



Item 9.1(a)

Full Council – 15 September 2025

Amendment submitted by the Labour Group to the Conservative Group Motion

Proposed amendment – To add the wording underlined and delete the wording indicated:

Addressing Safety and Fly-Tipping Risks in Bee Corridor Management in Brent

This Council notes

- That ~~the Conservative Group~~ all political groups have supported and encouraged the environmental value of Brent's bee corridors and wildflower initiatives in promoting biodiversity and supporting pollinator populations.
- The Council's commitment to doing everything in its power to offset the impacts of climate change; and to protect biodiversity across the borough.

This Council further notes, however

That the recent ~~unmanaged~~ long grass and overgrown vegetation along designated bee corridors in our parks and open spaces along with uncut grass verges have in some cases led to increased instances of:

- Fly-tipping of cans, bottles, and concealed waste such as dog fouling, which poses hygiene risks where children play and track contamination into homes.
- Residents reporting reduced visibility near footpaths, crossings, and residential boundaries — notably along Fryent Way, creating hazards for pedestrians and vehicles.
- Fire risks during dry periods, as evidenced by the fire in Roe Green Park on 25th August.
- Concerns raised by residents regarding safety and accessibility, particularly in overgrown areas such as Eton Grove Park, Queensbury Station Parade, Kingsbury and other roundabouts in Brent.

This Council recognises

That similar challenges have been addressed successfully elsewhere:

- Newham Council's fly-tipping campaign used pavement stencils, "crime scene" tape, and community-led clean-up events to reduce dumping by over 60%.
- Camden Council's visibility motion mandated regular trimming near junctions and crossings, supported by resident-led audits to identify problem areas.
- Brent's own corridor strategy has previously trialled rotational sowing and visible placement of wildflower zones to balance biodiversity and public engagement.

And that Brent Council has introduced a number of successful initiatives in recent years to tackle these issues, such as the popular Community Skip scheme, and Green Corridors and Neighbourhoods in Church End, Roundwood, and Kingsbury.

This Council, therefore, resolves to request that the Cabinet Member for Public Realm and Enforcement produces a report to explore:

- (1) Implementing a zoned maintenance strategy, ensuring continued regular trimming near pedestrian routes, junctions, and residential grass verges while preserving biodiversity in core areas — such as the open spaces on Fryent Way away from built-up zones.
- (2) ~~Introduce~~ Increasing the amount of clear signage and QR-coded educational materials, which are already in place by all of Brent's bee corridors, to inform residents about the purpose of bee corridors and discourage illegal dumping which residents across Brent are witnessing.
- (3) Republishing a transparent annual maintenance schedule and designate points of contact for reporting fly-tipping and safety concerns arising from these bee corridors; which was made available to residents when the bee corridors were launched and sets out the cycle of maintenance and how to raise concerns with fly-tipping or safety.
- (4) Engage The ways in which the Council already engages with local communities, "Friends of" groups, and residents to co-develop monitoring and feedback mechanisms, ensuring resident voices shape future bee corridor management.
- (5) Exploring creative deterrents such as pavement stencils, visual markers, and community-led stewardship initiatives to discourage fly-tipping and promote shared responsibility through our Don't Mess with Brent campaign.

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