

CABINET – 18 SEPTEMBER 2014

PUBLIC QUESTIONS (ITEM 5)

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: Dr R Boff, The Pinner Association

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

Question: “Why does Harrow Council wish the agricultural use of Pinner Park Farm to cease?”

2.

Questioner: Mrs E M Kinnear

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

Question: Proposal to close access to Church Fields

When - at the Planning Committee meeting held on 3rd September I asked if Planning permission was required for the Gate and Fence residents had been told had to be erected (originally by 26th August) to close access to Church Fields - you answered that it was.

My recollection is that you went on to say that it would be necessary for Harrow Council to submit a Planning Application so that it would be in place if needed to facilitate this for the new deadline of 7th October, if the "negotiations" (for want of a better word) over Legal Issues did not achieve the desired effect (i.e. No gate required).

Having checked several times I cannot find any indication on the Council's website that such an application has been received: hence given the deadline for submitting Public Questions I have to ask - What is the present position regarding the 'Legal issues': when will Residents be informed whether or not such an application will be made or if it is redundant?

3.

Questioner: Davis Searles

Asked of: Councillor Varsha Parmar, Portfolio Holder for Environment, Crime and Community Safety

Question: “Can you please explain to this forum and the frontline staff of Harrow council why the social diversity impact of your proposals for Environment and Enterprise disproportionately impacts solely on the lower echelons of the Council workforce and community?”

4.

Questioner: Michael Hipwell

Asked of: Councillor Varsha Parmar, Portfolio Holder for Environment, Crime and Community Safety

Question: “I am writing as my 7 year old son Alex would like to ask the council if they would reopen the petition regarding upgrading the pavements on Tintern Way?”

I am a wheelchair user and find parts of the pavement quite rough and have to be very alert that my front wheels don't get caught causing my chair to stop suddenly then me possibly falling out. I find I have to use the road instead as it is smoother.

Alex's main concern is when I take him out cycling or walking somewhere he will be on the pavement and I on the road. He would rather we were both side-by-side and he keeps asking if he can join me on the road.”