

Request for consideration of an issue by Overview and Scrutiny

Guidance on the use of this form:

This form is for use by councillors and members of the public who want to request that an item joins an Overview and Scrutiny agenda. Any issue may be suggested, provided it affects the BCP area or the inhabitants of the area in some way. Scrutiny of the issue can only be requested once in a 12 month period.

The form may also be used for the reporting of a referral item to Overview and Scrutiny by another body of the council, such as Cabinet or Council.

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee receiving the request will make an assessment of the issue using the detail provided in this form and determine whether to add it to its forward plan of work.

They may take a variety of steps to progress the issue, including requesting more information on it from officers of the council, asking for a member of the overview and scrutiny committee to 'champion' the issue and report back, or establishing a small working group of councillors to look at the issue in more detail.

If the Committee does not agree to progress the issue it will set out reasons for this and they will be provided to the person submitting this form.

More information can be found at Part 4.C of the BCP Council Constitution
<https://democracy.bcpCouncil.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?CommitteeID=151&Info=1&bcr=1>

Please complete all sections as fully as possible

1. Issue requested for scrutiny

Parking enforcement around schools

2. Desired outcome resulting from Overview and Scrutiny engagement, including the value to be added to the Council, the BCP area or its inhabitants.

Better methodology of enforcement to improve compliance with parking restrictions

3. Background to the issue

Parking compliance around most schools in everywhere is bad, outside of visits by the parking team which I believe are every 30-60 days illegal parking is parking is endemic.

Speaking with colleagues across the conurbation, it's clear that parking outside schools is an area of concern for most Cllrs due to often dangerous and poor parking from some drivers

My observations have been during pickup time both with and without the parking team present. Illegal parking typically starts around 10-15mins before the gates open to let parents into the school and lasts for around 25mins.

When the parking team are present things do improve with less illegal parking being present, but some do still exploit the 5-minute wait time before a ticket can be issued where plain single or double yellows are present.

The current method of enforcement seems to be for several CEOs to attend a site and be visible/issue tickets during the busy time. This is a great deterrent for that time period but offers little deterrent when they are not present.

This behaviour risks the safety of parents and children attending the school and affects emergency access.

4. Proposed method of scrutiny - (for example, a committee report or a working group investigation)

I ask that scrutiny committee considers key points,

5. Key dates and anticipated timescale for the scrutiny work

None

6. Notes/ additional guidance

None

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