

Date received:	5 th September 2023
Date responded:	2 nd October 2023
Subject:	Parking Complaints / Legislation, Pulrose and Spring Valley

Question:

- 1. Requesting information for the total number of parking complaints in Pulrose and Spring Valley including the Groves since January 2020 e.g Alder Grove, Cypress Grove etc broken down by roads, type of complaint, type of vehicle, total number of complaints for that road/ car park and if any action was taken e.g fines, vehicle removed etc.**
- 2. What legislation the council has in place for vehicles on all roads/car parks in the Pulrose area and spring valley area and how the Council plans to deal with complaints, should any arise, from residents about commercial vehicles and motorhomes being parked in these areas?**
- 3. Whether the council has plans to restrict the number of cars per household and restrict certain commercial vehicles such as taxis and work vans and motorhomes which are parking in the area.**
- 4. Who is responsible for enforcing each road/ car park in the Pulrose and Spring Valley area e.g Police, Council, DOI etc.**

Response:

- 1) Requesting information for the total number of parking complaints in Pulrose and Spring Valley including the Groves since January 2020 e.g Alder Grove, Cypress Grove etc broken down by roads, type of complaint, type of vehicle, total number of complaints for that road/ car park and if any action was taken e.g fines, vehicle removed etc.*

Since January 2020 there have been a total of 63 parking complaints for the Pulrose area. The details of each complaint cannot be provided as the system does not have the functionality to record per specific area and therefore we are unable to provide this information.

- 2) What legislation the council has in place for vehicles on all roads/car parks in the Pulrose area and spring valley area and how the Council plans to deal with complaints, should any arise, from residents about commercial vehicles and motorhomes being parked in these areas?*

The Council does not have the powers to create legislation nor has the Council been delegated with such legislation. The Council uses an instrument called the "Douglas Off-street Parking Places Order" which is not primary legislation but gives the Council the legal authority to enforce specific parking offences in clearly defined areas only. The Council does not have the legal authority to enforce all parking issues/offences on all roads or car parks in Pulrose.

Complaints are dealt with according to the type of complaint received and the specific circumstances surrounding that complaint.

3) Whether the council has plans to restrict the number of cars per household and restrict certain commercial vehicles such as taxis and work vans and motorhomes which are parking in the area.

The Council does not currently have plans to restrict the number of cars per household or certain commercial vehicles. The Council does not have the legal powers to restrict vehicles within a household.

4) Who is responsible for enforcing each road/ car park in the Pulrose and Spring Valley area e.g Police, Council, DOI etc.

As per point 2 "The Council uses an instrument called the "Douglas Off-street Parking Places Order" which is not primary legislation but gives the Council the legal authority to enforce specific parking offences in clearly defined areas only. The Council does not have the legal authority to enforce all parking issues/offences on all roads or car parks in Pulrose."

The Council has powers to enforce on the following roads but only in the areas marked in red on the attached Pulrose parking places map. All other roads and parking areas are under the jurisdiction of either the Department of Infrastructure or the Police for enforcement of parking and traffic offences and a separate FOI could be made to each of these bodies to ascertain the enforcement powers they have for each area/road.

Douglas Golf Club
Oak Close
Oak Avenue
Cedar Grove
Holy Grove
Cypress Grove
Pulrose Road
Alder Grove
Hazel Court
Hazel Close
Hazel Crescent
Heather Crescent
Heather Close