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To Whom it May Concern:

It is with some incredulity that I find out that yet more parking spaces for residents of the Seven Dials area are to be taken away. And in exchange for what, one can't help but wonder? More outdoor seating areas that are every day empty and ill-used?

Would it be possible for someone with pertinent information to justify to the residents of the area how exactly this will benefit us and help us feel our council taxes are being put to use to in ways that honour our contribution to the area?

This kowtowing to businesses at the expense of the residents is becoming more blatant all the time. Why not be forthright about your apparent hostility to residents. I promise it would be more palatable for us to know directly and honestly where we stand. We already make many concessions to businesses by living in the area: noise; daily soliciting by employees pursuing sales; construction vans and associated vehicles; the noise of constant construction that benefits none of us who live in the area. And now we're to accept, indeed, to support the removal of even more of our parking spaces? Is there any way some of this could be reconsidered? Do we, those of us in the area, truly have no say in the matter? How can it be justified to charge us annual parking fees if the number of spaces continues to be reduced? It seems we're unduly penalised for closing to live centrally in London.

I am not naive enough to believe anyone really cares about the residents of an area within a council so bent on turning it into a commercial district with no considerations for the people and families that live there. Yet on a strictly professional and ethical basis some dialogue seems appropriate, or at the very least some response to our concerns.

Sincerely,

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