



**Glossopdale Area Forum
Bradbury Community House
Thursday 22nd March 2007
Topic: Enforcement**

Questions and Answers

Question 1: Resident

When will there be proper enforcement of traffic laws in Glossop? Parking, obstruction of pavements with wheelie bins, speeding?

Answer: Police (SC)

At present there is only one traffic warden for the whole of 'B' division of the Police (High Peak and Derbyshire Dales) the decriminalisation of parking offences means the responsibility for enforcement will be transferred to Derbyshire County Council (DCC). The warden does issue tickets but has a wide area to cover. If you witness a suspected breach of regulations you can report this on the 0845 123 3333 and the Police or a Police Community Support Officer can attend, but PCSO's have limited powers on enforcement. The extent of their powers may change with new legislation.

Speeding is often covered by safety cameras in hot spots. Where they do not exist eg on Chunal, there is sometimes a mobile camera unit but we accept that they may not be there often enough.

Parking:

DCC (NH) response.

DCC may decriminalise parking when we become responsible so that other enforcement action can be taken. This is likely to be in 2008. DCC will only be able to enforce traffic regulation orders, this may mean that parking on pavements and causing obstruction could still be a police matter.

Resident Supplementary Question:

What is being done about wheelie bins being left out on pavements?

HPBC response (DW): HPBC can enforce removal but it has to be a borough wide approach. There is a problem of space to the rear of some dwellings. We can also use powers related to obstruction of the pavement or refuse escaping from bins. We will be targeting Old Glossop area in next few weeks where this has been a particular problem.

Question 2:

Resident:

The improvements that have been made to Manor Park including the play facilities and skate park are appreciated and very good. Anti social behaviour is however a problem. Extensive litter picking is required every morning after previous night's activities and there is still a problem with bowling green damage by young people. What is being done about this?

Answer:

HPBC (RS): We are holding a multi agency meeting in next 2 weeks to discuss how best to tackle the issue of anti-social behavior.

Police (SC): Springtime and light evenings may lead to more issues but we will try to address these through a multi agency approach.

Question 3:

Resident: (AB) Snake Pass resident.

What is being done about litter and car damage debris in the area of the foot of the Snake Pass? This also covers all the way to Ladybower not just Glossop

Answer :

HPBC (DL):

We have noted this and will investigate this and report back on action taken on these issues.

Question 4:

Resident :

Given that there are a number of individual issues related to the storage of bins and collection of refuse do we need have to complain about individual bin problems or will something be done on a wider basis?

Answer :

HPBC (DL) We will take a proactive approach on this as we have had a number of complaints and report back on the strategy for enforcement.

Comment from Resident:

If people don't number their bins then it is difficult to enforce

Question 5:

Resident:

On Whitfield Avenue some bins don't seem to have been emptied for some time although they are full with black bin liners alongside.

Answer:

HPBC (DW):

Where people are not using the twin bin scheme properly, in other words they are contaminating the bin and the bin isn't emptied as a result, we will deal with them on an individual basis. If we miss bins that should have been emptied we will collect them within 5 days if they are reported to us. Use the call centre to report a missed bin 0845 129 7777.

Resident supplementary comment:

Once a fortnight collections can be a problem for some large families, especially if they don't have much recyclable material.

Answer:

HPBC (DW):

Larger bins can be requested for 5 or more in the family. We also have a waste audit facility to look at how best to recycle. The twin bin scheme is working very well with so many options so there may be a need to revisit the waste audit route for any individual households that are still having difficulties.

Question 6:

Resident:

Why do the refuse collectors have to come so early in the morning? They recently came to my house at 5.15am.

Answer:

HPBC (DW):

The refuse service is currently being market tested and the contract stipulates that there should be no collections before 6.00am. The early collections occur in areas where there is significant traffic congestion later in the morning and we therefore collect early to avoid jams.

The new contract should be implemented by 2008 at the latest.

Question 7:

HPBC Councillor

Under the Pubwatch scheme a lot of licensees are worried about using the radios to report incidents and possible action that may be taken against them.

Answer:

HPBC: (IN). We would want to encourage all licensees to report any incidents that occur on their premises. The scheme is intended to support licensees not to penalize them.

Any reported incidents need to be acted on.

The review of a licence would look at this and any concerns that licensees have.

Question 8:

HPBC councillor: (IB) In June the smoking ban in public spaces and pubs will be in place. Will HPBC act to enforce the ban or only respond to individual complaints?

Answer:

HPBC:(IN).

We will support employers, pubs etc as much as we can. We will follow up complaints and will try to help where we can through education of the public and also licensees. People who are in charge of smokefree premises have a duty to prevent people from smoking in their premises.

The Council has a duty to make sure that the law is complied with.

Response from Cllr. R Wilkinson: I am a governor of local school and we have recently introduced a smoking ban to cover all areas in advance of the legislation.