

CABINET VIRTUAL MEETING

THURSDAY 9 JULY 2020

**PUBLIC AND COUNCILLOR
QUESTIONS ACCEPTED**

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AGENDA PART 1

PUBLIC QUESTIONS (ITEM 4)

Under Rule 16 of the Executive Procedure Rules members of the public may question the Executive and Portfolio Holders at meetings. There is a time limit of 15 minutes for the asking and answering of public questions.

1.

Questioner: Martin Sidy

Asked of: Councillor Graham Henson, Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Strategy, Partnerships, Devolution and Customer Services

Question: “Given the public anxiety and level of objection to the development on the Ridgeway with over 3000 objections in different format, can you Councillor Graham Henson, Leader of the Council, allow an exceptional conversation to occur between yourself, Councillor Keith Ferry, the Head of Planning, the relevant officers/councillors and some Harrow representatives via Zoom before 20th July”.

2.

Questioner: Siobhan Sidy

Asked of: Councillor Graham Henson, Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Strategy, Partnerships, Devolution and Customer Services

Question: “Mr Henson, as you are aware there is a major development at the Ridgeway, can you give me answers and assurances you will investigate what has already been highlighted and dismissed, to the planners that this Site is NOT registered brownfield - in fact recommendations have stated it has significant tree cover in areas and as such should be taken into consideration which it hasn't. How is this process being allowed to continue given this major discrepancy?”

3.

Questioner: Victoria Widenka

Asked of: Councillor Keith Ferry, Deputy Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Planning and Employment

Question: Please can I ask Councillor Keith Ferry to confirm a consideration for public use of P/1492/20 – 265 The Ridgeway as a D1 status by the council be made given there is no obligation to change the terms of the existing covenant, and the land would better serve the area as something that benefits the community - community hall or sports/leisure/NHS facility.

4.

Questioner: Mike Williams

Asked of: Councillor Keith Ferry, Deputy Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Planning and Employment

Question: “Do you share our concern that the historic traffic projections are based on a generic model that it is so far removed from the reality that we end up with the assertion in the planning application that traffic will actually be reduced when that is clearly not the case?”.

5.

Questioner: Mari Tomkins

Asked of: Councillor Keith Ferry, Deputy Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Planning and Employment

Question: “Have you conducted a local impact assessment on the health and education infrastructure of the 265 Ridgeway development and if yes, what were the outcomes”.

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AGENDA PART I

Fifteen minutes will be allowed for Members of the Council to ask a Portfolio Holder a question on any matter in relation to which the Executive has powers or duties.

1.

Questioner: Councillor Marilyn Ashton

Asked of: Councillor Graham Henson, Leader and Portfolio Holder for Strategy, Partnerships, Devolution & Customer Services.

Question: “Is the Leader satisfied that it is in the community’s best interest to force off the site on the corner of Long Elmes and Headstone Lane both the much loved Horticultural Society and excellent Doctor’s surgery?”

2.

Questioner: Councillor Marilyn Ashton

Asked of: Councillor Graham Henson, Leader and Portfolio Holder for Strategy, Partnerships, Devolution & Customer Services.

Question: “Does the Leader believe it is right to put the fact that TFL funding is available for Street Space public realm projects before the appropriateness of the proposals, such that the suggested measures can turn out to do harm to the livelihood and amenities of our businesses and residents?”

3.

Questioner: Councillor Marilyn Ashton

Asked of: Councillor Graham Henson, Leader and Portfolio Holder for Strategy, Partnerships, Devolution & Customer Services.

Question: “Is the Leader satisfied that his administration’s re-generation plans, which remain determined to pursue the construction of a replacement Civic Centre on Peel Road Car Park, are set to ‘break-even’?”

4.

Questioner: Councillor Richard Almond

Asked of: Councillor Simon Brown, Portfolio Holder for Adults & Public Health.

Question: “What could have been anticipated about the impact of Covid19 on the health of people in Harrow that was not anticipated?”

5.

Questioner: Councillor Pritesh Patel

Asked of: Councillor Keith Ferry, Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Planning & Employment.

Question: “How do you explain wasting nearly £1 million on Vaughan Road Car Park scheme that has delivered absolutely nothing of the people of Harrow?”

6.

Questioner: Councillor Pritesh Patel

Asked of: Councillor Keith Ferry, Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Planning & Employment.

Question: “The Regeneration Programme Update reports states that TFL has awarded £638k with the Department for Transport awarding £100k for the temporary measures put into place as a result of Covid-19. Are there any plans to use part of this fund to improve and support private transport by car across the Borough?”

7.

Questioner: Councillor Pritesh Patel

Asked of: Councillor Adam Swersky, Portfolio Holder for Finance & Resources.

Question: “At a P&F scrutiny meeting in July 2018, I raised my concern at the significant variances in total Capital Programme expenditure versus budgeted expenditure for 2017-18. Since then, what have you done to ensure that the budget planning process is robust and how have you ensured that our budget closely matches expenditure?”