

COUNCIL MEETING

11TH DECEMBER 2017

**QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

1. From Colin Willetts to the Environment Portfolio Holder

With regard to our question 15/11/17(Alley adjacent 45 Ravensbury Road), (i) who is the private landowner & what appropriate action will be taken by officers? (ii) what is the outcome of Ward Councillors barrier consultation? & (iii) could you chase branch cutback outstanding since 17/9/11 CRM 140711?

Reply:

(i) Officers are investigating ownership status of the land in question as it is not clear from the land registry search. Once ownership is confirmed then the appropriate action will be taken to deal with overhanging vegetation.

(ii) The consultation is ongoing.

(iii) I have, enforcement is ongoing, if necessary, the Council will consider cutting back the branches and charging the land owner.

2. From Colin Willetts to the Environment Portfolio Holder

With regard to our question 15/11/17(outside 297 Chipperfield Road), bearing in mind this is an existing bus zone there will be no impact on car parking by replacing this short section of grass over to additional tarmac hard standing thus guaranteeing residents 'sure footing' to access bus services in safety, could you tell us if there is any update/progression on your site investigation?

Reply:

Traffic engineers have designed an improved bus stop facility for this location and consultation with Ward Members has been undertaken. Public consultation on the proposed improvements will commence shortly.

3. From Colin Willetts to the Environment Portfolio Holder

Could the Portfolio Holder tell us how many environmental reports have been submitted to the CSC agent over the past year by (i) Cllr Ellis, (ii) Cllr Livett, (iii) Cllr Nathan & (iv) Colin Willetts.

Reply:

1/12/16 to 30/11/17 via CSC only (FMS in brackets) – figures from CONFIRM

Cllr Judi Ellis – 0 reports (0 reports via FMS)

Cllr David Livett – 0 reports (5 reports via FMS)

Cllr Terence Nathan – 0 reports (1 report via FMS)

Colin Willetts – 220 reports (0 reports via FMS)

4. From Rich Wilsher to the Environment Portfolio Holder

In March this year the Council heard a petition to install a pedestrian crossing on Copers Cope Road, Beckenham. Despite clearly evidencing the need for a crossing on based on both TFL and Bromley Council criteria, the petition was refused and island refuges installed instead. In doing so the Council stated that as a matter of course the situation would be reviewed again in 6 months' time. Can the Council publish the nature, extent and results of that review?

Reply:

Since the installation of the refuges on Copers Cope Road near to Park Road and near to Bridge Road, the Council has received no further complaints from road users. However, as the forthcoming Quietway cycle route from Bromley to Lower Sydenham is proposed to use Park Road and Copers Cope Road, consideration is being given to the possible introduction of an improved crossing facility on Copers Cope Road near to Park Road, although I cannot say at this stage if that will prove to be appropriate.

5. From Sam Webber to the Environment Portfolio Holder

Is there still a registered owner of grave number 2017 at Chislehurst Cemetery for Captain George Allan Maling VC (died in 1929) or have the burial rights for this plot now expired?

Reply:

Yes, there is still a registered owner of grave number A2017 (note correct grave number) for Captain George Allan Maling VC. The registered owner of the grave is Daisy Mabel Maling (Widow).

6. From Sam Webber to the Environment Portfolio Holder

Would LBB and idverde consider transferring rights for this grave to the charity the Victoria Cross Trust, which wishes to clean and protect the headstone and improve the lettering on it, to protect it for future generations? I have been in touch with Gary Stapleton, Chairman of the Trust on this matter.

Reply:

The grave was bought in perpetuity therefore only the registered owner has the right to transfer the grave. If the registered owner is deceased the grave must transfer via their estate. The London Probate Department can provide details of the executor of the estate.

7. From Sam Webber to the Environment Portfolio Holder

Given only two holders of the Victoria Cross are buried in the borough (also CSM George Evans in Beckenham Cemetery, Elmers End) would the appropriate authorities consider erecting a small plaque or sign to mark the grave of Captain Maling VC in Chislehurst Cemetery to inform visitors about his life and military service?

Reply:

I confirm that we will give this matter some consideration subject to available budgets and practicalities.

8. From Ian Catchpole to the Public Protection and Safety Portfolio Holder

Could the Portfolio Holder for Public Protection and Safety provide -

(i) the police numbers allocated to Bromley

(ii) the Safer Neighbourhood team staffing levels

for each ward in the borough at 1 December 2016 and 1 December 2017?

Reply:

Safer Neighbourhoods in Dec 2016 were: 1 Inspector, 4 Sergeants, 33 Constables and 32 PCSO's.

Safer Neighbourhoods in Dec 2017: 1 Inspector, 8 Sergeants, 48 Constables and 32 PCSO's.

Current Bromley police numbers as of Nov 2017 are 442 police officers, the December data is not available yet.

9. From Dermot Mckibbin to the Resources Portfolio Holder

How many people are registered on the electoral roll in each of the three full constituencies and the partial constituency in the borough for each of the previous four years? Please show these figures by each ward for the past 4 years.

Reply:

The number of registered elector varies throughout the year – the attached figures are as at the publication of the new register on 1 December. However, the figures do increase in the weeks leading up to an election. (See appendix 1 below)

Constituency	Ward	01/12/2014	01/12/2015	01/12/2016	01/12/2017
Beckenham	Bromley Common & Keston	12154	12265	12635	12745
	Copers Cope	12017	12057	12452	12466
	Hayes & Coney Hall	12601	12384	12700	12726
	Kelsey & Eden Park	12327	12217	12410	12468
	Shortlands	7705	7506	7792	7781
	West Wickham	12072	11917	11992	12126
	TOTAL	68876	68346	69981	70312
Bromley & Chislehurst	Bickley	11745	11474	11751	11758
	Bromley Town	12866	12587	13221	13331
	Chislehurst	11959	11865	12202	12120
	Cray Valley West	12144	11941	12018	12221
	Mottingham & Chislehurst North	7358	7149	7289	7317
	Plaistow & Sundridge	11485	11338	11537	11683
	TOTAL	67557	66354	68018	68430
Lewisham West & Penge	Clock House	11819	11553	11800	11993
	Crystal Palace	8524	8597	9059	9190
	Penge & Cator	12361	12101	12377	12491
	TOTAL	32704	32251	33236	33674
Orpington	Biggin Hill	7872	7819	7899	7915
	Chelsfield & Pratts Bottom	11379	11145	11376	11303
	Cray Valley East	11124	11161	11351	11490
	Darwin	4077	4084	4165	4173
	Farnborough & Crofton	11829	11603	11814	11801
	Orpington	12026	11827	12150	12251
	Petts Wood	10882	10664	10877	10816
	TOTAL	69189	68303	69632	69749
BOROUGH TOTAL		238326	235254	240867	242165