

Council

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Questions from Members of the Public for Oral Reply

1. From Kyle Sewell to the Portfolio Holder for Transport, Highways and Road Safety

In the past 12 months, the Homesdale Road/Page Heath Lane roundabout (B265) has seen several collisions and a very high number of near misses, especially during rush hours. What plans does the Council have to prevent a likely serious collision on this roundabout?

Reply:

There have been a number of improvements to this roundabout. A zebra crossing was built to two years ago.

Engineers to continue to monitor it and further minor improvements are planned for the Page Heath Lane exit onto the roundabout.

Supplementary Question:

My original question mentioned that there had been numerous collisions on the roundabout. You mentioned zebra crossings. What if there were no pedestrians – what are you going to do about stopping cars from experiencing collisions on that roundabout?

Reply:

The thing about the mini roundabout is that if motorists obey the law they do not enter it unless there is a free exit for them.

Supplementary Question from Councillor Sam Webber:

I want to ask about the other end of Homesdale Road, which links into Bromley Town and Bromley Common. There are serious incidents on that part of the road as well and it is linked to the same stretch of Homesdale Road – the B265.

Reply:

It does not follow – he has to put down a question about the specific junction that he wants to talk about.

2. From Ju Owens to the Portfolio Holder for Sustainability, Green Services and Open Spaces

How much has Bromley Council spent on removing fly tipping and investigating incidents of fly tipping in the most recent financial year (that figures are available for)?

Reply:

We take fly-tipping very seriously in Bromley and we have dedicated additional resources for tackling fly-tipping specifically. We have a very successful anti-fly-tipping campaign which has led in just this year, since January, to eight convictions being secured, with two pending hearings scheduled for 2nd May. We also have one warrant outstanding currently. I can confirm that the cost of fly-tipping removal for last year came to £233,000 and the cost to run the Environmental Crime Team, which is the team who deal with the fly-tipping was just over £230,000.

Supplementary Question:

Does this exclude the revenue from the bulky waste collection service that the Council operates to reduce fly-tipping?

Reply:

Yes, we do have a bulky waste service, and I think your next question is about what would it cost to offer that for free? But there is no suggestion that offering a free service would reduce fly-tipping. You would potentially be having the cost of running a full service bulky waste collection, plus the Environmental Crime Unit plus the fly-tipping service. Often we see incomes from businesses or people outside the borough who would not be eligible for that free bulky waste service.

Supplementary Question from Councillor Simon Jeal:

Can you confirm the financial value of the penalties achieved from the eight convictions?

Reply:

I do not have that to hand but I am happy to write to you with the figures.

3. From Ju Owens to the Portfolio Holder for Sustainability, Green Services and Open Spaces

Has the Council considered providing a set number of free bulky waste collections per year, and if so what would the cost of this likely be?

Reply:

(Already covered in question 2 above).