

**Annex A****Woking Joint Committee**  
**11 November 2020**  
**Open Public Question Time****Question 1: Stuart Lanceman, 12 Paxton Gardens, Woking regarding Garden Licences issued along the Basingstoke Canal**

I would like the garden licences of 12 and 14 Paxton Gardens re-examined as I think a mistake has been made, resulting in me losing about 2/3 of my canal frontage.

The problem is the garden licences go down to a bend in the canal. I always thought I had a garden licence that was at an angle which would reflect a reasonable amount of access to the canal in relation to my house/garden width, something which I thought I'd always enjoyed over the last 36 years of residency. If the garden licence for number 14 is deemed to be correct, I would lose practically all usable access.

Therefore I would like both garden licences to be rewritten to give us a fair amount of land. I would also like to know why I was not consulted when number 14 Paxton Gardens was issued their licence thus causing this neighbourly dispute.

**Answer given by the Chair**

The Chair asked if the questioner had approached the Basingstoke Canal Authority, which had taken place but the answer given was stated to be unsatisfactory.

Cllr Ben Carasco clarified that the canal frontage was owned by the Basingstoke Canal Authority (BCA) but that Garden Licences were issued by Surrey County Council to allow residents to use the land but not own it. He asked that the Joint Committee work with the County Council to ensure a resolution.

The Chair noted that there was a BCA Joint Management Committee on 18 Nov and that the questioner should address that Committee, but that the Joint Committee would try to assist following that if required.

**Question 2: Tammy Nathan on behalf of residents (Sally Hodgkins, Bridget Nicholson, Robert Hopkins and WBC Cllr Mohammed Ali)**

Five residents of Eve Road and Arnold Road and the Councillor for the area attended to ask about residents permits in their road (under the parking review).

The questions were:-

1. Are the residents correct in understanding that this proposal to introduce Residents Permit Scheme in Eve Road and Arnold Road being presented today by Parking Strategy and Implementation Team is for approval?
2. And if so, once approved by the joint committee, the formal consultation with the residents concerned is likely to happen during the first quarter of 2021?
3. Are you able to give us an idea of when the implementation of the scheme is likely to happen once completion of consultation with residents?
4. Can you give assurance to the residents that they can discuss /communicate the details of consultation with the Parking Strategy and Implementation Team during consultation period with regards to items such as
  - a. Business permits criteria

- b. Control hours for the scheme – options available (e.g. Mon-Sat 8am to 8pm etc.)
- c. Existing road markings which could be redundant.
- d. Waive admin fee for resident's permit whose car changes regularly (weekly/Monthly) due to work commitments.
- e. Update on where we are with regards to the process of inclusion of two car parks at the end of Arnold Road

### **Response from Peter Wells, Parking Officer**

The Officer confirmed that he had been in touch with the resident with answers to these questions, but confirmed in the meeting that:

- The parking review was a proposal and agreement was sought to advertise this and consult with residents to gain support or objections by residents.
- This would likely be in the first quarter of 2021 with leaflet drops and questionnaires to all households (tenants not landlords)
- If the proposal is not supported by the majority, it would not be progressed.
- If supported, then the questionnaire would be used to ascertain preferred hours etc
- Implementation could be Summer 2021 (dependant on lockdown conditions)
- Business permits could be considered if required (one per business is used in the Town Centre)
- Flexibility could be applied to residents that regularly use different cars
- The two car parks did not form part of the public highway so would not be included, but the parking team would work with WBC officers to look at this and try to make the approach consistent
- The scheme (if it goes ahead) need not be the same as area 2 but could be a separate scheme
- Double yellow lines could be removed as part of the scheme, but would need to be advertised and promoted as part of the scheme so residents would need to advise on this.

Members also noted that the roads were narrow with cars parked on both sides. Most of the businesses in the area were in adjoining roads but customers parked on Eve Road/Arnold Road. Pavement parking was also mentioned but this was a separate issue to the parking review.

Residents were happy with business permits but felt they should be limited to each business to minimise parking problems.

Unfortunately, although Cllr Mohammed Ali was in attendance, he was not able to speak as the time ran out. He was thanked for his interest in the meeting and his support to residents.