

# 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:** Georgia Weston

**Asked of:** Councillor Christine Robson – Portfolio Holder for Education and Social Services for Children and Young People

**Question:** “Do the council plan to continue with your Social Workers in Schools project and will it be extended to include more schools?”

**2.**

**Questioner:** Matthew Goodwin-Freeman

**Asked of:** Councillor Sue Anderson – Portfolio Holder for Community Engagement, Accessibility and Customer Services

**Question:** “What is the latest update on stories that the telephone service to pay Council Tax in Harrow will soon be closed?”

**3.**

**Questioner:** Raj Vakesan

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

**Question:** “Cllr Henson, as you know January 2022 marks the Tamil Heritage Month with the commencement of Thai Pongal on 14th January. What is your message to the Tamil Community on this occasion and can you tell us how is the Harrow Council recognising and promoting Tamil Heritage and the contribution made by Tamils in Harrow?”

4.

**Questioner:** Daniel Katz

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

**Question:** “Why is cycling allowed to continue at Bentley Priory when it is prohibited by the byelaws? The council have been made aware of the issue.”

5.

**Questioner:** Nischal Sheetal

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

**Question:** “Why hasn't the PSPO for Bentley Priory SSSI and nature reserve (regarding the lighting of fires and requiring dogs to be under control) not been enacted yet? The consultation period ended over a year ago. Covid restrictions ended many months ago so there is no reason for the delay.”

6.

**Questioner:** Brian Stoker

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

**Question:** “Q: In a prepared response to a question at the 9th December Cabinet meeting concerning consultation by the Council about leasing of land at the Bannister Centre for a dinosaur golf course, the leader stated that:

“The Council considered its obligations under the 1972 Local Government Act and it was concluded that as the land at Bannisters was not held to be Open Space land there was therefore no requirement on the Council to advertise disposal as the Statutory obligation under Local Government Act 1972 had been completed”

**But this land is designated by the Council to be Open Space land.**

The Council policy document “Harrow Core Strategy” shows quite clearly on the map plan in it for Policy Sub Area Stanmore

and Harrow Weald that this land is designated both as Green Belt (dark green hatching) and Open Space (green colouring).

In addition, in both the Planning Officers' report supporting approved planning application P/0672/18 for the dinosaur golf, and in the Planning Officers' report for application P/5094/19 fulfilling approval conditions, this land is stated as being within "Green Belt and Open Space".

So why did the Council not fulfil its Statutory obligation in Section 123(2A) of the Act to advertise the proposed leasing of this Open Space land?"

**7.**

**Questioner:** David Summers

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

**Question:** "A legal notification for a Parking Scheme involving Double Yellow Lines in the Grimsdyke Road Area of Hatch End was carried out in June/July 2021.

At the time of submitting this question, residents have still not been informed as to what if any proposals are to be taken forward.

When will they be informed?"

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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 of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Strategy, Regeneration, Partnerships & Devolution.

**Question:** “What lessons have been learned by the result of the Public Inquiry on Canons Park Station Car Park?”

2.

**Questioner:** Councillor Marilyn Ashton

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

**Question:** “How are we protecting our Heritage?”

3.

**Questioner:** Councillor Ameet Jogia

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

**Question:** “What action can Officers take to ensure compliance with the proper use of the roundabout at the junction of St Brides and Merlin Crescent in Edgware? At present motorists are driving over the roundabout and residents are concerned the location is an accident waiting to happen.”

4.

**Questioner:** Councillor Anjana Patel

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

**Question:** “How would you rate your performance in processing the annual renewal of brown bin subscriptions in the last two years?”

5.

**Questioner:** Councillor Janet Mote

**Asked of:** Councillor Christine Robson, Portfolio Holder for Education and Social Services for Children and Young People.

**Question:** “Recently the Council has asked schools to provide additional funding to support Trade Union activities in schools. Can you explain the challenges around this?”

6.

**Questioner:** Councillor Richard Almond

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

**Question:** “What action has been taken on any specific allegations, including of anti-Semitism, referred to in your Independent Race Review and Race Survey?”