

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

Your request for information has now been considered and the Council's response to your questions is shown below.

You asked:

We would be grateful if you would provide us with a plan (with a time frame) for gauging its success, along with the criteria that you will use for doing so, and the rationale underlying them. Moreover we wish to know what you would do if the plan fails, and how you will measure success or failure. We trust the trial period of the refreshed markings will last no more than three months. We should point out we had extensive problems, especially during Ramadan, with obstruction of our driveway.

ANSWER

There are no set criteria for measuring the success of the road markings. However the refreshed road markings allow the available parking spaces to be clearly identified. This will increase compliance and will also aid enforcement.

Whilst you were here we understood your objections to a curb build-out, as suggested by Miss Vania, to be three-fold:

Cost - Whilst we appreciate the need for financial restraint, the overwhelming evidence of the last fourteen years is that obstruction is a persistent recurring problem, for which the council has a duty of care with regard to its resolution.

The Council is able to enforce parking restrictions [ie. the yellow lines] and will continue to do so in this area. However where there is no Traffic Regulation Order in place [ie. no yellow lines] only the Police have powers to deal with obstruction, and they should be contacted when necessary.

The costs of any scheme to improve parking provision will need to address the competing demands for parking spaces in the area – this needs to be to be accepted and seen as equitable by all concerned.

That they are only ever used to facilitate pedestrians crossing roads - we have pointed out to you a curb-build up on Staveley Road which is not to facilitate pedestrians. We would be grateful for a detailed report from you under FOI covering the last three years, of each instance of curb build-outs including their justification and costs.

To clarify the issue - kerb build-outs are not only used to reduce crossing distances for pedestrians, but are also used as part of traffic calming, street closure, one-way and bus lane priority schemes as well as to delineate parking bays. It is therefore not possible to provide a definitive list of all kerb

build-outs and costs for the past three years. However each scheme where kerb build-outs were used was justified using appropriate legislative requirements, standards and Codes of Practice. The kerb build-outs on Staveley Road were part of a one-way scheme which was built in 2011.

That cars turning into St Philips Road from Evington Lane might crash into them - This is hard to understand given that a curb build-out would be at most 600mm in width, whereas an average car parked in the same place would occupy more like 1800mm.

There may have been some misunderstanding here as kerb build-outs designed in accordance with Council standards will not cause vehicles to hit them.

We would therefore be grateful for a full explanation based in law, policy and guidance responding to our request for a curb build-out. We look forward to hearing from you with a full substantive response to all our questions within 10 working days.

The letter Andrew Thomas, the Head of Traffic Management, sent to Jon Ashworth MP on 24th September [referred to in your email of 16th October] outlines the complex situation in the Evington Road and St Philips Road area and the Council's intention to reach a solution to deal fairly with the competing demands for parking. The letter provides a full explanation to the issues raised in this email.

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