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1	<p>Received 11<sup>th</sup> April 2006</p> <p>Target response by 27<sup>th</sup> April 2006</p>	<p><b>Cllr Edwards</b></p> <p>What is the current policy regarding the enforcement of parking restrictions, particularly residents parking restrictions in central ward after 6 pm and at weekends?</p>	<p><b>By Councillor Gage, Cabinet Member for Environment</b></p> <p>I refer the Member to the answer I gave to a similar question on 3 November 2005.</p> <p>The Council's Parking Enforcement Policy was approved on 8 September and is available to view on the Council's website.</p> <p>The Parking Attendants work shift systems to provide appropriate cover during evenings and at weekends, but clearly their focus is on known problem areas. If the Member is aware of any such areas, I am sure the Operations Director will be happy to target resources accordingly.</p>	11/04/06	25/04/06
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2	<p>Received 11<sup>th</sup> April 2006</p> <p>Target response by 27<sup>th</sup> April 2006</p>	<p><b>Cllr E Lynch</b></p> <p>Whilst thanking Cllr Schmitt for her recent letter on Anti Social Behaviour, can we have the relevant incidents for Beckers Green, Crossing Road, Bartrams Avenue and Stubbs Lane for the following years:-</p> <p>2002 to 2003 2003 to 2004 2004 to 2005</p> <p>Thank you in anticipation</p>	<p><b>By Councillor Schmitt, Cabinet Member for Public Protection and Healthy Living</b></p> <p>See attached response</p>	13/04/06	25/04/06

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### **Council Question Pertaining to ASB**

Recently Cllr Lynch requested ASB incidents for Beckers Green, Cressing Road, Bartrams Avenue and Stubbs Lane for the following years:-

2002 to 2003  
2003 to 2004  
2004 to 2005

There are three considerations with the statistics provided:-

1. The first being that in 2003, the reporting and recording of all crimes changed, and therefore, no comparison over the three years can be made. All incidents are recorded as reported and perceived by the victim and/or witness. It used to be the case that the incident/crime was decided upon by the Police Officer receiving/dealing with a case.
2. The recording of ASB changed in 2004 and again in 2005. The latest that has come into effect is that ASB now has 14 sub categories under the main heading of ASB. This happened during 2004/2005 and hence more reports are now classified under ASB than previously.
3. Thirdly, the Braintree District Community Safety Partnership **ACTIVELY PROMOTE** that all **ASB INCIDENTS ARE REPORTED TO THE POLICE OR BRAINTREE DISTRICT COUNCIL** via the Customer Services Centre. Hence, this also contributes to the increase in reports and consequently a rise in statistics.

Due to the differing statistical collection methods used by the Police and other agencies, it has taken the use of many resources to collate the information requested. There are two projects running to streamline the systems that contain agency data. One is at a District level and the other at a County level. By using different systems, this has meant that the statistics from the Police had to be extracted from their system by Police Beat areas. The Police Beat areas are not coterminous with the Ward Boundaries of the District Council. Hence, the data then has to be broken down by the streets requested (geographical profiling and Geo-coding of the data to street level). It is the case that some reports are made as perceptions as to what is happening and where it is happening. The recording may not define the actual location of the alleged offence, but the location of the reportee. The data then has to be categorised under the ASB categories and analysed.

The whole process from start to finish was approximately 10 days involving Community Safety, Housing and Essex Police Intelligence Unit. This is not a normal work activity for the Police or the Community Safety & Development Team, and on this one occasion the information has been compiled and provided. This is a one off and Officers will not deal with such requests in the future or become a routine activity.

### **Overall Statistics for Braintree East**

***(NO COMPARISONS CAN BE MADE DUE TO THE METHODOLOGY AND CLASSIFICATION CATEGORIES HAVE CHANGED)***

The Police statistics show that for the whole of the Braintree East ward (which includes Freeport) there were 585 reports received. 88 were received in October (highest, due to Halloween) and just 24 in February. This equates to 1.6 reports per day. (See Annex 1). The information requested is as follows:-

### **Beckers Green**

*During 2005 there were 91 reports from the estate to the police regarding ASB. These were reported as:-*

- Abandoned Vehicles = 3,
- Advice Required = 1,
- Disturbance = 2,
- Drunk = 1,
- Fight = 2,
- Hoax = 1,
- Information = 2,
- Neighbour Dispute = 11,
- Nuisance = 18,
- Nuisance calls = 2,
- Nuisance noise = 3,
- Nuisance youth = 38,
- Requiring police = 6,
- Suspect on premises = 1

During 2003/4 there were 12 reports from Beckers Green Road to the police regarding ASB. These were reported as:-

- Abandoned Vehicles = 2
- Hoax Call = 1,
- Nuisance = 1,
- Nuisance noise = 1
- Nuisance youth = 7,

During 2002/3 there were 11 reports from Beckers Green Road to the police regarding ASB. These were reported as:-

- Abandoned Vehicles = 4,
- Nuisance calls = 1,
- Nuisance youth = 6,

### Bartrams Avenue

During 2005 there were 62 reports to the police regarding ASB.

- Abandoned vehicle = 1,
- Advice = 1,
- Disturbance = 2,
- Harassment = 1,
- Neighbour Dispute = 6,
- Nuisance noise = 2,
- Nuisance youth = 35,
- Require police = 4,
- Theft cycle = 1,
- Threats = 1

- *Nuisance = 8*

*During 2003/4 there were 15 reports to the police regarding ASB.*

- *Abandoned vehicle = 2,*
- *Nuisance = 4*
- *Nuisance youth = 8,*
- *Threats = 1*

*During 2002/3 there were 27 reports to the police regarding ASB.*

- *Abandoned vehicle = 5,*
- *Nuisance = 2*
- *Nuisance noise = 1,*
- *Nuisance youth = 19,*

### **Cressing Road**

*During 2005 there were 75 reports to the police regarding ASB.*

- *Abandoned Vehicles = 3,*
- *Air weapon = 1,*
- *Criminal Damage = 1,*
- *Hoax calls = 1,*
- *Information = 6,*
- *Nuisance = 17*
- *Nuisance noise = 1,*
- *Nuisance youth = 36,*
- *Obstruction = 1,*
- *Require Police = 5,*
- *Threats = 3*

*During 2003/4 there were 22 reports to the police regarding ASB.*

- *Abandoned Vehicles = 3,*
- *Nuisance = 3,*

• Hoax calls = 1,

• Nuisance youth = 15,

*During 2002/3 there were 34 reports to the police regarding ASB.*

7,

• Abandoned Vehicles =

16,

• Nuisance youth =

• Hoax calls = 3,

• Threats = 2

• Nuisance = 6,

### **Stubbs Lane**

*During 2004/2005 there were 17 reports to the Police regarding ASB*

- Abandoned Vehicles = 1
- Nuisance = 3
- Nuisance Youth 12

*During 2003/2004 there were 9 reports to the Police regarding ASB*

- Fireworks 2
- Nuisance Youth 7

*During 2002/2003 there were 9 reports to the Police regarding ASB*

- Abandoned Vehicles 2
- Hoax Calls 1

- *Nuisance calls 1*
- *Nuisance 2*
- *Nuisance Youth 11*

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**Report of ASB to Essex Police for the Braintree East ward from January to December 2005**

January 29 (max day 4 reports)  
February 24 (max day 4 reports)  
March 49 (max day 5 reports)  
April 66 (max day 6 reports)  
May 62 (max day 5 reports)  
June 47 (max day 4 reports)  
July 42 (max day 4 reports)  
August 53 (max day 4 reports)  
September 51 (max day 6 reports)  
October 88 (max day 10 reports)  
November 44 (max day 4 reports)  
December 30 (max day 4 reports)