

# Cabinet

## Public and Councillor Questions accepted

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**CABINET – THURSDAY 18 NOVEMBER 2021**

**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:** Matthew Goodwin-Freeman

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

**Question:** “During October 2021, how many bins that were reported as missed collection did not get emptied within the 3 working days deadline?”

2.

**Questioner:** Brian Stoker

**Asked of:** Councillor Graham Henson, Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Strategy, Regeneration, Partnerships and Devolution.

**Question:** “We understand that a lease may have been signed by the Council to let the Green Belt field at the entrance to the Roger Bannister sports centre to Adventure Experience Ltd for a dinosaur themed golf course development, because the golf developer delivered to local homes a letter 25th October announcing their intent to commence development on the field imminently.

This was quite a surprise to local residents because the Council, as owner of this field, and supposed protector of the Green Belt, has not publicised anywhere, as required by law, the intent to let the lease and has failed to consult the public about objections to losing this Green Belt land to monster dinosaurs.

Why has the Council done this and not been open with the public and has a lease actually been signed?”

3.

**Questioner:** Ros Taylor

**Asked of:** Councillor Graham Henson, Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Strategy, Regeneration, Partnerships and Devolution.

**Question:** “Dear Sir, what do you intend doing about:

- a) the increased traffic flow that has resulted from the expansion of the playing fields complex at Roger Bannister Centre land but with lack of provision for parking.
- b) the increased parking difficulties that have already begun on the Uxbridge Road dual carriageway prior to work starting on the dinosaur golf development and causing difficulties to residents and in some cases, altercation between residents and illegal parkers,
- c) the problems of cars trying to leave Birch Park and also driveways on Uxbridge Road with vision obstructed by parked car lines,
- d) the distractions to drivers negotiating the already hazardous roundabout on the Uxbridge Road, when they see and hear the sight and sound of the “dinosaurs”
- e) the increased pollution brought about by said increased traffic and parking in an era of trying to reduce carbon emissions
- f) the inevitable disruption and distress which will affect the local residents during the 6 months of construction of the dinosaur golf project at the Centre?”

4.

**Questioner:** Elizabeth Jones

**Asked of:** Councillor Graham Henson, Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Strategy, Regeneration, Partnerships and Devolution.

**Question:** “Bannisters sports venue is very popular, athletics obviously and now the artificial football pitch which has seen a huge rise in use of the venue, (and cars), chaos on some evenings and weekends. The four new grass football pitches have yet to be used! And now a dinosaur golf facility. Where are people, especially with children supposed to park safely? Uxbridge Road dual carriageway?”

5.

**Questioner:** Heshma Shah

**Asked of:** Councillor Graham Henson, Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Strategy, Regeneration, Partnerships and Devolution.

**Question:** “Harrow Council have issued an off-street parking order relating to the Car Park Harrow ViewPoint, Old Redding. The notice states that the hours of operation shall be between 8:00 am to 11:30 pm. The car park is current being closed at 4:00 and the road has recently been designated no parking so the only way you can visit the viewpoint is between 8 and 4. This is an unnecessary restriction on the people of Harrow who have in the past been able to visit this area totally unrestricted. The process was not undertaken with any significant form of consultation what gives the officers of Harrow the right to dictate when the people of Harrow can visit and utilise a community asset. Mr Henson you promised that you would listen to residents - why are you not doing so, and can you please increase the hours of operation?”

6.

**Questioner:** Frances Pickersgill

**Asked of:** Councillor Graham Henson, Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Strategy, Regeneration, Partnerships and Devolution.

**Question:** “At the Bannister Sports Centre, there is an Event Management Plan (EMP) which was required by the Council from the dinosaur golf developer, to control parking when the golf development is open in 9 months’ time.

The EMP provides for parking arrangements on 37 Public Event days as defined by the Council because there will be large numbers of cars arriving on those days.

There is a second EMP placed on Harrow Council at the Bannister Sports Centre to do this on the same 37 Public Event days when the new football pitches are open in the future.

Why does the Council not have an Parking Management Plan now, covering the next 9 months, for the Centre to deal with the now everyday problem of large numbers of cars arriving at the Centre and which are currently unable to park on the overflow

car parking field which has been closed off by the Council, causing chaos in the surrounding roads?”

7.

**Questioner:** Samantha Pali

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

**Question:** “Double yellow lines have been put across the whole length of the road in Old Redding, including across the driveway of one of the houses without any consultation, when in its history there have never been these lines. I believe Anti-Social Behaviour is being cited and cars parking in the road, yet there is no record of such ASBs on the Met Polices records and the period the cars were parking is when the Council had the car park shut. Can you please supply a list of each entry of ASB that supports this assertion by the council to the members and public please?”

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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 Graham Henson, Leader and Portfolio Holder for Strategy, Regeneration, Partnerships & Devolution.

**Question:** “There are rumours that some of the historic frontage of the former Safari Cinema has been demolished/damaged by developers. Can you provide an update on what has happened and what the Council is doing to protect the art deco frontage?”

2.

**Questioner:** Councillor Marilyn Ashton

**Asked of:** Councillor Peymana Assad, Portfolio Holder for Community Cohesion, Crime & Enforcement.

**Question:** “What is the Council doing to help the police tackle the growing problem of catalytic converter thefts?”

3.

**Questioner:** Councillor Anjana Patel

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

**Question:** “How important is recycling to the Council’s climate change/climate emergency strategy?”

4.

**Questioner:** Councillor Anjana Patel

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

**Question:** "Are you satisfied with the general cleanliness of Harrow?"

5.

**Questioner:** Councillor Pritesh Patel

**Asked of:** Councillor Natasha Proctor, Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Finance & Resources.

**Question:** "With respect to the "Kodak" Wealdstone Footbridge, it is stated in the reasons for recommendation that the total cost for the construction of the footbridge, including the costs associated with the CPO, are unlikely to exceed £8.9m. However, the financial implications stipulate total funding costs over 3 years to be £9.209m. How do you account for this discrepancy?"

6.

**Questioner:** Councillor Stephen Greek

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

**Question:** "How do you plan to deal with current and future parking issues around Bannister Sports Centre?"

7.

**Questioner:** Councillor Stephen Greek

**Asked of:** Councillor Natasha Proctor, Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Finance & Resources.

**Question:** "When was the last time a quarterly performance report was produced for each council department?"