

SUMMONS ITEM 10(ii)

FULL COUNCIL 27th June 2005

Motion selected for debate by Councillor Paul Lorber, Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group.

Failure of Parking Service.

This Council notes :

1. that a surplus of £ 3.6 million is projected to be made on the Parking Account this year from Parking Permits, Penalty Charges and other enforcement – an increase of 44% on the figure received last year.
2. that despite this, Penalty Charges continue to be issued inappropriately and outside of proper control times, such as after hours at Barham Park, affecting the operation of Veterans Clubs and others.
3. that this has resulted in thousands of cancellations and appeals across Brent.
4. that over 40,000 tickets issued in Brent in 2002/3 have so far been cancelled – representing OVER A THIRD of tickets issued.
5. that between a quarter and a third of Appeals to the Adjudicator against Brent tickets awarded last year were successful.

In view of this, this Council calls for a full investigation into the operation, efficiency and approach of the Parking Service, including an examination of the directions and approach conveyed to Wardens on the ground, and for a report to be brought back to the Council within three months containing detailed findings and recommendations on the operation of the Service.