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Supporting Statement:

I am employed by the London Borough of Brent as an Environmental Enforcement Manager.

In order to maintain high standards of cleanliness and well being for residents, business and visitors in the Borough I am authorised to investigate all aspects of the Highways Act 1980, the Environmental Protection Act 1990, the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act, the London Local Authorities Act 1990, GLC General Powers Act 1982, Town and Country Planning Act 1990, Refuse (Disposal) Amenity Act 1978, NRSWA 1991 and Brent Bye Laws including all associated amending legislation.

I manage a team of Twenty (20) x officers who's role includes providing uniformed enforcement patrols officers (Neighbourhood Patrol Officers & Environmental Enforcement Patrol Officers) who are tasked to issue Fixed Penalty Notices for offences mentioned above.

Four (4) x Neighbourhood Patrol Officers are mainly assigned to police the Public Space Protection Orders (PSPO) in Brent.

These officers are tasked to a particular area where there is intel of breach's of the PSPO, they then work with internal and external stakeholders to engage, educate and enforce the PSPO.

• **Street drinking / Consumption of alcohol**

Is a major concern for residents of Brent and is attributed to nuisance complaints, fear of violence, damage to council infrastructure and poor health and well-being of people who consume large amounts of alcohol.

NHPs & EEs engage with offenders on a daily bases.

From 1st January 2022 - 11 June 2022 we have issued

- 486 FPNs for street drinking
- Issued over 600 warnings
- Confiscated approximately 1000 litres of alcohol

It is essential the PSPO for street drinking including Park and opens spaces for the whole of Brent is continued, thus allowing officers of Brent to continue to provide a clean, safe and friendly environment to residents, Business , visitors and to assist where possible people who are suffering from alcohol abuse.

Dog fouling :

Over the last 2 years our cleansing contractor has received over 600 requests to clear up dog fouling on the highway and in more recent times these requests have increased, I suspect this is due to the increase in pet ownership over the pandemic and more people working from home.

Introduction of PSPO for dog fouling will replace the Dog Control Orders which are now dated and require replacing with the PSPO and will allow officers of Brent to engage and enforce with dog owners who allow their pet to foul the highway without cleaning it up.

Use of illegal drugs or psychoactive substances (formerly known as legal highs) inc Nitrous Oxide (Balloons) :

Officers of the team have noted an increase of use of legal highs in the Parks and Open Spaces , these are normally connected to Street drinking / Consumption of alcohol. On one particular day off Empire Way the police confiscated 12 bottles of gas used for filling up balloons also the streets and parks get littered with used canisters.

Urinating or defecating in a place other than a serviced public convenience.

In the last 12 months over 100 people have been fined for Urinating, these offences are nearly always connected to street drinking / consumption of alcohol and the odd occasion within the proximity of children.

To let off fireworks, including flares and smoke emitters in a public place, which may cause a nuisance and panic.

The use of fireworks / flares on public land (streets and Parks) is a problem mainly around faith events, national holidays and events. The miss-use of fireworks / flares courses major disturbance to residents, animals alike also creates a fear of violence and the after effect is large amount of litter needing to be cleared up

losing control of any dogs :

- > where a dog is not reasonably within eyesight of the owner and/ or where a dog does not respond to being beckoned by the owner
- > should an authorised officer request a dog should be put on a lead in all parks, open spaces, graveyards and cemeteries, failure to comply is a breach of the PSPO
- > letting a dog enter an area where a notice specifies that dogs are not allowed, such as a playground
- > walking more than 4 dogs at a time.

The above restrictions ensure public land and open spaces can be enjoyed by all and to ensure safety of users of the space/s . One incident occurred whereby a dog was left to run about while the owner was in their car reading a newspaper the dog nearly got run over and when the officers tried to engage with the owner they ignored requests to place the dog on a lead.

lighting of fires or using barbeques :

These cause damage to infrastructure and have in the past started fires in the parks to course widespread damage : See attached photos

Use of motor vehicles without the written consent of the London Borough of Brent unless in cemeteries where motor vehicles access is permitted and Defacing or damaging fixtures, furniture or other items :

The above restrictions ensure public land and open spaces can be enjoyed by all and to ensure safety of users of the space/s. We receive regular reports of mopeds using parks as a short cut, car parking up on grass areas causing damage and damage to parks equipment as for one example of damage to tennis court gates and fences, which costs £1000s to repair every year.

To engage in illegal street trading which includes the buying and/or selling of any item(s) including tickets (ticket touting) to any person :

People who illegally sell items without a licence places the general public a risk. The risks are to their health, safety , consumer rights and exposing them to criminal entities which they would not normally encounter and affects legitimate business in a negative way. In the year 2022 , we have issued over 20 Fines for illegal street selling.

Yours

Environmental Enforcement Manager

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Examples of Lighting of Fires and Barbeque use in Brent parks



