

CABINET – 16 NOVEMBER 2017

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: Graham Darvall

Asked of: Councillor Sachin Shah, Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Strategy, Partnerships and Devolution

Question: “You are all aware from previous documentation of the many modern details of our house, which are totally different from the special architectural features of the 1930’s flats within the Pinner Road Conservation Area

Please can you help us by kindly redefining the Boundary Line to exclude our property so that our House with these modern alterations, UVPC conservatory & windows no longer detracts from a scheme, which is principally preserving the historic architectural qualities of this area? Our house and land really does discredit the Conservation Area and has a very negative impact upon the character of the scheme.”

2.

Questioner: Joe Campbell

Asked of: Councillor Graham Henson, Portfolio Holder for Environment

Question: “How will his decision to proceed with speed humps/cushions on Woodlands in North Harrow as part of the St John Fisher 20mph zone be assessed, in terms of the effective use of money raised from people in Harrow and across London. when the council has no base line to determine if more pedestrians are using the road in future, when casualty figures cannot be reduced as there have been no injuries recorded by the council in the past 20 years and the average vehicle speed was already just one mile per hour faster than the new speed limit?”

3.

Questioner: Nathan James Griffith

Asked of: Councillor Sachin Shah, Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Strategy, Partnerships and Devolution

Question: "Can you commit to ensuring Councillors and Council officers will work with Harrow Youth Parliament in all stages of the policy development process?"

4.

Questioner: Dara Foody, Member of UK Youth Parliament for Harrow

Asked of: Councillor Christine Robson, Portfolio Holder for Children, Young People and Schools

Question: "At the last meeting of full council, an amendment was proposed to the Community Safety Violence Vulnerability and Exploitation strategy which stated that the "Council will explore the option of working with charities to include sessions which focus on victim empathy as part of its programme for youth centres". Are you in agreement with this?"

5.

Questioner: Ibrahim Abdulle

Asked of: Councillor Varsha Parmar - Public Health, Equality & Community Safety Portfolio Holder

Question: "According to the Community, Safety, Violence Vulnerability and Exploitation Strategy, Harrow ranks 4th highest nationally in the rate of hospital, clinical, or GP attendances for women or girls with FGM. There is no data on the reasons for these attendances. What has the Council done to address this issue?"

6.

Questioner: Mr Welby

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

Question: “The planning applications for the Hive Stadium published in the Harrow Times recently do not take into consideration the effect on local residents including Merlin Crescent where cars park on Match Days including the recent game.

The objections are as follows:

1. The increase in gates from 5,000 to over 8,000. The last match was 2,000. Gate money now and in the future does not cover the Players and the running of the Hive. There is a larger deficit each week.
2. Alteration of the stands and building a new stand.
3. In the planning application there is a mention of the community. This was probably a sop for the planning application to be passed. As a resident and part of the community I have not been consulted on the plans.
4. The planning committee has members of Queensbury Ward and there is a conflict of interest.
5. Going from past experience, I fear that Harrow Council will pass these plans without proper consideration for residents.
6. Legal matters will be taken if the scheme is passed with a judicial review and legal matters in the High Court.

I follow Barnet FC from the sidelines ‘No own goal’.

Please can you respond to my objections?”

7.

Questioner: John Nickolay

Asked of: Councillor Graham Henson, Portfolio Holder for Environment

Question: “We have reached a stage when Brown Bins have become a problem for our refuse staff who often seem to omit emptying those that have been paid for, resulting in residents who have paid for their Brown Bins needing to tell the depot (if they can get through) that they have been missed.

Harrow Councillors should by now realise the refuse collection

that has been applied to residents in our Borough since April 2016 is far from being acceptable and seems likely to be part of the reason for so much fly-tipping and rats badly affecting parts of our Borough.

Surely a proper democratic debate at the next Council meeting to consider restoring the former charge-free refuse collection would stand a chance of satisfying Harrow residents and improving the situation in our entire Borough?"

8.

Questioner: Sanjay Khetani

Asked of: Councillor Graham Henson, Portfolio Holder for Environment

Question: "The residents of Woodlands, South Way, Thrush Green & Cambridge Road, majority households have objected to having speed cushions/humps. The residents welcome the 20mph zone. Why has the councillor Graham Henson ignored the views of majority of the residents? The data shows that speed cushions and humps increase pollution, there are digital VAS measures available, why is he bulldozing over the residents views? The time the data was collected, there was closure of a lane and temporary lights on Pinner road, therefore people were turning down Woodlands, assuming that Woodlands was a through road, only to reach the bottom and have to come back. Therefore the data collected is not a true representation of the minimal cars.

There have been no accidents in 20 years from the data provided by the council and local residents from 1964 recall no accidents going back further. How does he expect to improve on reduction on casualties when there have been no accidents? How can Graham Henson make decisions for residents in Woodlands, when he has never responded to request to meet the residents or come and view the road?"