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Dear Sir/Madam

### **Potential Match-day only Controlled Parking Zone - Kingsmeadow Stadium Area.**

I am writing to you with regard to the parking conditions that occur in the side roads close to Kingsmeadow Stadium on AFC Wimbledon Home match days. As the football club continues its success, it is likely that the attendances will continue to grow, and the level of parking on the roads close to the ground will increase.

One of the planning conditions associated with AFC Wimbledon's purchase and development of Kingsmeadow Stadium was that residents be consulted on the introduction of a match day only Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ). Such a scheme will only be introduced if there is support from a majority of respondents to this consultation.

Given attendances at recent AFC Wimbledon games, officers consider that now is a good time to consult residents to ask for your views on the possible introduction of a match day CPZ. Please note that we are also consulting with residents in the Bonner Hill Road, California Road and Gloucester Road areas. If the scheme is adopted in the aforementioned areas, parking could be expected to displace into your road.

A match day scheme would operate from 12.00noon to 4.00pm (for weekend and bank holiday matches) and from 6.00pm to 9.00pm (week day matches).

During these periods, parking would be restricted to residents (on display of a free residents permit) and their visitors (by displaying a visitor permit limited to one per household, for which there may be a fee). Some provision would also be made for free short term parking at local shopping parades. The attached plan shows a preliminary layout for your area.

The advantage of a CPZ scheme would be that it would restrict parking in the area to residents and your visitors during match times and remove all match day parking.

However, the scheme would reduce parking capacity in the roads because of the need to formally restrict parking on corners, across driveways and at junctions. It is also likely that parking would be restricted to one side only in narrow sections of carriageway. Additionally, such a scheme would require either yellow lines or parking bays to be marked throughout the length of each road and signs and posts to be added in each bay, although existing street furniture would be used where possible.

Alternatively, you may feel that a full parking scheme is not required, but that double yellow lines to prohibit parking on junctions and bends would be enough to maintain sight lines and access for emergency service vehicles and therefore remove the problems when AFC Wimbledon play at home.

I would like to take this opportunity to seek your views on these proposals and would appreciate it if you could complete and return the short questionnaire enclosed. Please note that individual responses will not be given to comments received.

I would add that the consultation results will be considered by the Kingston Town Neighbourhood Committee before any further action is taken, and that It is important that as many residents as possible reply to give a clear demonstration that action is required - a poor turnout by respondents will be seen as an indication that there is no justification for change. If you would like to discuss this matter further please do not hesitate to contact me on 0208 547 5901. If you have any queries or require any further information please telephone our Customer Care number on 020 8547 5929.

Council officers will be in attendance at St. John's Church Hall, Kingston Road on **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December** from **5pm** to discuss specific issues relating to proposed parking bay locations, before holding a public meeting from **7pm** to discuss the scheme as a whole, and collect questionnaire responses if you would prefer to drop them off.

Yours faithfully

Liam Judge  
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