

Council

11 December 2023

Questions from Members of the Council for Written Reply

1. From Cllr Tony McPartlan to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation and Housing

Please detail the number of households on Bromley's Housing Register split out by ward and band.

Reply:

Wards	Emergency Band -	Band 1 -	Band 2 -	Band 3 -	Band 4 -	Grand Total
Beckenham Town & Copers						
Cope	1	39	17	40	6	103
Bickley & Sundridge		25	19	11	9	64
Biggin Hill	1	12	14	9	2	38
Bromley Common & Holwood	1	47	28	45	7	128
Bromley Town		30	29	15	9	83
Chelsfield	1	14	4	6	1	26
Chislehurst	1	14	5	16		36
Clock House	1	30	16	30	8	85
Crystal Palace & Anerley	3	78	25	52	6	164
Darwin		5	3	3		11
Farnborough & Crofton		12	4	5	2	23
Hayes & Coney Hall	1	8	6	5	1	21
Kelsey & Eden Park	1	19	7	12	3	42
Mottingham	1	54	17	57	5	134
Orpington	1	56	62	45	12	176
Penge & Cator	6	92	47	96	16	257
Petts Wood & Knoll		17	4	17	3	41
Plaistow		35	24	39	3	101
Shortlands & Park Langley		13	3	16	3	35
St Mary Cray	5	86	60	57	15	223
St Paul's Cray	4	93	81	97	19	294
West Wickham		6	3	4	2	15
OOB	4	85	821	27	84	1021
Grand Total	32	870	1299	704	216	3121

Please note this data captures the household's current address. If they are in temporary accommodation this will reflect the placement address rather than the address and ward which they became homeless from.

2. From Cllr Mark Smith to the Portfolio Holder for Transport, Highways and Road Safety

The Levelling-up and Regeneration Act received Royal Assent in November.

One of the provisions in the Act is to enable retailers, currently using parking space in front of their premises for temporary seating, to now make this permanent.

Could the Portfolio Holder confirm the proposed timescales for this facility to be made available in the borough?

Reply:

During the Pandemic we allowed the temporary use of some parking bays for pavement licences although the Business and Planning Act 2020 is clear that areas of the Highway, not officially designated as pavement, cannot be licenced under the Pavement Licensing Regime. This can only occur if the areas of highway or parking bays have been formally re-designated as pavement.

The Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 identifies a new permanent provision for a Pavement Licensing regime. The commencement of the new provisions will be provided for by regulations – which are yet to be published. We are also awaiting the Guidance so it is not possible to ascertain whether parking bays will be excluded from the new permanent regime, as they are in the current temporary one, or not.

The current temporary pavement licensing scheme is in place until Sept 2024. We anticipate formalisation of the new permanent pavement licensing regulations before then.

3. From Cllr Kathy Bance MBE to the Portfolio Holder for Public Protection and Enforcement

Can the Portfolio Holder provide an update on the Prevent Project in relation to healthy relationships being rolled out to our Bromley Schools?

Reply:

We are not aware of any specific PREVENT project being delivered to schools in Bromley. There is the Healthy London Healthy Relationships (HLHR) which is funded by London Councils and promotes healthy relationships and preventing gender-based violence in London schools. It does not include the PREVENT programme.

4. From Cllr Sam Webber to the Portfolio Holder for Transport, Highways and Road Safety

Would the Transport Portfolio Holder consider these following suggestions from concerned residents in Palace View and Bishops Avenue in Bromley Town ward?

- Installing Zig Zag lines on Bishops Avenue (on the Widmore Road - Mason's Hill rat run) at the rear entrance to Bickley and La Fontaine Primary Schools for the safety of the children, parents and carers. This is a fast down-hill residential road with the footpath off it serving both schools.
- Consider installing a traffic island or traffic calming measure close to the blind downhill right-hand bend at the corner of Bishops Avenue and Palace View.

Reply:

The road and footways outside this particular entrance to Bickley Primary and La Fontaine Primary Schools has been investigated by traffic engineers on a number of occasions in recent years. Zigzag lines were considered, but as these could not be installed on both sides of the street to cover both arms of the footpaths, instead double yellow lines with No Loading restrictions were introduced instead. This was considered a better arrangement by the engineers. In addition, a part time flashing 20mph sign was installed on the southbound approach to this entrance.

In respect to the very tight bend to the south of the entrance in question, the bend was considered to be a traffic calming feature in itself. A traffic island here might encourage crossing at an inappropriate location.

5. From Cllr Sam Webber to the Portfolio Holder for Transport, Highways and Road Safety

Would the Portfolio Holder and Transport Officers consider a review of parking restrictions in Coniston Road around the Bromley Court Hotel?

Residents have been complaining about a number of large vans and small lorries which are permanently parked in this road and about which nothing can be done currently, due to a lack of parking restrictions.

Reply:

Any parking controls would prevent parking by cars and would in any case simply displace the parked vans and small lorries to another, possibly less suitable location.