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Reference ADE(TP)RH/H12/53G Proposed CPZ in Garden Road and Edward Road

Dear Mr Heaps,

I have had a look at the alleged problems of parking in these roads, and we strongly object to the proposed CPZ. In essence there is no significant parking problem, and the reference to "the issue of all day commuter parking in the road" in your consultation leaflet is grossly misleading.

I went to have a look at these roads, both during the week, and early on a Saturday morning. In reality, there are parked cars on the northern end of Garden Road during the week, but few on Edward Road. But even on Garden Road, they do not stretch for very far.

Are these commuters (ie. people who leave their cars there all day and catch a train)? The picture below shows the scene at 8.0 am on a Saturday which gives the lie to that claim.



There is the same row of parked cars as there is during the week. In reality the people who park there are more likely to live on Plaistow Lane, where there are a number of newish blocks of flats. Or they live within the existing Bromley CPZ and don't wish to pay to park outside their own home.

This is a typical example of how CPZs just encourage vehicles to migrate from one area to another without solving the basic problem of inadequate parking provision. But this proposal is obviously simply motivated by a few residents of Garden Road who don't like other people parking in their road. Such parking is very limited in nature and there is no justification whatsoever for imposing such a scheme on these roads. In reality, imposing this scheme will simply move vehicles into other nearby roads.

Introducing such a scheme will cost money with no benefits. It will also require enforcement going forward at additional cost, with no return. So it's also a waste of money.

Note that we would not oppose introducing some additional parking restrictions on areas such as bends to stop obstructive parking, but there seems little merit in these proposals for a wide area scheme. And I noted that that ward councillors have insisted that residents can opt out of having yellow lines outside their particular houses. Clearly not everyone is in favour of this scheme, but the idea that a "patchwork" of restricted and unrestricted areas is created seems downright illogical and is likely to confuse drivers.

Yours sincerely

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Below are some more photographs, which shows the parking in Garden Road and Edward Road during mid-week – it hardly looks like a major problem area.

Garden Road taken from midway looking south.



Garden Road taken from midway looking north.



Edward Road near southern end looking north.

