

Cabinet

Public and Councillor Questions

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AGENDA PART I

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: Heshma Shah

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

Question: “The secretary of state has highlighted concerns where “hastily introduced” LTN schemes are having a negative impact / “sweeping changes” on communities and the need to remove LTN measures before too much damage is done to other road users, local businesses and the lives of residents. Bearing in mind the current feedback on your website and the feelings being recorded in the petitions can the LTN schemes be reversed now?”

2.

Questioner: Edward O’Connor

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

Question: “We have been talking to people on the streets of Harrow and overwhelmingly the residents we have met feel totally disconnected from the process Harrow have used to force these damaging traffic schemes through. They either felt not consulted or if consulted, they felt their opinion was ignored and that Harrow were going to implement the schemes regardless of opinion. When you bear in mind the current opinion being expressed as per our FreeHarrow petition of nearly 5000 signatures, and the Comments on your website, how did Harrow Council get it this wrong?”

3.

Questioner: Kevin Mahon

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

Question: ""There appears to be certain contradictions about whether LTN02 should have been included in the scheme with some believing it should have been included and others under the impression it had been deleted from the scheme.

How did this confusion occur and why was LTN 02 marked for deletion?"

4.

Questioner: Miep Golabi

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

Question: "When Sadiq Khan launched the "Streetspace plan" in May '20 he included some recommendations; Emergency cycle lanes, widening pavements, 20 Mph zones, Low Traffic Neighbourhoods and he expected the Local Authorities would engage constructively and adequately with residents to make sure that the changes are the right ones for the community.

Why did you not look at the diversity of our community and consider some of the other options like widening the pavements so we could have a shared space with different colours for pedestrians and cyclists, as in our neighbourhood it looks like most cyclists still feel safer on the pavements particularly when cycling with younger children. "

5.

Questioner: Reshma Shah

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

Question: "In relation to the petition that has just been presented, do you acknowledge the excessive negative impact and adverse outcomes such as increased volume of traffic including HGVs on two particularly narrow roads, speeding vehicles, incidents of road rage, physical damage to the road and, fundamentally, the deterioration in safety of residents particularly children, as a result of LTN06 on the residents of Priory Way and Manor Way"

6.

Questioner: Samantha Pali

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

Question: "I live on Manor Way, my daily quality of life has been affected hugely by the LTN06 by regularly diverting and speeding traffic, yet I was never consulted. Why did the council not consult or even inform me of this substantial change affecting me and will they remove them immediately until there is?"

7.

Questioner: Karen Jolliff

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

Question: "I live in Dorchester Avenue and have been affected hugely by the LTN04. I am further affected by the additional LTNs in Harrow for my onward journeys to work. The council did not consult or even inform me of this substantial change affecting my day to day life and that of other residents.

Have the council completed a risk assessment on how much longer it takes emergency vehicles to respond to our locations?"

8.

Questioner: Prash Kotecha

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

Question: "On the 21st of October on BBC London Radio (where I myself was interviewed) - Venessa Feltzs asked Adam Swersky to pledge that he will remove the LTN schemes if there was overwhelming objection from residents Mr Swersky said that if the residents want the schemes cancelled then they would be.
The TARSAP meeting agreed that the schemes would be reviewed monthly and if necessary, removed. Will the council stand by Mr Swerskys comment and TARSAP's recommendations?"

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COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS (ITEM 5)

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 Keith Ferry, Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Planning & Employment.

Question: “Does Cllr. Ferry take Climate Change seriously and, if so, what action he is taking to ensure that the Council’s regeneration programme avoids making a negative contribution to an already challenging situation?”

2.

Questioner: Councillor Marilyn Ashton

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

Question: “In the light of the considerable amount of public concern about all three TfL car park planning applications, will the Council scrutinise Canons Park, Stanmore and Rayners Lane and treat them in an equitable and even-handed manner?”

3.

Questioner: Councillor Anjana Patel

Asked of: Councillor Varsha Parmar, Portfolio Holder for Environment.

Question: “Do you still believe that the new cycle lanes you introduced in Honeypot Lane and the Uxbridge Road are a good idea, even though they have substantially increased congestion and delayed an ambulance?”

4.

Questioner: Councillor Christopher Baxter

Asked of: Councillor Varsha Parmar, Portfolio Holder for Environment.

Question: “Before implementing new traffic schemes what assessment is made of the impact on neighbouring roads which fall outside the scheme?”

5.

Questioner: Councillor Richard Almond

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

Question: “When was democratic control of the content of the draft Borough Plan abandoned?”

6.

Questioner: Councillor Richard Almond

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

Question: “Do you believe that our local police discriminate racially against black people?”