

## SUMMONS ITEM 9 (ii)

### FULL COUNCIL 25<sup>th</sup> October 2004

#### **Motion selected for debate by Councillor Paul Lorber, Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group.**

##### Effective Parking Enforcement for Residents.

Council notes the increasing evidence of distrust and dissatisfaction among Brent residents of Controlled Parking Zones and other parking enforcement schemes.

All too often this is based on a feeling that Brent's main priority is "making money" for the Council, and NOT meeting local residents' wishes. There is an increasing view, for example, that charging those without off-street parking to park outside their home is an unfair burden on less well-off residents, who already pay a bigger share of their income in ever-increasing Brent Council Tax.

Parking enforcement in Brent is NOT effective. Every day, residents see obstructive parking by large vehicles in road entrances and bus lanes, blocking main roads; illegal pavement parking forcing pedestrians into the road; and dangerous parking on street corners that reduces visibility and increases the likelihood of accidents.

Parking systems also need review. Brent's Auditors recently found the Council has no way of knowing how many parking attendants are on duty at any time.

This Council therefore demands a full review of parking policy and practice in Brent, and a Borough-wide consultation with residents, via residents and tenants associations, on a FAIR DEAL ON PARKING, exploring among other issues :

- Value for money for Brent residents – including making the FIRST CPZ permit for each household FREE;
- A FAIR level of residents CPZ permit charges for further permits;

- The extent to which the Council's multi-million pound parking account profits actually pay for enforcement, and how this can be shown;
- Effective enforcement Brent-wide to provide the level of protection and safety residents are paying for and faster responses to reported problems
- Tackling dangerous junction parking and road blockages
- Using planning better, through conditions and developer contributions, to ensure road access is viable and parking provision is more realistic.