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Date FOI Received: 16/01/2019
Department: Parking Services

Title: Parking tickets issued, Potters Bar

Description: Number of parking tickets issued in Heath Road, Westwood

Close, Green Meadow and Green Meadow in Potters Bar and frequency of

enforcement.

Request: (As Redacted sent by requestor)

Under the freedom of information act I request the following information.

Can you please inform me of how many parking offence tickets have been issued for infringement of the parking restrictions between 1pm and 2 pm in the following roads, from inception and annually

Heath Road Westwood Close, Green Meadow,

All the above roads are in Potters Bar.

As a resident of Green Meadow, I think in 2013? A questionnaire was circulated to get the views of residents as to whether they were for or against parking restrictions, could you please supply the result of that poll.

How often is this parking restricted area policed?, there has been a car parked in the turning circle for more than 10 days now, without any ticket, so it would seem not very often. This does invoke the question of whether there is a need for these restrictions, if they are not policed.

Response: (Response as Redacted sent by service)

1. Can you please inform me of how many parking offence tickets have been issued for infringement of the parking restrictions between 1pm and 2 pm in the following roads, from inception and annually:

Street	Number of PCNs Issued from Inception
Heath Road	21
Westwood Close	4
Green Meadow	4

2. As a resident of Green Meadow, I think in 2013? A questionnaire was circulated to get the views of residents as to whether they were for or against parking restrictions, could you please supply the result of that poll:

Due to the length of time the council would be unable to provide this data. Controlled parking zones/restrictions are only implemented if following the consultation process

there is a majority for and obviously this opinion may change over the years with new residents moving into the area.

3. How often is this parking restricted area policed:

These roads are part of the number of beats that need to be covered for the whole borough and due to the high number of 1 hour restriction areas may only receive enforcement once a week.

4. There has been a car parked in the turning circle for more than 10 days now, without any ticket, so it would seem not very often:

Following the back office receiving a complaint about this vehicle it was investigated and the information received confirmed that the owner/driver of the vehicle was unable to move it at the time but has now moved it.

5. This does invoke the question of whether there is a need for these restrictions, if they are not policed:

The restrictions are policed but won't receive daily enforcement due to the location and the high number of streets in the Potters Bar area with 1 hour restrictions. If residents do become aware of a vehicle continually parking then it is very helpful for the Parking Services team (cpz@hertsmere.gov.uk) to receive that information so that we can take action.

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Thank you for your request.

Kind regards

Information Services