



Parking victory over pizza delivery scooters

By Nick Allan

Two years after he started his fight for fairer parking rules outside the shops in Viceroy Parade, N2, Peter Barnett, of A Scott and Son Fishmongers, has gained a victory over the pizza delivery scooters that monopolise the available space.

Readers may remember from our December 2016 issue that Peter was concerned that up to 10 Domino's pizza delivery motorscooters were parking for free all day and regularly taking up more than four parking spaces, affecting business to surrounding shops, including his.

He raised the issue with Domino's who were unwilling to help as there were no restrictions on parking for their delivery bikes. Not satisfied with this, he got in touch with Councillor Dean Cohen and with his help and that of local business network N2United, he finally got things changed.

New parking rules

Now, to make it easier for motorists to make use of the paid-for parking bays, the

council are introducing the following changes to the bays outside the Budgens and Iceland stores. As well as the removal of the payment exemption for motorcyclists in the bays, motorcyclists will now need to pay the relevant tariff using the 'pay by phone' system.

Other changes include the introduction of a 'motorcycle business permit' available to businesses situated in the East Finchley controlled parking zone, at a cost of £525 for a set of four permits, as well as an extension of the motorcycle parking place outside numbers 87 and 89 High Road. Permits will be electronic and no paper permits will be issued. Peter hopes that these changes will make it easier for drivers to find an empty parking space.



It's a wrap: The London Film School crew in Summerlee Avenue. Photo Mike Coles.

Tin man takes a starring role

A student film crew were spotted filming for hours in Cherry Tree Road and Summerlee Avenue with a human-sized silver robot as the star of their show. The Metal Mickey lookalike (one for you kids of the 80s) played the part of a postman who displeased the locals because he didn't do the little kindnesses his human counterpart did.

The jolly cast and crew came from the London Film School and they were putting it all together as a three-minute film for their MA course to be called Post-Scriptum. They said

they chose to film in this part of East Finchley because they liked the front gardens.

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The proposed site of the Car Club parking in Fortis Green Avenue. Photo Mike Coles

Threat to businesses from car club parking plan

By Diana Cormack

Traders on Fortis Green are concerned about a Haringey Car Club Scheme which could cause them to lose customers. A consultation period earlier this year contained a proposal to allow the scheme's cars to park in bays outside shops and businesses there.

Mark Groves, of AJL Domestic Appliances Ltd, told *The Archer* that when, three or four years ago, a Residents Controlled Parking Zone was introduced in neighbouring Lynmouth Avenue, the footfall in their shop dropped by some 40%. This was because people began to park in adjacent Fortis Green Avenue, which prevented potential customers from parking.

This situation will surely worsen with the development of the former Muswell Hill police station and nearby houses

into flats and multi-occupancy homes with no parking space allocation. Already staff, commercial and delivery vehicles are being affected. Having been situated on the corner of Fortis Green and Fortis Green Avenue for over 30 years, there is now a question as to whether AJL Domestic Appliances will remain there.

Local custom threatened

Over recent years they, like others, have had to adapt to changing shopping habits, including use of the internet. Although diminishing in num-

bers, such businesses really do thrive on local custom in order to survive. Now it is under threat again.

Mark has expressed his fears in an email to Haringey Council, which does have a few parking bays in the borough that are exempt from use by the Car Club Scheme, telling them that the position of the proposed parking bay couldn't be any worse. To rub salt into the wound, he has been notified of a consultation about Fortis Green Avenue itself becoming a Residents Controlled Parking Zone.

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