



## Item 7: Questions from Members of the Public

**Full Council – 15 September 2025**

1. **Question from L. Varsani to Councillor Krupa Sheth (Cabinet Member for Public Realm & Enforcement)**

Can the Cabinet Member for Public Realm and Enforcement advise what is being done to address the increasing number of cyclists riding pedal bikes and semi motorised bikes on the pavements?

As one example, cyclists are using the footpaths along Kingsbury Road even though there is a cycle lane.

It appears that pavements (including narrow footpaths) are increasingly being used as cycle lanes, resulting in difficulties for pedestrians using the pavement and concerns in relation to safety.

Whilst recognising the difficulties in monitoring and taking enforcement action to prevent this type of behaviour, could signage be provided to remind cyclists that the footpath should not be used for cycling.

**Response:**

It is the police who enforce the law against cycling on pavements, which is illegal under the Highways Act 1835.

The Highway Code also states you "MUST not cycle on a pavement". Enforcement is at the discretion of the police, who may issue a warning, a fixed penalty notice, or even take legal action if the offence is serious or if you are a repeat offender.

The Law states the following:

- **Highways Act 1835:** Section 72 makes it an offence to "wilfully ride" on a footpath or causeway meant for pedestrians.
- **Highway Code:** Rule 64 clearly states that cyclists "MUST not cycle on a pavement".
- **Penalties:** A fixed penalty notice of £50 can be issued for this offence, though the maximum fine could be up to £500.

If residents have concerns about pavement cycling in their area, they can contact the Council who will make the police aware, or contact their local Safer Neighbourhood Team directly for advice.

Any concerns relating to misuse of Lime Bikes should be directed to Lime via:

<https://help.li.me/hc/en-gb/categories/360004847814-Reporting-and-Complaints>

2. **Question from R. Furness to Councillor Krupa Sheth (Cabinet Member for Public Realm & Enforcement)**

Can the Cabinet Member for Public Realm and Enforcement advise what measures it is possible to take to prevent what appear to be ex-minicab Toyota Prius cars being stored in and around the streets surrounding Tewkesbury Gardens Kingsbury NW9 0QU.

Whilst acknowledging that if vehicles are taxed and insured they can be parked on the public highway, can clarification be provided on any checks being undertaken to ensure these vehicles are lawfully registered and taxed given they severely limit any available spaces for residents or visiting tradespeople to park. Many are also in a state of disrepair and are often removed by the local authority when notified reported to the DVLA by residents, but can more forceful enforcement action be taken (including the use of fines) to prevent our roads being used as a maintenance free, unpaid car compound.

**Response:**

We acknowledge the concern this raises for residents, especially when such vehicles occupy valuable parking spaces and appear to be in poor condition.

Vehicles that are taxed, have a valid MOT, or are not causing an obstruction are legally permitted to park on the public highway.

**Current Enforcement Measures:**

**Vehicle Inspections:** Our enforcement teams regularly inspect reported vehicles to verify whether they are taxed and have a valid MOT. Where vehicles are found to be untaxed, abandoned, or in disrepair, we initiate removal procedures in coordination with the DVLA, the enforcing agency. Residents are encouraged to report suspect vehicles directly to the DVLA who support our enforcement efforts. <https://www.gov.uk/report-untaxed-vehicle>

The DVLA website also provides a link for reporting uninsured vehicles or vehicles without an MOT to the police.

**Abandonment Criteria:** Vehicles that are stationary for extended periods, visibly neglected, or which are missing registration plates may be classified as abandoned and removed following investigation. The following link gives advice:

<https://www.brent.gov.uk/parking-roads-and-travel/roads-and-streets/street-cleaning/abandoned-vehicle#reportanabandonedvehicle>

In addition, our parking enforcement contractors enforce parking restrictions on behalf of the council and information on reporting a vehicle parked in contravention or obstructing access is available on our website:

[Report an illegally parked car | Brent Council](#)

Members of the public who feel their area would benefit from regulated parking can formally request the introduction of a Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ). This process involves consultation with residents and an assessment of parking pressures. To initiate a request, please contact the council's Health Streets and Parking Service via our website or customer service channels:

<https://www.brent.gov.uk/parking-roads-and-travel/parking/where-you-can-park/controlled-parking-zones>