



**CITY COUNCIL  
11 OCTOBER 2022**

**WRITTEN  
QUESTIONS TO**

**CABINET MEMBERS**

**WRITTEN QUESTIONS**

**A To the Leader of the Council**

**Eurovision**

From Councillor David Barrie

**B To the Deputy Leader of the Council**

**None submitted**

**C To the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families**

**1. Special Educational Needs Support**

From Councillor Morriam Jan.

**2. Secondary School Catchment for B14 5UX**

From Councillor Julien Pritchard

**D To the Cabinet Member for Digital, Culture, Heritage and Tourism**

**None submitted**

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**1. Birmingham's Missing Parks**

From Councillor Deborah Harries

**2. Fly-Tipping**

From Councillor Morriam Jan

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Councillor Rick Payne

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Councillor Kerry Brewer

**G To the Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care**

None submitted

**H To the Cabinet Member for Housing and Homelessness**

**1. Housing Policy**

From Councillor Deborah Harries

**2. Housing Repair Phone Calls/Appointments**

From Councillor Julien Pritchard

**3. CCTV Removal – Campion House and Saffron House**

From Councillor Rob Grant

**I To the Cabinet Member for Social Justice, Community Safety and Equalities**

None submitted

**J To the Cabinet Member for Transport**

**1. Penalty Charge Notices**

From Councillor Deborah Harries

**2. A34 Perry Barr Road Changes**

From Councillor Jon Hunt

**3. Fixed Penalty Notices**

From Councillor Izzy Knowles

**2. Dropped Kerbs**

From Councillor Deborah Harries

**3. Commonwealth Games Restricted Parking**

Councillor Morriam Jan

**4. School Streets**

Councillor Jon Hunt

**5. Highways Local Improvement Budget Funds**

Councillor Julien Pritchard

**K To the Chair of Licensing and Public Protection Committee**

**1. Minimum Energy Efficiency Standards**

From Councillor Adrian Delaney

**2. Minimum Energy Efficiency Standards Council Resources**

From Councillor Ewan Mackey

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM  
COUNCILLOR DAVID BARRIE**

**“Eurovision”**

**Question:**

**How much did the council spend on the bid to host Eurovision?**

**Answer: £1,707.40**

**B**

**PLEASE NOTE NO WRITTEN QUESTIONS WERE SUBMITTED FOR THE  
DEPUTY LEADER**

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## WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES FROM COUNCILLOR MORRIAM JAN

### ‘Special Educational Needs Support’

#### Question:

**Could the Cabinet Member provide details of the number of pupils in local authority schools currently assigned special educational needs support and the Wards this covers? Are these support needs being met?**

#### Answer:

The table below shows the number of pupils with SEN Support attending Birmingham local authority schools (including academies) and the wards those schools are in.

Ward	SEN Support pupils in Birmingham Schools
Acocks Green	773
Allens Cross	276
Alum Rock	912
Aston	912
Balsall Heath West	192
Bartley Green	927
Billesley	607
Birchfield	135
Bordesley & Highgate	416
Bordesley Green	382
Bournbrook & Selly Park	260
Bournville & Cotteridge	639
Brandwood & King's Heath	992
Bromford & Hodge Hill	546
Castle Vale	466
Druids Heath & Monyhull	341
Edgbaston	174
Erdington	557
Frankley Great Park	621
Garretts Green	567



Glebe Farm & Tile Cross	434
Gravelly Hill	236
Hall Green North	447
Hall Green South	58
Handsworth	448
Handsworth Wood	484
Harborne	294
Heartlands	625
Highter's Heath	170
Holyhead	480
King's Norton North	373
King's Norton South	313
Kingstanding	512
Ladywood	519
Longbridge & West Heath	476
Lozells	652
Moseley	547
Nechells	736
Newtown	341
North Edgbaston	585
Northfield	224
Oscott	717
Perry Barr	289
Perry Common	172
Pype Hayes	247
Quinton	361
Rubery & Rednal	451
Shard End	370
Sheldon	327
Small Heath	1019
Soho & Jewellery Quarter	456
South Yardley	369
Sparkbrook & Balsall Heath East	966
Sparkhill	629
Stirchley	116
Stockland Green	514
Sutton Four Oaks	228
Sutton Mere Green	136
Sutton Reddicap	464
Sutton Roughley	36
Sutton Trinity	322
Sutton Vesey	314

Sutton Walmley & Minworth	205
Sutton Wylde Green	232
Tyseley & Hay Mills	233
Ward End	594
Weoley & Selly Oak	629
Yardley West & Stechford	210
<b>Total</b>	<b>30,255</b>

SEN Support Plans are the responsibility of education settings to assess, plan and resource the support to meet the identified need of the individual pupil.

This support is funded from element 2 funding of the DSG (notional funding). In the event where the support offered does not meet need appropriately, as agreed in the SEN Support Plans, education settings can request an EHC Needs Assessment for further funding through the High Needs Block.

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES FROM COUNCILLOR JULIEN PRITCHARD**

**“Secondary School Catchment for B14 5UX”**

**Question:**

**What secondary schools are considered in catchment for postcode B14 5UX?  
And how long does it take to travel to these by public and active transport?  
And what is being done to increase secondary school provision for children in this area?**

**Answer:**

Secondary schools in Birmingham do not generally have fixed catchment areas. Places are offered in accordance with each school's admission arrangements which must comply with the School Admissions Code and which are [published on the council's website at this link](#).

Where places are offered based on a distance criterion, distances are measured in metres as a straight line from a fixed point at the school to the individual pupil's home address.

The distance the last child offered a place under the distance criterion lives from that school will vary each year. This is known as a school's 'cut-off distance'. Schools' cut-off distances for the previous three years are published on the council's website to support families with the application process.

When considering schools to list as preferences, families should contact the School Admissions team (0121 303 188 or [admissions@birmingham.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@birmingham.gov.uk)) to obtain distance measurements from their home address to the schools they are interested in.

To answer this question, distances have been measured from one address with a B14 5UX postcode. It is important to note that distances to schools from other addresses within that postcode will be different.

For September 2022 entry, a pupil applying on time from one address in B14 5UX would have been offered a place at the Birmingham\* secondary schools listed below under the distance criterion of the schools' admission arrangements.

School	Distance from an address in B14 5UX	Estimated travel times (using TfWM Journey Planner)
Ark Kings Academy	2,270m	Cycle: 8 minutes Bus/Walk: 14 minutes (NXWM 49) Walk: 33 minutes
Kings Heath Boys' School	2,328m	Cycle: 10 minutes Bus/Walk: 20 minutes (NXWM 50) Walk: 38 minutes
St Thomas Aquinas Catholic School	3,118m	Cycle: 9 minutes Bus/Walk: 29 minutes (NXWM 18) Walk: 36 minutes
Selly Park Technology College for Girls	3,504m	Cycle: 13 minutes Bus/Walk: 33 minutes (NXWM 49 and 45) Walk: 56 minutes

*\*B14 5UX is near Birmingham's borders with Worcestershire and Solihull so a family applying from an address there may have met the admission criteria and been offered a place at a secondary school in another local authority. Information on other local authorities' schools' admission arrangements would be held by those local authorities.*

A pupil applying from B14 5UX may also have met other local Birmingham secondary schools' admission criteria (eg performance in a grammar school's entrance test or meeting the faith requirements for a faith school). For the purposes of this answer only Birmingham schools who would have offered a place based on distance were included. It has also been assumed that the child applying from an address in B14 5UX does not have a sibling attending a Birmingham secondary school, is not a Looked After Child or Previously Looked After Child and does not have an Education, Health and Care Plan.

School sufficiency is regularly monitored and work is undertaken to create additional capacity when increased need is identified, through bulge classes or school expansion programmes.

Over the past six years, 323 additional Year 7 places have been created within three miles of B14 5UX. This has been done through the expansion of five Birmingham schools and the opening of a new school, Christ Church CE Secondary Academy in September 2021, in light of forecast demand. This equates to over 1500 additional secondary places across Y7 to 11.

Officers will continue to monitor demand for secondary school places in the area and across the city.

**D**

**PLEASE NOTE NO WRITTEN QUESTIONS WERE SUBMITTED FOR THE  
CABINET MEMBER FOR DIGITAL, CULTURE, HERITAGE AND  
TOURISM**

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT FROM  
COUNCILLOR DEBORAH HARRIES**

**‘Birmingham’s Missing Parks’**

**Question:**

**Why aren’t all parks, recreation grounds, open spaces etc listed on the Birmingham City Council website, to help Birmingham residents and visitors find them? I tested two in my ward/constituency – Manor Road Recreation Ground and Acocks Green Recreation Ground – both with children’s play areas, active Friends of Parks groups and members of the Birmingham Open Spaces Forum (BOSF), and neither appear.**

**Answer:**

**You are correct, we have verified the information and will be updating the website as appropriate.**

## **WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT FROM COUNCILLOR MORRIAM JAN**

### **'Fly Tipping'**

#### **Question:**

**What proportion of fly tipping cases are investigated within seven days of them being reported? If the Cabinet Member cannot answer the question, could he specify how the department ensures timely investigation reported of fly tipping reports?**

#### **Answer:**

All reported fly tipped rubbish is inspected within 10 days. The majority is removed without further action.

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT FROM  
COUNCILLOR PAUL TILSLEY**

**'Fly Tipping'**

**Question:**

**Could the Cabinet Member comment on how much of the additional £1m announced to tackle fly tipping before Budget Council has been spent including details of what this money has been spent on and how much is remaining?**

**Answer:**

All of the initiatives to reduce Flytipping have been resourced until April 23. This includes additional crews to remove Flytipping and additional CCTV cameras. I am unable to provide a detailed breakdown of actual spend at the moment.



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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT FROM  
COUNCILLOR COLIN GREEN**

**‘Alleyway Clean Up’**

**Question:**

**Could the Cabinet Member comment on how much of the additional £1m announced to clean up alleyways before Budget Council has been spent including details of what this money has been spent on and how much is remaining?**

**Answer:**

The funding, £803,000, for the alleyway clearance has been fully allocated to resource team to complete the clearance of city council owned alleyways. I am unable to give a breakdown of the budget allocation but 327 Alleyways have been completed so far with 124 still to clear.

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT FROM  
COUNCILLOR BABER BAZ**

**'Missed Waste Collections'**

**Question:**

**Could the Cabinet Member explain why my Ward of Yardley West and Stechford and also Yardley East have endured missed waste collections from the Redfern Depot recently? Both of these Wards are scheduled for collection on a Tuesday, however both have had roads missed, with almost  $\frac{3}{4}$  of my Ward having no collection on 27th September and having to wait till Saturday morning for their waste to be removed some 4 days later which is infuriating my residents. Which other Wards have collections on Tuesdays from Redfern Depot and did they have similar issues?**

**Answer:**

It is unfortunate that you have experienced some missed collections in previous weeks. Redfern has recently experienced a number of staffing issues. The depot has secured additional resources from the agency and we have also diverted drivers from other services and other depots to support. This has resulted in an improved service this week.

Other Wards which are collected on a Tuesday and have experience similar problems include, Heartlands, Yardley, Glebe Farm and Tile Cross, Alum Rock and Bromford and Hodge Hill.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE AND  
RESOURCES FROM COUNCILLOR ADAM HIGGS**

**“Childcare vouchers”**

**Question:**

What was the reason for the delay in making childcare voucher payments to staff in August and September?

**Answer:**

There was a slight delay for September’s vouchers due to invoices raised incorrectly set with a payment of within 28 days rather than immediate. When identified, a BACS payment was arranged and sent on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> with clearance by Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September. Funds were released to employee Sodexo accounts on the 28<sup>th</sup> with availability of funds on the correct date, albeit a few hours later than normal.

There was no delay in payment for August’s childcare vouchers, funds cleared on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August without issue.

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE AND  
RESOURCES FROM COUNCILLOR RICK PAYNE**

**“Childcare vouchers transaction costs”**

**Question:**

**What additional transaction costs were incurred as a result of having to make BACs payments to Sodexo after failing to pay on time in usual way for staff childcare vouchers?**

**Answer:**

There are no additional transaction costs occurred as a result of having to make a late BACs payment to Sodexo. The only time we would incur charges is if a childcare provider invoices staff with a late payment fee, we would reimburse staff in this instance. We have no record of this happening in at least the past two and a half years.

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE AND  
RESOURCES FROM COUNCILLOR DEBBIE CLANCY**

**“Payment of suppliers”**

**Question:**

**What is the average number of days for payment of suppliers in each month since April 2022?**

**Answer:**

The focus has been on accelerating payments, officers do data extracts in order to manage the payments.

Key performance reports are currently being developed and as soon as this data is available it will be shared with you.

Officers apologise for the inconvenience caused for any delays in payments, there is a dedicated team in place to work solely on aged invoices.

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE AND  
RESOURCES FROM COUNCILLOR ROBERT ALDEN**

**“Payment of suppliers within 30 days”**

**Question:**

**In each month since April 2021, what percentage of invoices have been paid within 30 days?**

**Answer:**

Since April 2021 to March 2022 the percentage of invoices paid within 30 days is as follows :-

Apr 21 – 71.42%  
May 21 – 95.14%  
Jun 21 – 96.34%  
Jul 21 – 96.88%  
Aug 21 – 94.44%  
Sep 21 – 92.47%  
Oct 21 – 97.68%  
Nov 21 – 96.17%  
Dec 21 - 95.91%  
Jan 22 – 86.79%  
Feb 22 – 92.95%  
Mar 22 – 45.67%

The dip in performance in March 2022 is due to a pause in processing which is standard practice when shifting data from one system to another as it needs to be at a moment in time.

The focus has been on getting payments out to suppliers in the first instance, reports are in development and will be shared with you as soon as available. Data extracts are being used to manage the payments performance. A dedicated team is in place to clear the backlog of aged invoices.

Officers apologise for the inconvenience caused, and an action plan in place to clear this backlog.

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE AND  
RESOURCES FROM COUNCILLOR KERRY BREWER**

**“Transaction costs”**

**Question:**

**What additional transaction costs, including staff time, have been incurred since April 2022 as a result of having to manually process invoices due to problems with Oracle?**

**Answer:**

Since April 2022 Transaction Services have recruited six additional agency staff to help manually process invoices. The total cost of these, assuming they are in post until December 2022 is forecasted to be £84,000.

**G**

**PLEASE NOTE NO WRITTEN QUESTIONS WERE SUBMITTED FOR THE  
CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE**



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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS FROM COUNCILLOR DEBORAH HARRIES**

**'Housing Policy'**

**Question:**

**Why does the housing department continue with the rigid and illogical policy of tenants not being able to 'bid down' for properties, which would give tenants greater opportunity of successfully bidding for a larger property to get themselves into a less over-crowded living situation?**

**'We would be condoning overcrowding' is a pretty poor response when a family of five, deemed to be overcrowded in a two-bedroom tower block flat, with grandmother sleeping on a mattress in the living room, can only bid for a four-bedroom property, of which there are only around 30 across the whole city, and not for a three-bedroom property, of which there are around 300.**

**I'd be grateful if serious consideration can be given to dropping this policy.**

**Answer:**

In May 2022 a new procedure was introduced to enable certain applicants (subject to the criteria set out below) to bid on properties that have one bedroom less than they are eligible for. This was to ensure that applicants with a need for larger properties, which rarely become available, could bid on properties with a bedroom less, and to ensure that all such applicants are treated fairly and consistently when such a decision is made.

The procedure applies to applicants who are significantly overcrowded at the point of application and remain so at the point of an offer of accommodation being made. Such applicants will be permitted to bid for Birmingham City Council properties with one fewer bedroom than their assessed bedroom need so long as the offer of accommodation does not result in statutory overcrowding.

The procedure applies to all applicants who meet the following criteria:

Applicants who have been

- Assessed to need 3 bedrooms or more.
- Assessed as been significantly overcrowded - Awarded Band 1 or 2 for overcrowding purposes.
- Awarded the need for an extra bedroom on medical grounds.
- The properties applicants bid on must have more bedrooms than the applicant currently has access to.
- The properties the applicant bids on should ideally have 2 reception rooms (parlour type) where 1 can be used as a bedroom, however other property types will be considered.
- Applicants must not become statutory overcrowded when made an offer of accommodation.

This procedure is applied automatically as part of the application assessment stage for all eligible applicants who registered after the implementation date.

For all applicants who registered prior to the implementation this is applied at the applicants' request.

This is also included in the new Allocations Policy which is due to be implemented late 2022 which states the following:

*2.2.4 Applicants who are significantly overcrowded at the point of application and remain so at the point of an offer of accommodation being made, may be permitted to bid for Birmingham City Council properties with one fewer bedrooms than their assessed bedroom need if the offer does not result in statutory overcrowding.*

Information on the procedure, and to make applicants aware of this, will be available on the Birmingham Choice website.

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS FROM COUNCILLOR JULIEN PRITCHARD**

**“Housing Repair Phone Calls/Appointments”**

**Question:**

**What is the target of how quickly housing repair phone calls from tenants are answered? And how many calls have met this target in the past year? And what is the target on number of appointments cancelled by housing contractors? And what is the performance of the housing contractors against this? And what is the average wait for repair calls to be answered?**

**Answer:**

The council measures calls answered against calls presented. The target for calls answered is 90%. In the current calendar year from January to September 2022, 91% of calls were answered, therefore 1% better than target.

The council measures the number of appointments which were attended by the contractor against the original appointment made with the customer.

Our target for appointments kept is between 94.9% (Minimum Standard) and 98.1% (Maximum Standard). The performance of the housing contractors against this target for the year April 2022 to September 2022 is:

North: 98.8% of appointments were successfully kept, therefore 1.2% missed.

East: 97.7% of appointments were successfully kept, therefore 2.3% missed.

South: 98.3% of appointments were successfully kept, therefore 1.7% missed.

West: 97.3% of appointments were successfully kept, therefore 2.7% missed.

The average wait for repair calls to be answered is 2 minutes 58 seconds.

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS FROM COUNCILLOR ROB GRANT**

**“CCTV Removal – Campion House and Saffron House”**

**Question:**

**Can it be explained why the CCTV system at Campion House and Saffron House tower blocks in Kings Norton South, has been removed? Both blocks are for the over 50's, many of whom are vulnerable.**

**It would appear this is for GDPR reasons. However, these cameras were only in use within the confines of the grounds of the two tower blocks and their community centre.**

**It seems inconceivable that this line of protection for residents has been removed considering the use of household and business CCTV, in car cameras and mobile phones is widespread and impossible to apply GDPR regulations in every situation.**

**Since the removal of the cameras, residents are feeling vulnerable as there is an increase in anti-social behaviour, damage to cars and recently a resident has been mugged. The police could not help because there wasn't any CCTV evidence.**

**If the removal of CCTV on council property is a BCC policy, then many citizens of Birmingham are not being cared for and left vulnerable**

**Answer:**

Under the Surveillance Camera Commissioner 'Code of Practice' local authorities and the Police are deemed as a 'Relevant Authority'. Under this 'Code of Practice' we have to comply with a stricter set of rules than the general public and businesses. This ensures our compliance with the Data Protection Act, GDPR, Protection of Freedoms Act, Protection from Harassment Act etc...

To ensure compliance, in 2018/19 an audit was carried out of all our Housing Management CCTV cameras. None of our cameras were found to be compliant, this was either due to them deemed not fit for purpose, no legitimate justified need, or they simply did not work. The cameras were subsequently decommissioned, and tenants advised of their removal.

Additional to the non-compliance, the concierge service was decommissioned early 2015 following consultation during November 2013 to February 2014. A redesigned service was introduced throughout 2015 that provides 24/7 door entry control and a mobile patrol service. At the time it was agreed that the CCTV equipment relating to

the concierge service would remain in situ. It was accepted that this equipment would not be maintained or replaced when it ceased to be operationally effective. This was subsequently removed to comply with legislation.

The Surveillance Commissioner at that time stated *'From my perspective if, following a review, it is determined that the surveillance camera no longer fulfils its purpose then the local authority should be considering removing that camera.'*

The decommissioning of Housing CCTV was agreed at cabinet and elected members were informed in November 2019.

Should there be a justified reason to install CCTV then Housing have a robust procedure in place for the local team to follow, this includes consultation, completion of a Data Protection Impact Assessment and final sign off by the Council Head of Information Management. This procedure has been in place since the decommissioning project in 2019.

I have asked for the local housing officers to engage with the residents and explore improving security, for example, improving lighting and clearing foliage.

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CABINET MEMBER FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE, COMMUNITY SAFETY AND  
EQUALITIES**

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT FROM  
COUNCILLOR DEBORAH HARRIES**

**‘Penalty Charge Notices’**

**Question:**

**Can you please tell me how many parking fines or Penalty Charge Notices (PCNs) have been issued – month by month, during the last year 2021/22 – in Yardley East Ward, and more specifically on Church Road, Yardley, which is a hotspot for illegal and dangerous parking on pavements, double yellow lines and white zig zags, and of much concern to local residents.**

**Answer:**

Penalty Charge Notices (PCNs) record the location in terms of the road name but not the ward and therefore information cannot be provided for the Yardley East Ward but can be provided for Church Road Yardley, which is shown below:-

The number of patrols are also shown as not every visit results in a PCN being issued:-

1 April 2021 – 30 September 2022

	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept
no. patrols	16	15	10	1	2	7	7	5	9	1	10	3	13	9	5	7	11	38
no. pcns	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	3	0	2	0	2	4

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT FROM  
COUNCILLOR JON HUNT**

**‘A34 Perry Barr Road Changes’**

**Question:**

**The Cabinet Member will remember supporting the A34 Perry Barr Road changes on the grounds they will deliver improvements to bus access and cycling routes. Could she investigate why there appears to be neither dedicated bus lanes or cycle lanes or bus gates at the A34 southbound One Stop traffic lights, perhaps investigating how the proposed SPRINT bus services, which have required significant investment from TfWM, will maintain their pace through this junction without priority?**

**Answer:**

A dedicated bus lane is available southbound on the approach to the Aldridge Road/One Stop junction. The point where the bus lane terminates has been determined by the need for traffic to merge into the lane to turn left into Aldridge Road. The arrangement is consistent with the design used to model bus journeys that showed improvements in journey times through the area.

Additionally, the Perry Barr highway scheme has focussed on improving the cycle facilities from the existing A34 blue route to Perry Barr centre and providing a connection to the future Aldridge Road cycle route. The new layout is more cycle friendly for cyclists travelling southbound on the A34.



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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT FROM  
COUNCILLOR IZZY KNOWLES**

**‘Fixed Penalty Notices’**

**Question:**

**How many FPNs have been issued in the last 12 months (broken down monthly) for parking on the grass verge in Yardley Wood Road and Swanshurst Lane, Moseley?**

**Please provide:**

- 1. Gross revenue obtained by Birmingham City Council from car parking charges at Cannon Hill Park including Queens Ride car park from July 2018 until now.**
- 2. Total amount spent on re-payments of loans / investment that were incurred in order to install the car park charging equipment.**
- 3. Total amount spent on infrastructure at the park -such as lighting, re-surfacing and CCTV and itemise the expenditure.**
- 4. Total amount spent on other areas of the park or the MAC and itemise the expenditure.**
- 5. Number of fixed penalties issued for illegal parking on restricted areas of Russell Road and Moorcroft Road**

**Answer:**

The number of patrols are also shown as not every visit results in a Penalty Charge Notice (PCN) being issued:-

**Yardley Wood Road – Parked on Grass Verge**

**1 October 2021 – 30 September 2022**

	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept
no. patrols	5	0	33	56	19	2	3	4	4	6	24	23
no. pcns	0	0	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1

**Swanshurst Lane Moseley – Parked on Grass Verge**

**1 October 2021 – 30 September 2022**

	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept
no. patrols	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	28
no. pcns	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	9

**1. Gross revenue obtained by Birmingham City Council from car parking charges at Cannon Hill Park including Queens Ride car park from July 2018 until now**

- 2017/18 £144,424
- 2018/19 £395,131
- 2019/20 £379,182
- 2020/21 £213,661
- 2021/22 £338,000

**2. Total amount spent on re-payments of loans / investment that were incurred in order to install the car park charging equipment**

- 2018/19 £56,404
- 2019/20 £56,404
- 2020/21 £56,404

**3. Total amount spent on infrastructure at the park -such as lighting, re-surfacing and CCTV and itemise the expenditure.**

	Capital spend (yr 1)	Revenue spend (yr 2)	Revenue spend (yr 3)	Revenue spend (yr 4)	Revenue spend (yr 5)
	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Car Park improvements	£335,000.00				N/A
Lighting	£27,000.00	£3,990.00			N/A
P&D machines (incl. installation)	£68,490.00				N/A
Signage	£24,532.80				N/A
CCTV		£76,552.58	£2,547.19	£2,661.36	N/A
Lining	£14,150.00	£1,313.31			N/A
Electricity sub-station & meter	£2,073.00				N/A
	<b>£471,245.80</b>	<b>£81,855.89</b>	<b>£2,547.19</b>	<b>£2,661.36</b>	<b>N/A</b>

**4. Total amount spent on other areas of the park or the MAC and itemise the expenditure.**

2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000

Repairs	22	29	15	23	67
Grounds Maintenance	655	629	704	660	681
Electricity	8	9	11	11	11
Gas	5	4	3	2	1
Water (overpayments in 2019/20 and 2020/21 reimbursed in 2021/22)	0	13	109	154	(241)
Cleaning Materials	12	10	0	2	29
Security	13	13	19	18	40
	<b>715</b>	<b>707</b>	<b>861</b>	<b>870</b>	<b>588</b>

	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>2021-22</b>
	<b>£'000</b>	<b>£'000</b>	<b>£'000</b>	<b>£'000</b>	<b>£'000</b>
Parks, Pools, Safety Works (Capital)	0	0	0	21	133

## 5. Number of fixed penalties issued for illegal parking on restricted areas of Russell Road and Moorcroft Road

Penalty Charge Notices issued for illegal parking on Russell Road and Moorcroft Road:-

### 1 October 2021 – 30 September 2022

#### Russell Road - illegal parking

	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept
no. patrols	20	23	27	13	5	4	6	3	8	17	19	5
no. pcns	0	1	3	1	0	1	0	1	2	2	20	0

#### Moorcroft Road - illegal parking

	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept
no. patrols	13	23	18	10	7	2	3	2	4	16	38	0
no. pcns	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	12	67	174	0