

# Cabinet

## Public and Councillor Questions accepted

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**CABINET – THURSDAY 17 DECEMBER 2020**

**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:** Samantha Pali

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

**Question:** “In a BBC radio show with London Mayor Sadiq Khan I raised the issue of LTN06 with him, and how it had created High traffic neighbourhoods of my road Manor Way and its other immediate roads overnight including the main roads. He said his team would speak to Harrow Council, can you please confirm if they were in touch and what the outcome was, as neither have got back to me?”

**2.**

**Questioner:** Heshma Shah

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

**Question:** “How did you choose all the roads that would be blocked within LTN02 Pinner View area and which criteria did you use , as you have closed so many in small vicinity without looking at the true impact it would have on surrounding roads. “

**3.**

**Questioner:** Muhib Anis

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

**Question:** “Given the closure to the Royal Mail sorting office on Elmgrove Road and the subsequent reduction in traffic in the immediate area, why did the council deem it necessary to block Francis Road causing my disabled and elderly father and mother-in-laws and the local residents

significant inconvenience?"

4.

**Questioner:** Atish Anand

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

**Question:** "Do you think it is okay for a death to be caused by LTNS and the Council, not to respond and move the LTN?"

5.

**Questioner:** Kevin Mahon

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

**Question:** "The LTN strategy is meant to bring about a measurable environmental improvement for the residents of Headstone South.

It is our contention that we are now experiencing greater levels of social distress and in particular higher levels of toxicity in roads such as Parkside Way which is taking the brunt of the increased traffic as a direct result of the implementation of the LTN barricades.

Air Quality is a vital measure and yet there are none in place anywhere in the area.

Why then did the Council fail to take this objective into account when providing the single most important baseline data for the October Review?"

6.

**Questioner:** Geoffrey Eldridge

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

**Question:** "The people of Harrow we are talking to have little faith in Harrow's consultation process and they do not feel Harrow is listening to them. The process is not interactive, discriminates against the most vulnerable and appears to give the council a false opinion of what is actually happening in your community

Could you please assure us that you will reconsider the way you consult and ensure you do consider the views of all members of the community equally and fairly and apply this in a transparent way ".

7.

**Questioner:** Kinnar Patel

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

**Question:** “My question is in regard to LTN-03 Francis Road area, Greenhill. The London Borough of Harrow (Low Traffic Neighbourhood) (No.1) Experimental Traffic Order 2020 for LTN-03 Francis Road area, Greenhill states that The prohibition referred to in Article 2(a) of this notice will not apply to:- (b) to vehicles being used for ambulance, fire brigade or police purposes in an emergency. As residents of Greenhill, witnessed approx. 2 ambulances, 1 fire engine and 2 incidents of police vehicles being blocked by the Francis Road LTN since its installation in September 2020. This concerns me as a resident because this delays the response time for the emergency services and can be fatal. Is it not in best interest of residents to review and address this? “

8.

**Questioner:** Miep Golabi

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

**Question:** “During the first week in December I received an email from Cllr Pamela Fitzpatrick where she claimed that they had been listening to our concerns about the Emergency Services getting stuck at the barriers on Kingsfield Avenue and that they had decided to leave them open after the gasworks on Station Road had finished and that they were in negotiations to have” further changes to the barrier in Pinner View “ on the junction with Cunningham Park. I hope they will keep their word and get this open and left open in the future as this blockage is still causing us concerns with the access for the Emergency Services and Community Nurses and Carers. During the meeting in September and October I have already made suggestions to stop the congestion in Pinner View that she claimed residents had complained about by making it an one way system or add double yellow lines at the bottleneck areas. When are you going to make a decision about this junction and how long will it take for you to remove the barriers?”

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**Questioner:** Karen Jolliff

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

**Question:** “I would like to ask a question re LTN04. Has the head teacher at

Vaughan School been consulted?"

**CABINET – THURSDAY 17 NOVEMBER 2020**

**AGENDA PART I**

**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 Graham Henson, Leader and Portfolio Holder for Strategy, Partnerships, Devolution & Customer Services

**Question:** “Now that responsibility for regeneration has passed to the Leader, is he willing to reconsider the decision to relocate the Civic Centre on to Peel Road Car Park and would he consider investigating a Harrow Town Centre location or another instead?”

**2.**

**Questioner:** Councillor Anjana Patel

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

**Question:** “Was the Portfolio Holder aware that the London Ambulance Service had written to Harrow Council (along with the other boroughs) in early July 2020 explaining that LAS does not support hard closures, including locked bollards, and that their preference is for camera enforced modal filters?”

**3.**

**Questioner:** Councillor John Hinkley

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

**Question:** “Does the Council believe in supporting and consulting community groups?”

**4.**

**Questioner:** Councillor Richard Almond

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

**Question:** “How much do you expect the next National Living Wage increase alone to add to the Adults budget?”

5.

**Questioner:** Councillor Richard Almond

**Asked of:** Councillor Christine Robson, Portfolio Holder for Young People & Schools.

**Question:** “What reason is there to expect that the completion of the review of SEN Transport will lead to any savings?”

6.

**Questioner:** Councillor Richard Almond

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

**Question:** “Do you have a cost/benefit analysis of proposed capital projects before they are implemented?”

7.

**Questioner:** Councillor Stephen Greek

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

**Question:** “How many different Council departments are involved in procuring and operating IT services to serve Harrow residents?”

8.

**Questioner:** Councillor Stephen Greek

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

**Question:** “When did the latest monthly review take place of the Uxbridge Road cycle scheme, and what was the outcome?”