

QUESTIONS TO CABINET MEMBERS

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CABINET MEMBER FOR HOMES & GATEWAY SERVICES Councillor Alison Butler		
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PQ087-18 from Daniel Deefholts

Councillor Alison Butler

The Prime Minister announced she would be scrapping the cap on what local councils can borrow to build houses. What does this mean for housing in Croydon?

Reply

Croydon will be pleased to take advantage of the scrapping of the cap, although concerns remain regarding the implications of Right to Buy.

CQ115-18 from Councillor Helen Pollard**Councillor Oliver Lewis**

Please can you tell me whether the Council is considering having a Borough-wide Public Space Protection Order for all of Croydon's parks. I know a number of parks are having problems with anti-social behaviour and this would be a way of reducing it.

Reply

There are no current plans to implement a borough wide PSPO in Parks to tackle ASB. Current issues in parks are addressed on a case by case basis and involve multi-agency problem solving to tackle issues specific to that location. A PSPO may be considered but usually after other options have been explored. Any attempt to create a borough wide PSPO for parks is a lengthy process and would have to conform the statutory processes set out by central government including;

- a) Clear evidence base that demonstrates specific types of ASB were having a sustained impact on residents' quality of life that would justify the area and conditions attached to the PSPO a proportionate response.
- b) A full consultation process by users of park who may be affected.
- c) The proposed PSPO does not inadvertently restrict everyday sociability in public spaces e.g. the right to congregate in public.

A borough wide PSPO could only be applied in consultation with the Police who would need to be able to commit to enforcing the provisions set out.