

# **APPENDIX A2 – CONSULTATION RESULTS**

## **Public Space Protection Order (Borough Wide)**

**30 November 2016 to 16 January 2017.**

### **Introduction**

The council would like to use new powers to get tough with people who:

- Consume alcohol in the Designated Area, when asked to stop
- Urinate, defecate and spit in public places
- Aren't prepared to clean up after their dog
- Smoke in children's play areas
- Drive on footpaths, verges and pavements

To use these powers we would have to introduce what's known as a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO).

A PSPO would allow us to act quickly when we see these environmental crimes being committed. The order would allow us to issue fines in these cases without having to go through the lengthy and expensive process of taking the matters to court. Not only do PSPOs make it easier for us to take action, but we hope will also make people think twice before acting anti-socially.

We made amendments to the questions and repeated the consultation from 30 November 2016 to 16 January 2017.

We received 228 responses of which 226 (99%) live in various areas of Harrow and 2 (1%) somewhere else.

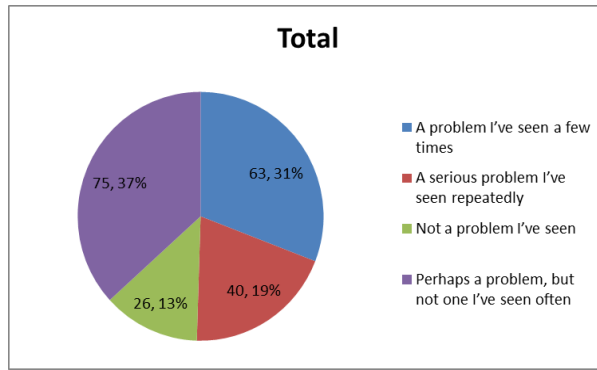
49 (21%) work in Harrow, 14 (6%) own a business in Harrow, 86 (38%) own a car and 21(9%) are dog owners.

### **Environmental problems**

These set of graphs indicate views on environmental problems in Harrow.

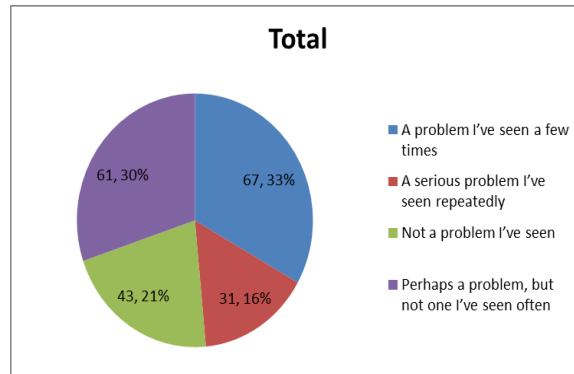
#### **Drunk or rowdy behaviour in the street or other public space**

75 (37%) responded to this issue as being perhaps a problem, but not one they have seen often and 63 (31%) indicated that it is a problem seen a few times.



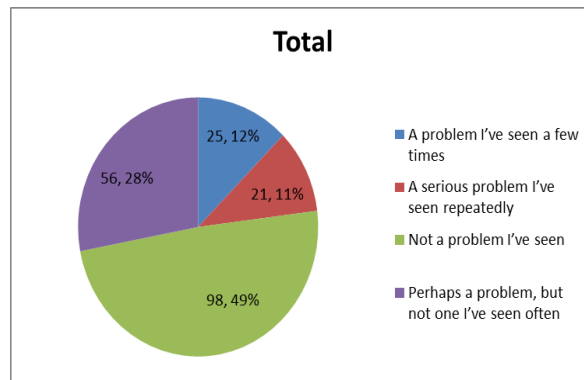
### Urination in a public space

67(33%) indicated that urination is a problem seen a few times in a public space and 61(30%) view it has perhaps a problem but not one seen often.



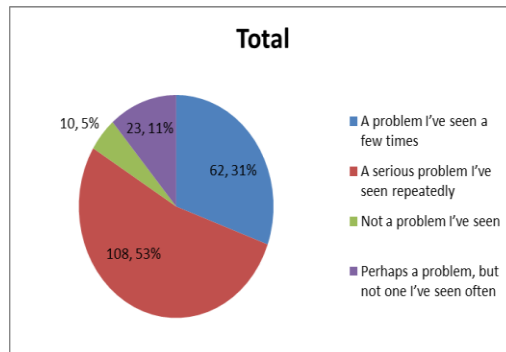
### Defecation in a public space

98 (49%) It is not a problem they have seen and 56 (28%) responded that it was perhaps a problem but not one they have seen often.



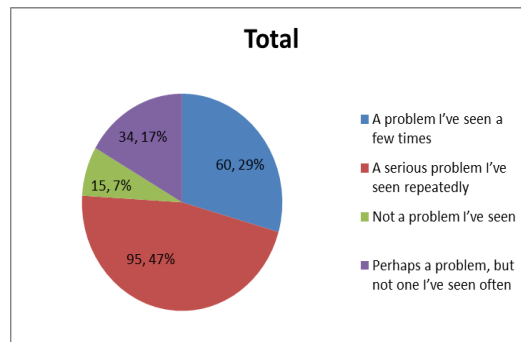
### Spitting in the street or other public space

108 (53%) indicated that spitting in the street is a serious problem which they have seen repeatedly with 62 (31%) stating that it is a problem seen a few times.



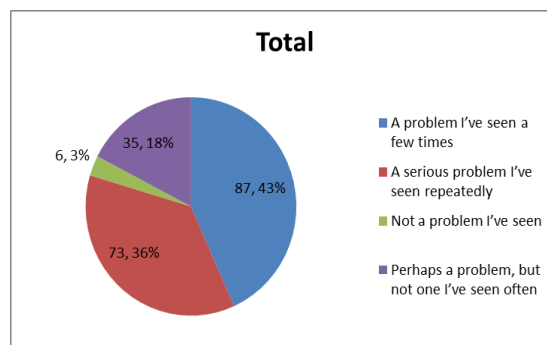
### Driving on kerbs, footpaths and verges

95 (47%) responded to driving on kerbs, footpaths and verges has being a serious problem that they have seen repeatedly and 60 (29%) indicating that it is a problem they have seen a few times.



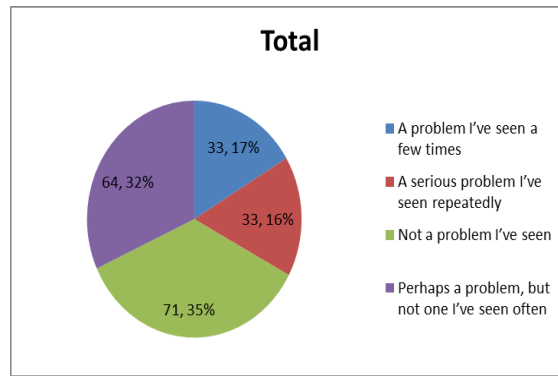
### Dog fouling

87 (43%) informed us that dog fouling is a problem seen a few times and that 73 (36%) responded that it is a serious problem seen repeatedly.



### Smoking of any tobacco, smokeless, or herbal product in children's play areas

71 (35%) indicated that smoking in childrens play areas is not a problem they have seen and 64 (32%) indicated that it is perhaps a problem, but not one seen often.



## Views on what action the Council can take.

### Anti-social public drinking

Harrow currently has a borough wide alcohol exclusion zone which will automatically end in October 2017. The exclusion zone has helped us to stop anti-social public drinking – it's not about spoiling picnics or street parties.

Within the exclusion zone (excluding licensed premises) it is an offence to not stop drinking or hand over alcohol when it's requested by a council officer or police officer.

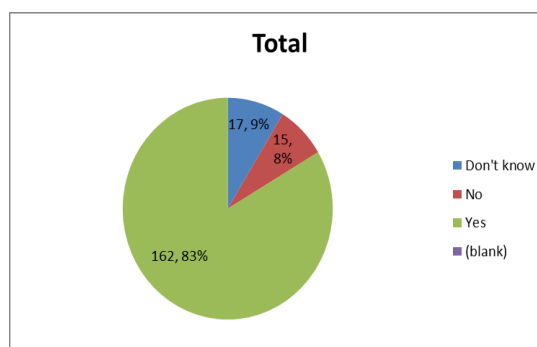
It will not be possible to renew the alcohol exclusion zone when it ends October 2017, but a PSPO can deal with the same issues.

**168 (84%) think Harrow should introduce a PSPO that introduces a borough wide exclusion zone.**

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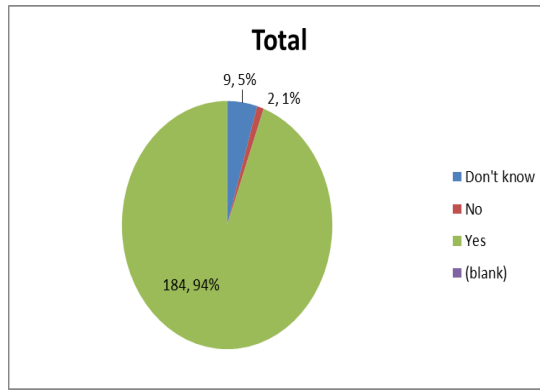
It is not a specific offence to urinate in the street, and the Police can only take action if a person is committing a public order offence (e.g. when associated with drunk and disorderly conduct)

162 (83%) agree that it should be an offence to urinate in a public place.



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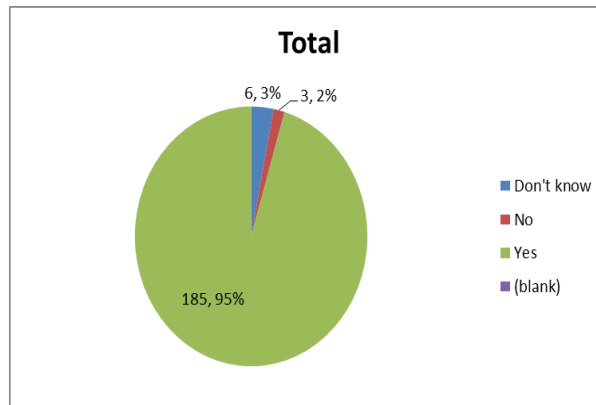
184 (94%) agree that it should be an offence to defecate in a public place.



### Spitting in a public space

Previous surveys of residents have shown this to be an area which they believe requires specific action. By introducing the offence under a PSPO, failure to adhere to it can result on a level 3 fine (up to £1000) and / or a fixed penalty notice of £100 which is more likely to discourage this activity.

185 (95%) agree it should be an offence to be spitting in a public place

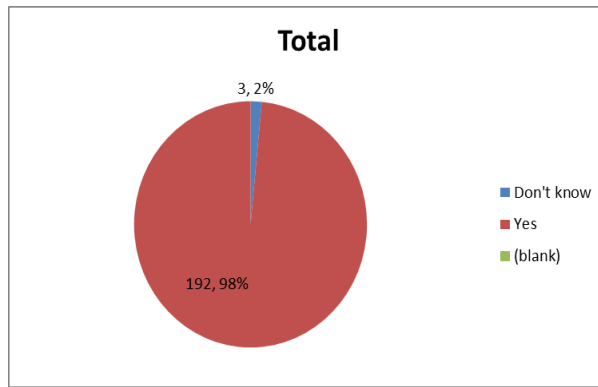


### Dog fouling

We want to make it an offence for people not to clean up after the dog they're walking. We also want to make it an offence for people walking dogs to not have with them the means of picking up faeces. In this case a receptacle for picking up waste is defined as any object capable of holding faeces for disposal. By way of guidance a trouser or coat or other pocket, a handbag, purse or sports bag is not such an item for the purpose of this article.

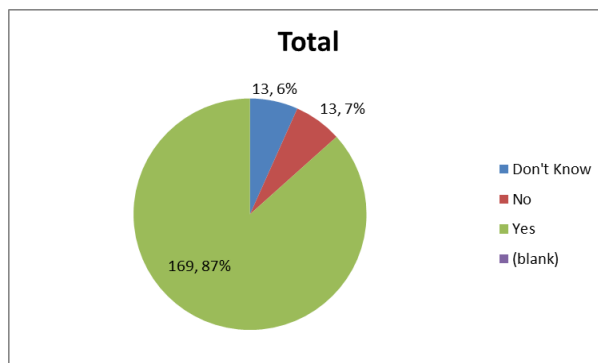
This would apply to any public space controlled by the council.

192 (98%) agree it should be an offence not to clear up after a dog for which you're responsible.



It is important that those walking dogs have the means to pick up any fouling committed by the Dog and therefore we are looking to make it an offence for a person walking a dog not to have the means to pick up any dog fouling.

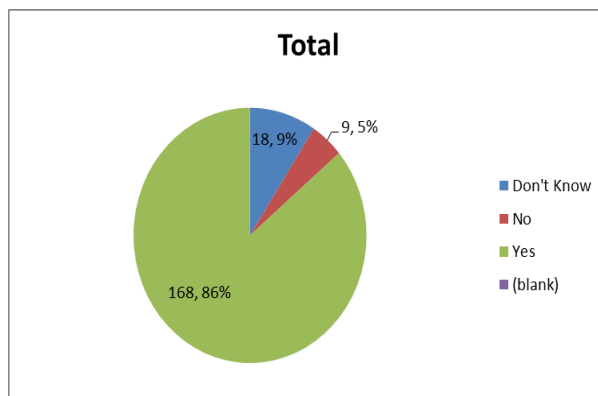
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### Smoking in children's play area

Every year the council gets complaints about people smoking in children's play areas. We want to protect children's health by making smoking in play areas an offence. This would include smoking tobacco, tobacco related product and smokeless tobacco products including electronic cigarettes, herbal cigarettes or any illegal substance, within the boundary of the children's play areas.

168 (86%) agree that it should be an offence to smoke in children's play areas (smoking of any tobacco, smokeless, or herbal product).

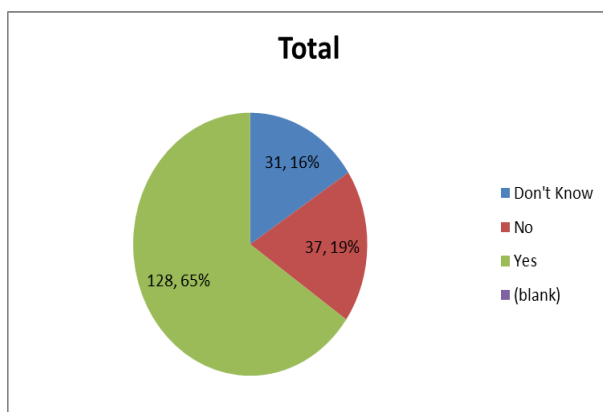


## Driving on cycle lanes, footpaths, footways and grass verges

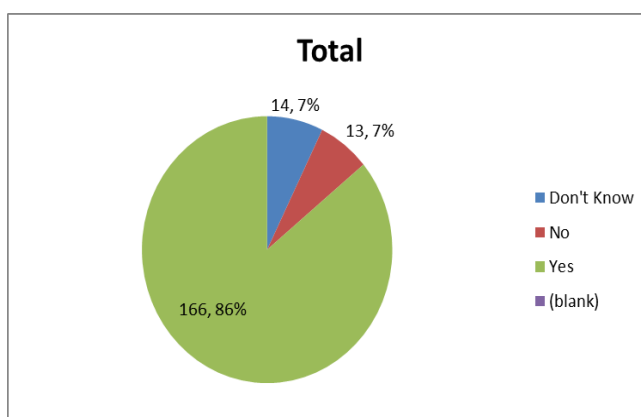
Driving on cycle lanes, footpaths, footways, and grass verges damages the environment, causes inconvenience to others and costs the council thousands of pounds each year in repairs, that's why we'd like to make it an offence.

In this case, the Council is seeking to stop people driving on any cycle lane, footway or footpath, maintainable at the public expense, any grass verge managed by the Local Authority and which is adjacent to the carriageway or footway of a highway, including gutters and adjoining footpaths within the London Borough of Harrow

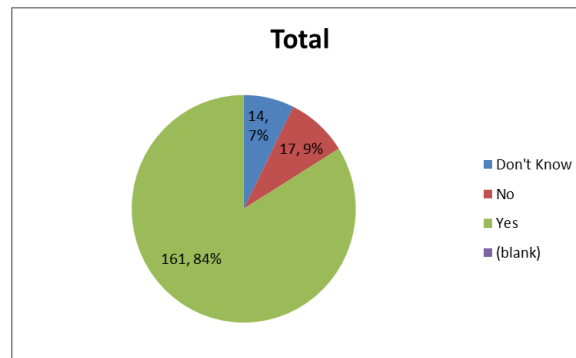
128 (65%) agree it should be an offence to drive over cycle lanes unless authorised to do so.



166 (86%) agree that it should be an offence to drive over footpaths (path not next to a road) unless authorised to do so.



161(84%) agree it should be an offence to drive over footways (pavement next to a road) unless authorised to do so.



171 (87%) agree it should be an offence to drive over grass verges unless authorised to do so.

## Comments

We as a community champion can help more and given us authority to put up the posters of STOP and Think before making an offence!!!
Surprised this is not already law or continues to be law.
The London Borough of Harrow is getting dirtier and more and more dilapidated. It needs to be protected from the anti-social behaviour of the few who are despoiling it for the many. The anti-social actions of the few are having a negative impact on the quality of life of the many... This is grossly unfair and should be challenged.
Include double parking in your list
Please ensure you have visible resources to police this. Otherwise it's useless.
Will litter be covered in a similar way - this is a more common problem?
I have filled surveys before, I just hope that you will take notice this time, (I have complained to the allotments officer regarding the selfish behaviour of a plot holder and been completely ignored.)
I wonder if there are the resources to monitor/police these proposals.
Another major concern is fly tipping in the Kenton area. Some streets are a disgrace and seem to be regular areas for lazy people to dump their rubbish - referring here particularly to Shrewsbury Avenue and all streets off it.
Yes I'm concerned about the traffic that mount the pavement outside my home due to- Lowered damaged kerb stones Motorist whom are impatient and try to pass the oncoming vehicle



<p>They're on a rat run so can be a queue of cars at one time  Recently- I've reported an incident to the police and highways dept. last week.  I opened my front door to find a car on the pavement speeding by and another vehicle behind. As I stepped up from my home and put my foot on the pavement (the shock made me lean back &amp; replace my foot) the second driver saw me and immediately swerved onto the road. If I had made this manoeuvre a second sooner he would have run over me. I was in a state of shock and had to sit down. This is a daily problem -as with turning right at the top of West St. People of all ages are driving in this manner.</p>
<p>If it can be done economically then the general idea is OK. BUT only for those activities/offences actually committed by humans, not by animals</p>
<p>Spend more on cleaning up the borough</p>
<p>Would only be affective if you actually do this.  Your current inspectors to not seem to travel over to the worst affected area.</p>
<p>Smoking and drinking in public should be banned. Littering our pavements with the remainder of the items and having to follow the smell of it all.</p>
<p>I think people will see these measures as just another method of raising money for the council. You will have to emphasise the environmental impacts of the offences, and perhaps promise to put any revenue from PSPOs back into the environment.</p>
<p>There is no point in making extra orders to punish people unless they are enforced sensibly. We regularly hear about genuine mistakes that are pounced upon whilst serious matters are ignored. Common sense must always prevail!</p>
<p>Dropping litter</p>
<p>Driving on or over cycle lanes where the road has been narrowed  To make that an offence is ridiculous. Road conditions dictate sometimes you have to drive over white lines left for cycles.  Another crackpot idea. To make car drivers life a misery.</p>
<p>Rubbish bins or the lack of them, in my area and Harrow as a whole I have noticed that bins are too far apart, resulting in some folks throwing their litter on the ground . There should also be a law to prevent littering, a law than can easily be enforced without all the red tape in legalities.</p>
<p>Dropping litter and cigarettes is also fined in neighbouring Hillingdon. Could this be included?</p>
<p>Proposals do not go far enough. I would include cycling on pavements and going through red lights and wrong way down one way streets.  I would also include driving the wrong way round council car parks. Nearly had a head on collision last week in Pinner Car park due to stupid woman driving fast and ignoring the arrows.</p>
<p>I just want the council to pull its finger out and do something about the state of the borough. The amount of rubbish being dumped and fly tipping. There has been an increase in the rodent population; rats are running around everywhere, even in the daytime.</p>
<p>If you follow through with all of these things I think Harrow will be a better place to live. We will all be safer and enjoy a cleaner, healthier and better environment. Perhaps Harrow will be an outstanding borough and the rest of the country can learn from us.</p>
<p>STOP the spread of HMO's STOP destroying family life in Harrow by converting family homes into HMO's.</p>
<p>Common sense needs to be exercised. In tight circumstances it is sometimes practical, although not ideal, to pull onto a footpath, providing it is clear. The number of cars in Harrow is, and will, increase. Proper arrangements need to be made for parking and clear access, including for apartment blocks, where residents will own cars.</p>
<p>All very nice but never any action!!</p>
<p>No</p>
<p>Over the last few years the borough has gone from being one of the cleanest places in London to one of the filthiest.  Illegal dumping of rubbish is common both on public and private land, this has increased rats and foxes.  Defecation in public had become increasingly common, destroying our parks.  Spitting on our pavements has also increased.  There is awful driving in the bough (presumably from motorists who have not completed a UK driving test!)</p>

Drunks make the area less safe.
No. I think that I've ranted enough for now! Thanks.
See my note about cycling on public footpaths this is very dangerous and elderly people especially are vulnerable when exiting their homes
There not enough public toilet. In the borough.
I am very disappointed with the way people abuse the streets and roads of Harrow, showing no care or consideration for others but I do not wish for zealous wardens to issue copious fines either, as I do feel we need to educate people and discourage poor behaviour rather than pick an argument with them and slap fines on them. I am happy to see this consultation take place and hope that the problems highlighted will be reduced in time.
As mentioned, fly tipping also a major problem locally (Ron art Street). This & general littering also needs treating more seriously
It appears very clear that the whole point of this survey, it is simply an underhand way to target motorists. The road Traffic Act covers most of the above and with regards to driving across a footpath; this is covered by the Highways Act (sec 72). If any of this is passed, I will be very keen to see where the investment has gone, i.e. how much money will be spent on bolstering officers to target ASB like drunk and disorderly and spitting, as I can guarantee that the bulk of this will go into enforcement cameras, which by their very nature can only realistically be used to prosecute identifiable items such as vehicles.
The other item that could be included is fly tipping from residents living in the flats above the shops, coming out and leaving black bags by the waste bins. When asked politely to put it in the bin once more you get abuse.
I would support this 100 %
Find a way for public to report using cameras and you to prosecute, how are you planning to be there when these offences occur?
We need more police patrol and anyone caught in any illegal behaviour should be severely punished.
Definitely needed PSPO should be implemented for the sake of public Health & Safety & Hygiene. Council should look into - 'Why Car Park are ALWAYS left empty?' People who don't have car permits be allowed to park overnight. This is wasting Taxpayers money down the drain.
Restricted parking in nearby roads has caused problems for those that live in nearby roads. Please think carefully about possible effects when deciding about this in future.
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Very important not to just have a consultation online or in a closed meeting and implement all sorts of fines without first ensuring, hand over heart that the PUBLICITY about each of these issues has been tirelessly hammered home. It costs next to nothing if you get the community on board and work with existing partners of Harrow Council to help put out these messages loud and clear. There should be a good educational programme for around three months so that nobody pretends they did not know. Posters, leaflets, community magazines, Harrow Times, Harrow People and many, Many more can help publicise. The Council web-site is another additional tool but many do not bother or have access or any interest/ability. Let old and young folk publicise e.g. Age Concern, Harrow Youth Parliament, Harrow Interfaith (using Faith Groups), and Harrow CCG, Harrow Carers, Northwick Park Hospital and other organisations. The list is endless. Just use your imagination and be fair in allowing people to be fully aware of the consequences of their actions as well as the benefits which will accrue. I would put much emphasis on the latter. Good luck with the campaign

which has brilliant goals and good intentions at its heart for the citizens of this borough.
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Yes please ensure there are personnel to enforce any actions proposed.
When the council has Been informed of any incident by the public with the proof they have taken they have been told by the council they are not able to take action as their proof is not a proof unless taken by the council!!!! Why as it is the good citizen trying to protect. So annoying I think it's good that the council is concerned about these issues as I think most residents will be also. I would like to see any new powers used with a degree of common sense so that persons who may transgress due to things outside their control are not punished just for the sake of sticking to the law. Hope to see progress with regard to the suggestions you make, thank you.
Who is going to enforce this? Have you seen a police officer lately?
Driving in a cycle lane should not be enforceable, unless there is a raised area between the two i.e. concrete/paving...
What is the council going to do, to ensure that council bins in public areas are emptied on regular bases and are not left to overflow!
Other boroughs, such as Brent, allow residents up to 3 free collections per year of bulk items, such as white goods, mattresses, etc. Will Harrow council consider such a scheme to reduce the volume of fly tipping in the borough!
With the increase in population in Harrow, some selfish people park regularly across resident's driveways, to the extent that it should be considered antisocial behaviour. At the end of our garden, we have a driveway which is now only used when visitors come and some 20-30 something workers, who have several cars between them, help themselves to it, ignoring our request to them to ask first, as we do regularly have people visiting. They drop litter there, from their rented place next door, sweep all their leaves into our driveway, for us to keep clearing, and are surly when asked to move vehicles parked there or across the driveway. We own our home, but it is horrid to feel that we have to explain that we need our driveway back for workmen or relatives etc. They do not care. This issue occurs regularly, especially at weekends, when no one is around in council offices and police are busy with more important things. People can feel too intimidated to do much about it! This issue needs to be dealt with. It can cause all sorts of problems over time!
Needless to say, all these problems are the result of diminished civic education, policing and change in culture. I believe education should be the starting point.
I applaud this action!
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