

PUBLIC QUESTIONS FOR PLACE SCRUTINY

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Question 1 from Mr Webb to the Portfolio Holder for Transport, Waste & Cleansing – Cllr Tony Cox

With only 47.11% of households sending for re-use, recycling and composting, how will the Southend Council and Veolia change the National trend in downward recycling to reach 54% next year and 60% by 2020?

Response:

Recycling levels will improve and Veolia have already started to promote recycling services including a 73% increase in extra provision of recycling sacks; enhancements to the Household Waste & Recycling Centres, which will include a new re-use charity shop, continuation of the existing wide range of recycling services and the reintroduction of textile sacks to all residents. The new service rolled out also creates greater capacity and early signs are that an increase in paper, card & magazines is evident. There are also contractual targets set within the new contract that requires Veolia to exceed the 54% set for 2016/17. The 60% target is a challenging one but the Council and Veolia are confident that this will be achieved by 2020.

Question 2 from Mr Webb to the Portfolio Holder for Transport, Waste & Cleansing – Cllr Tony Cox

In Westborough, like many parts of the Wards in Southend, we have parking issues. When does the vehicle get a ticket?

- a) 2 wheels parked on the kerb?
- b) Parking 2 wheels over the kerb onto the pavement?
- c) Blocking a kerb by parking on a white T Bar?

Response:

A vehicle will receive a ticket (parking contravention notice or pcn) when a parking contravention occurs.

Parking on the pavement is not itself a parking contravention in Southend. Parking on the footway can however, be enforced if there are yellow lines present, as any yellow lines are effective from the centre of the carriageway to the highway extent which is usually the back of the footway where it abuts private property.

A White T-Bar driveway is a non-enforceable marking and is placed merely to advise of the presence of a driveway. Enforcement would only be possible in the event that a driveway was being blocked and the owner of the property makes a complaint to the Council that the vehicle is parked across the driveway without the owner's permission. Civil Enforcement Officers will only issue a pcn where such a complaint of unauthorised parking is made.