

are several causes of local traffic congestion and that reducing the number of cars parked by Volvo would not sufficiently alleviate residents' concerns.

The possibility of Volvo using the currently unused parking below the blocks of flats on Frederick Messer estate was raised – Councillor Blake agreed to raise this with the Housing Dept.

There was some discussion of the proposed days and hours of operation, in particular possible problems for local small businesses and community groups and events of CPZ operating 8 -6.30. Council officers advised against shorter hours of operation because surrounding CPZs operate 8- 6.30 and so parking could become displaced to the VCRA area if limits were in force for fewer hours. Chair asked for a show of hands re days and times – result

CPZ Monday –Friday 8-6.30 12

No CPZ or fewer days and hours 7

More days and hours 5

2. Fly-tipping, litter, street cleaning – issues raised

Some residents do not have an “off-road” space to store their bins. Therefore some bins are left out on the pavement. Concern was expressed that this is unsightly and also might block the pavement for wheelchair users and people with buggies. However if just bags are put out, foxes, cats, dogs etc might tear them open.

Corners not over-looked by houses are trouble-spots for fly-tipping. Many local properties are let short-term and/or in multi-occupancy and every time someone moves, mattresses and furniture are left behind - could landlords be made responsible for their prompt removal?

Manchester Gardens – residents have litter-picked a couple of times and this leads to a temporary improvement, but the Council can only now afford to clean the gardens once a week. Broken glass doesn't seem to be removed. Manchester Gardens are locked by Council staff each night but as they are at the end of the round this is often after dark which encourages anti-social behaviour. Councillor Blake offered to clarify what the Council is supposed to do and when in relation to Manchester Gardens.

Councillor Blake organises the Manchester Gardens litter pick, asked for help with this and stressed the importance of residents supporting this – easier to take part if it happens regularly e.g. second Sunday each month. Councillor Blake also suggested that more residents using the gardens would help to deter some anti-social behaviour.

Meeting closed.