

## QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

### 5.1 QUESTION FROM MR DAVID BISHOP OF LICHFIELD ROAD, NORTHWOOD HILLS TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR PLANNING, TRANSPORTATION AND RECYCLING - COUNCILLOR BURROWS

I would like to ask the Leader of the Council, Councillor Ray *Puddifoot* (*question referred to Councillor Burrows as Lead Cabinet Member*), if the residential roads around Northwood Hills station can be designated as a resident's only permitted parking area, to prevent the growing encroachment of commuters and non-residents vehicles, which is rapidly turning Northwood Hills into a free car park?

We pay our Council Tax to Hillingdon Council, the commuters and non-residents who park daily and often for weeks at a time, do not. The official car park in Green Lane, Northwood is two thirds empty, therefore a parking management scheme in Northwood Hills would encourage commuters to pay and use the car park and would thus generate additional revenue for the Council.

As Council Tax payers we residents expect our gutters to be swept and the gullies emptied, something which cannot and has not been done for years. Social services, carers and emergency vehicles, tradesmen and visitors vehicles have been unable to park in our residential roads for years because of "crowding out" by commuters and non-residents.

Despite initial resistance to a parking scheme in Northwood and Eastcote, local residents have the Labour administration of 1994-1998 to thank for the imposition of the current arrangements around their stations and if they were removed now to allow unfettered parking in surrounding residential roads you would have a riot on your hands and certainly lose a lot of votes.

Northwood Hills is the only station in the London Borough of Hillingdon that does not have a parking management scheme surrounding it. Despite numerous petitions in the past, the response from Hillingdon Council has been complete inertia and your three councillors who are supposed to represent us and work together as a team, fail to support their local community.

I would suggest that the £15,000 ward budget initiative as well as the £400,000 set aside and possible bid outcome from the GLA be used for a scheme to deter commuter and non-residential parking; to put local residents first; improve the environment and enable Northwood Hills to be a civilised place in which to live.

With the Olympic Games attracting millions of visitors to London next year and parking conditions intensified to 24/7 by Westminster Council, parking around outer London Zone 6 stations will be in greater demand, I seek an assurance that prompt action will be taken to address and rectify the problem for Northwood Hills residents.

**5.2 QUESTION FROM MR COLIN SHELLARD OF HILLIARD ROAD, NORTHWOOD TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR PLANNING, TRANSPORTATION AND RECYCLING - COUNCILLOR BURROWS**

Can Councillor Burrows please tell me why I have not received an acknowledgement or response from the London Borough of Hillingdon to the petition I submitted last year in April 2010, requesting a residents' only parking scheme for Hilliard Road, details of which with three options was provided by the traffic engineers department and have the parking stress and speed survey been carried out?

I am the lead petitioner and I understood that a democratic survey was going to be carried out, asking every household for their opinion on the preferred option. This does not appear to have been done and I have not received any information from our local Councillors. The situation in our road is becoming progressively worse; more flats in Pinner Road are being created which will add to the existing parking stress we are already suffering. In addition an application for a conversion from a house to flats has been refused three times on the grounds of insufficient street parking. Hilliard Road has a very high percentage of terraced housing with no front garden or driveway parking. Parking space for residents is severely restricted. If you really believe in this administration's pledge to put "residents first" I would appreciate your co-operation and support please to implement a suitable parking management scheme as soon as possible, intended to be for the benefit of the majority of residents. If not please advise me one way or the other.