

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
Responses to Questions from Cllr Brian Haley
Cabinet Member for Environment & Conservation

From Councillor Newton:

For each Stop and Shop scheme for both Muswell Hill and Crouch End please provide the following:

How much did it cost to recently replace the signage to make it compliant with TSRGG?

Answer:

Prior to the signs being erected on site, the council contacted the Department for Transport (DFT) who confirmed that the signs provided to them matched those within the TSRGD 2002. However, as the council received a number of representations stating that the signs were confusing meetings were held between the Traffic and Road Safety Group and legal team to determine if any changes could be made to make the signs clearer to residents.

The number of signs that were changed and the total costs to erect them are as follows,

	No. of signs	Cost
Muswell Hill	10	£754.68
Crouch End	12	£561.7
Total:	22	£1316.38

How many PCNs have been issued from the implementation of Stop and Shop and the replacement of signage on 20/02/08?

Total = 8623 **Muswell Hill = 5586** **Crouch End = 3037**

How many tow-aways have there been from the implementation of Stop and Shop and replacement of signage on 20/02/08?

Total = 295 **Muswell Hill = 72** **Crouch End = 223**

(The remaining questions below, due to the high number of man hours required to complete these, if Cllr Newton requires responses to these it is asked that he apply for a Freedom of Information Request)

How many of the PCNs have been contested?

How many of these have been successfully contested?

How many of those that the Council continued to enforce were refused on the basis that in the opinion of the Council the signage complied with TSRGG?

How many tow-aways have been contested?

How many of these have been successfully contested?

How many of those that the Council continued to enforce were refused on the basis that in the opinion of the Council the signage complied with TSRGG?

How many have been appealed to the parking adjudicator?

Question from Councillor Bevan:

Can the Cabinet Member please confirm whether the below plan has been implemented. Can the Cabinet Member also provide information on any areas which have not been implemented, the reasons for non-implementation and a timescale for completion.

Plan For Implementation of Byelaws using the Fast Track Scheme Commencing Dec 2006:

- *Review and research current byelaws, meetings and consultation await feedback, consider which byelaws are appropriate for which space **2- 4 months***
- *Drafting changes and deliberations with the DCLG. If no changes are proposed this period can be deleted. **2- 4 months***
- *Once changes (if any) are finalised and approved by the DCLG on behalf of the Secretary of State then the process of sealing and advertising the suggested byelaws etc will likely take another **2- 4 months***
- *Placing the items before the appropriate Committee will also need to be timetabled in (especially if full council meet only every 3 months etc).*

Legal have advised the most realistic time frame from beginning to full implementation as being approximately 12 months – this could be reduced depending on the changes.

Answer:

There have been further delays with the implementation of the revised byelaws, this has been mainly due to waiting for Alexandra Palace Board of Trustees to meet and decide if they wish to update there byelaws that date back to 1929. The meeting took place in October 2007 and the Board of Trustees were happy for the byelaws to be updated, but advised that the Advisory & Consultative Committee is properly consulted prior to any changes being agreed. The Alexandra Palace Park Manager is to present the proposal in March 2008.

The reason we are waiting for the palace decision is if there are new byelaws in place for all open spaces and parks in the Borough and different ones for Alexandra Palace then this may lead to confusion for members of the public. Furthermore, there is very little in the Alexandra Palace Byelaws which will not be covered in the new byelaws and much of what is provided for in the existing byelaws is of little relevance today.

Once the byelaws are properly drafted they need to be sent to the Communities & Local Government for prior approval, then we will need to advertise them, place them before the appropriate committee and send them for formal approval and sealing by both the Council and the Secretary of State. The whole process is likely to take in excess of 6 months. Please see attached the draft byelaws for reference.