



**From:** Friends of Clarendon Park (FCP)  
**To:** Martin Fletcher (Head of Highways, LCC)  
**Cc:** Patrick Kitterick, Danny Myers, Deborah Sangster (Castle Ward Councillors)  
**Subject:** Clarendon Park – experimental parking permit scheme

Dear Martin,

The latest national lockdown looks likely to be in place until at least half-term, if not Easter. This means the initial part of the experiment will be unrepresentative of normal parking demand in the area because:

- most residents will be working from home rather than commuting out of the area to work
- UoL and WQE staff and students plus other commuters will be working and learning from home rather than commuting in to the area to work
- many Queens Road businesses will be closed so their staff and customers will not be parking in the area

All of this means there will be much less of a parking problem needing a scheme to solve it.

The lockdown also creates some difficulties for those within the experimental area:

- students who are normally resident in the area are likely to be staying away so won't be around to receive and act on parking permit application letters
- staff at Queens Road businesses that are closed won't be able to retrieve parking permit application letters without making unnecessary trips to their businesses

Finally, it seems unnecessary to introduce new parking controls requiring LCC staff to carry out additional installation, surveying and enforcement activities in the middle of a public health emergency, and we're sure that most residents and businesses could do without the additional task of applying for parking permits just now.

In conclusion, we think it would be preferable to delay the beginning of the experimental period at least until the prevailing conditions return to something more like normal.

Best regards,

**Ian Brown, Bart MacCarthy & Steve Thomas**

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