

Appendix 2 – Scrap Metal Act 2013 Statement of Principles, Consultation Responses

Source	Comments	Officer Response	Change to Policy required
Member of Public	<p>The increasing number of residential homes being used as workplaces for scrap metal. Overloaded flatbed lorries parked in streets regularly overnight. Scrap metal on drives gardens paths and roads. Crankall lane, basset road, coronation road as examples. Increasing number of transit vans been used, is licencing of such vehicles monitored.</p>	<p><i>There are two types of licences under the Scrap Metal Dealers Act 2013 a collector's licence and a site licence. A site licence is for scrap metal dealing at a site identified on a licence. A collector's licence allows a collector to travel around the borough collecting scrap. A collector's licence doesn't prevent them from having some scrap at their home address, this isn't something covered by the Act.</i></p>	No
Business	<p>The council is not active enough in enforcing the law with the police and carrying out inspections. There are a huge number of unlicensed collectors and insufficient enforcement. The policy is also very light on enforcement and has insufficient detail.</p>	<p><i>The Licensing team follow up specific information received regarding unlicensed collectors. The main proactive way to identify unlicensed collectors is the multi-agency exercises. The Policy is for determining suitability of applicants not an enforcement policy.</i></p>	No

Business	<p>All scrap yards should be made to see all scrap licenses of the individual when the person is weight there metal off without this they shouldn't be allowed in there yards if catch breaching this the scrap yards itself should be fined as there a lot just driving round without licenses in vans insurance for other people not the person who's driving it who's stealing stuff and us normal scrap men who's full legal and do our books ever year pay our taxes and got the right insurance and licenses am getting the blame for these individuals</p>	<p><i>The site which receives the scrap metal are themselves required to have a licence. When receiving scrap metal from someone, they are required to verify the person's name and address (using prescribed documents) and they also have to keep records of the metal they have received from that person, and the records they have to keep are prescribed in the Act.</i></p> <p><i>There is no requirement for them to check if the person holds a scrap metal dealers' licence. The reason for this is that you don't need a scrap metal dealers' licence to be able sell scrap metal to a site.</i></p>	No