

## Penalty Charge Notice Rebanding Proposal Consultation

### Introduction

Public consultation was carried out on a proposal to increase Penalty Charge Notice (PCN) tariffs in Barnet. The consultation was advertised on the Engage Barnet website from 25 April 2019 to 1 September 2019.

The consultation published on Engage Barnet consisted of an introductory statement, a frequently asked questions document, and a questionnaire. Each of these documents are appended to this report.

The consultation presented evidence from other boroughs who have raised the PCN tariffs and have found that fewer PCNs have been issued as a consequence. The consultation proposal was to increase the PCN tariff in order to act as a greater deterrent to inconsiderate and illegal parking, which causes congestion and inconvenience to other motorists.

During the consultation period, a numerical error in the introductory statement was reported. The error was in the statement that said 'the number of PCNs issued have increased by **almost 70%** between 2010/11 and 2017/18'. The correct percentage was 'The number of PCNs issued has increased by **almost 50%** between 2010/11 and 2017/18'

The decision was taken to correct the statement and to keep the consultation open for a further month, with a note added to the header of the consultation to explain the error and reason for extending the consultation.

Two sets of survey results have been collected. The first set of results are from the period 25 April 2019 to 31 July 2019. The second set of results are from the period 2 August – 1 September which is the extended consultation period.

### Summary of consultation responses

272 respondents completed the survey during the first consultation period. 41 respondents completed the survey during the second consultation period. Not all respondents answered each question.

Respondents were asked questions about their travel in Barnet, and then asked their view on the proposal to increase tariffs:

**To what extent do you agree or disagree with the proposal to change the Penalty Charge Notice (PCN) band from Band B to Band A? (Please tick one option only)**

Answer Choices	Responses Period 1	Survey	Responses Survey Period 2	Total		
Strongly agree	16.17%	43	15.79%	6	16.12%	49
Tend to agree	5.26%	14	5.26%	2	5.26%	16

Neither agree nor disagree	1.88%	5	5.26%	2	2.30%	7
Tend to disagree	3.76%	10	7.89%	3	4.28%	13
Strongly disagree	72.93%	194	65.79%	25	72.04%	219
Don't know	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0
Total Answered		<b>266</b>		<b>38</b>		<b>304</b>
	<b>Skipped</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Skipped</b>	<b>3</b>		

Survey respondents who disagreed with the proposal were asked to tell us why they disagreed, and if they had any other suggestions on actions the Council could consider taking to achieve greater compliance with parking regulations.

### **Background papers**

Copies of the consultation material, Frequently Asked Questions document, survey questionnaire and consultation responses are available upon request.