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## **ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**Meeting to be held on Tuesday 9 April 2019**

**Please see attached questions received from Councillors and Members of the Public**

### **3 QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ATTENDING THE MEETING (Pages 3 - 4)**

In accordance with the Council's Constitution, questions to this Committee must be received in writing four working days before the date of the meeting. Therefore please ensure that questions are received by the Democratic Services Team by 5pm on Wednesday 3rd April 2019.

### **5 QUESTIONS TO THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND COUNCILLORS ATTENDING THE MEETING (Pages 5 - 8)**

In accordance with the Council's Constitution, questions to the Portfolio Holder must be received in writing four working days before the date of the meeting. Therefore please ensure that questions are received by the Democratic Services Team by 5pm on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2019.

***Copies of the documents referred to above can be obtained from***  
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## QUESTION TO THE ECS PDS CHAIRMAN FOR ORAL REPLY

From Sam Gee, St Olave's Grammar School

In this Committee's Policy Development & Scrutiny annual report, there was no mention of climate change. As the greatest environmental, social and economic challenge of the century, what were this Committee's reasons behind its omittance?

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## QUESTIONS TO THE ENVIRONMENT PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR ORAL REPLY

### From Cllr Ian Dunn

Can the Portfolio Holder please provide an update on progress with the replacement of the Betts Park gates, including an estimate of when work on the installation of the new gates is planned to commence?

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### From Cllr Simon Jeal

1. Following the consultation of Kings Hall Road residents, which closed in December, could you please confirm when updated plans and diagrams for the parking bays scheme will be available to residents?
  2. With regard to the implementation of the Quiet way scheme and 20mph speed limits on Kings Hall Road, many residents and local schools have expressed clear views in favour of the entire road being subject to the lower speed limit- could you please explain how these views have been reflected in the revised plans?
  3. Would you agree that the transformation programme provides an important opportunity for Bromley council to consider ways it can operate in a greener, more environmentally conscious manner across all council services/departments?
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### From Alisa Igoe, on behalf of the Ashfield Lane Road Safety Group, a residents' group of 74 households, campaigning for traffic calming measures on Ashfield Lane, Chislehurst.

Ashfield experiences continuous illegal speeding, up to 50mph in a 30mph zone, despite warning signs and two VAS. Pedestrians cannot cross and drivers cannot exit side roads. Residents held a demonstration to highlight the dangers and calm the traffic. It worked. Could we please have more physical traffic calming measures?

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### From Chris Wells, Co-Founder, Chislehurst Safer Streets, Environment Trustee, Chislehurst Society, Chislehurst Commons Conservator

Given the Council's 'good cause' policy, could he explain why Chislehurst's section of the A222 is not yet a 20mph zone? It runs by 6 schools, 5 retirement homes and, following a quadrupling of KSIs in the past 5 years, was recently named as Britain's 24th most dangerous road.

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**From Kate Lees**

Please provide an update on replacement of Betts Park gates, removed 2 years ago originally planned for replacement within 3 months. Why has it taken so long to resolve, despite repeated requests to officers and councillors; will you agree this delay is unacceptable - this must now be treated urgently and ensure work is commenced immediately?

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**From David Viles, Chair, Kemnal Residents Association**

Speeding on Ashfield Lane conflicts dangerously with pedestrians and joining/crossing traffic at the Kemnal Road junction. There have been several serious collisions. Signs and road markings have not significantly reduced speeding. What real physical measures will the Council introduce at this junction to slow Ashfield Lane traffic down?

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**From Sam Gee, St Olave's Grammar School**

What will be the Portfolio Holder's priorities over the coming year?

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**From Jude Charman Jones, Newstead Wood School**

1. As a borough with poorer public transport links, a larger area and higher car ownership than the London average, what is the Portfolio Holder doing to reduce air pollution in Bromley, so that people with asthma like me can enjoy sports, and so that more people do not develop asthma?

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2. On 22nd September this year, the Mayor of London and TfL will be bringing Car-Free Day to London, with plans due to be publicly released very soon. What are the Portfolio Holder's plans regarding this important step in transitioning the capital to zero carbon travel, with the obvious public health benefits?

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**From Richard Gibbons, Co-Chair, Friends of Orpington Priory & Gardens Committee Member, Bromley Cyclists**

**Re: Agenda Item 6 - Environmental Portfolio Plan: Performance Overview**

1. In view of growing evidence globally of microplastics in water supplies and food chains, and following complaints locally from residents and fellow councillors, would the Portfolio Holder confirm who is responsible for clearing discarded litter from the Priory Ponds in Orpington, a Site of Importance for Nature Conservation?

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**Re: Agenda Item 7c Dockless E-Bikes**

2. Has the Council undertaken risk assessment in respect of riders of mixed abilities, given growing number of residents and campaign groups expressing concerns about road danger (e.g. speeding drivers) and, despite road safety claims, research that indicates that Bromley has higher levels of risk for people on bikes than most London boroughs?

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**Re: Agenda Item 7c Dockless E-Bikes**

3. How will Portfolio Holder reassure residents, particularly the less able and sight impaired that, to avoid risk of injury, dockless e-bike riders will park responsibly, given everyday examples of inconsiderate parking by vehicle drivers across the borough?

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**From Nicole Kilama**

Following Blue Planet II, there has been a huge push to tackle ocean plastic pollution. What is this Portfolio Holder's plan for enabling Bromley to play its part in tackling this global issue?

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**QUESTIONS TO THE ENVIRONMENT PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**From Clive Lees, Chairman, Ravensbourne Valley Preservation Society**

1. With reference to the meeting on 20 November 2018 at which, in response to our third written question, the Environment Portfolio holder confirmed certain signage in the Crab Hill area would shortly be removed, we note that 3 months later it is still in situ. When will they be removed please?

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2. In any event, the real issue is to ensure large vehicles never approach the Crab Hill area anyway and in this regard, we would be pleased to receive an update regarding plans to improve signage. For example, signage should send large vehicles to Downham (Peter Pan Pond junction) to avoid Shortlands.

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