

WEEKLY GREEN BIN COLLECTION UNDER THREAT BY COUNCIL

■ Enfield's Labour Council went out to consultation recently on axing the weekly green waste collection. The Consultation did not offer to keep weekly collection so it will certainly mean the end of weekly collection for your garden and food waste. The only service options on the table are for either fortnightly collection or retaining your weekly collection costing £60 a year.

Cllrs Smith, Hayward and Pearce said "We are very disappointed that the Labour Council is going down this route. We know that Southgate Ward residents rely on the green waste collection service especially in the summer months. Having to pay for a collection is just a garden tax on residents who already pay for a collection service through their Council tax. A fortnightly service will result in many people accumulating more garden waste than their existing bins can hold and they will have to ask the Council for larger ones incurring more expense. It is outrageous that the option to keep the weekly collection was not on offer to residents because in the end they are the people that pay for the Council in the first place."



COUNCIL RAMS THROUGH CPZ PERMIT CHANGES

■ The proposals to change the CPZ charging system will end the discount for the over-65s residents who have spent decades paying their council tax. All residents in controlled parking zones will have to pay substantially more for their permits because of the Council's inability to control its finances. Labour is breaking one of its own manifesto commitments to continue discounted CPZ parking for the over 65s.

The other changes include a move from pricing on the basis of carbon dioxide emissions to pricing according to engine size. This won't reduce levels of pollution but it will increase charges to people who happen to own larger cars., many of whom will have families. The result of the consultation was that a large proportion of consultees disagreed with the proposed changes and felt they were unjustified.

Cllrs. Smith, Hayward and Pearce said "We are outraged that a Labour Council has pushed through proposals to end the 50% discount for over 65s and increased charges generally by such a large amount for most car users living in controlled parking zones. The changes have been justified on spurious environmental grounds. The majority of people consulted were against these plans. The Council has failed to listen to residents on this issue."

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REPORTING BACK...

■ Concerns over Library move.

Your Southgate councillors have been alarmed by the relocation of Southgate Library to Barnet Southgate College next door.

Cllr. Orhan (Cabinet member for education, children services and libraries) has said library card members would continue to be able to access the same range of books in the new location. She also rejected suggestions that this move might lead to a permanent closure of the library.

We would encourage Cllr. Orhan to visit the new library in the College, if she can find it. She would see that the space allocated on the first floor of the college building is cramped, the bookshelves have been placed too close together and the amount of books available for adults is probably less than half those in the old library building.



The space available for the children's section is also substantially less than before. The signage with directions to the new library is poor and a pass is required. If matters are not improved, we predict usage will reduce significantly.

■ New CPZ for Chelmsford Road

Cllr. Anderson (Cabinet Member for the Environment) is set to decide a new CPZ between Chase Side and Nursery Rd in Chelmsford Rd.

According to council officers, about 50% of the households consulted overall responded to the consultation (73% in Chelmsford Rd). 81% of respondents in Chelmsford Rd and 62% in Chase Side agreed with the CPZ proposals.

ACTION AROUND THE AREA



A resident alerted us to the fact that the goal posts had been removed from the park in Ivy Road at the back of ASDA by the Council last April. She had made several enquiries and the Council denied removing them saying they must have been stolen.

These goal posts were in constant use by local children and were sorely missed especially during the summer holidays.

Cllr. Hayward made enquiries and was told they had been removed for health and safety reasons. He was told that this site was not part of the sports pitch programme and there was no funding to replace them.

Cllr. Laban, Conservative Environment Lead, took this matter up with the Assistant Director responsible and hey presto new goal posts were reinstated and are now in use again. The posts are child-sized. Let us know if you want the adult-sized goal posts reinstated.



The old Southgate Library