

**COUNCIL MEETING****26<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2018****QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC FOR ORAL REPLY****1. From Josh King to the Education, Children and Families Portfolio Holder**

With reference to the published local plan, can the education portfolio holder explain the planning process used to ensure that the council fulfils its statutory duty to provide school places, particularly at a secondary level?

**2. From Paul Rudling to the Leader of the Council**

Re Bullers Wood Boys planning application: In light of the Planning Inspector's report which resulted in permission being rescinded by the Development Control Committee on 25th January 2018 what action has the Council taken to mitigate the risks to the Girls attending Bullers Wood Girls using these same roads and pavements.

**3. From Andrew Ruck to the Leader of the Council  
(to be answered by the Chairman of Development Control Committee)**

The Bullers Boys DCC meeting: The published minutes of the DCC meeting show that a motion to refuse planning permission was not proposed. The motion which was carried was to "not ratify the October 2017 decision". However this does not constitute a motion to refuse planning permission. It therefore seems that the council has yet to vote to refuse planning permission and yet it has issued a refusal determination notice. How can this be?

**4. From Rhian Kanat to the Environment Portfolio Holder**

Please provide details of all TfL grants applied for by the Council to fund road safety, pedestrian walkway and cycling improvements in the Borough in the last 4 years and how such grants were spent.

**5. from Julie Ireland to the Chairman of Development Control Committee**

If there were genuine and overriding concerns about road safety on Chislehurst Road, why did the Development Control Committee approve the inclusion of a school on the St Hugh's playing field site in their Draft Local Plan?

**6. From Georgette Purdey to the Leader of the Council:  
(to be answered by the Chairman of Development Control Committee)**

Now that there is specific data on pupils applying for Bullers Wood School for Boys and the fact that 176 pupils will live within 1.2 miles of the school, does this not represent a similar material impact to the Traffic Report that led to the recall of the planning decision to the DCC on 25th of Jan 2018? As such, will LBB now consider another recall of the planning application in light of this factual data - as opposed to a speculative report on 25/01- and vote again of the planning permission for Bullers Wood School for Boys. If not why not?

**7. From Jayne Burman to the Education, Children and Families Portfolio Holder**

Bullers Wood School for Boys has been proven to be needed to address the current and projected shortfall of secondary school places in the Borough and given the current cohort of applicants it can be determined that 98% live within a 1.2 mile or 22 minute walk of the school. Given that the road safety concerns apply to the same stretch of road that girls walking to Bullers Wood school for girls, why hasn't the Council addressed the pedestrian road safety concerns and proposed or made changes to the roads to solve the problem rather than refuse the school?

**8. From Rich Wilsher to the Resources Portfolio Holder**

The Council is taking part in a Voter ID pilot scheme for the May elections. In answers to questions about this scheme at the last Council meeting you talked of a "communications plan delivering a tailored and comprehensive awareness raising campaign" to encourage voters to bring ID to polling stations. We are now only 2.5 months away from the elections. Please provide full details of that communications plan.

**9. From Josh King to the Leader of the Council**

Following the collapse of Carillion and the news that another major provider of public services is under financial pressure, can the Leader outline what contingency plans the council has to ensure continuity of services, particularly those for the vulnerable, such as adult care services and those for children and young people?

**10. From Andrew Ruck to the Leader of the Council:**

A typical school planning application costs £1M of public money. Bullers Boys will now need at least 3. Did the council do all it could to work with the applicant prior to it being brought to committee to mitigate the cost to the public purse?

**11. From Rhian Kanat to the Education, Children and Families Portfolio Holder**

With no permanent site currently confirmed for Bullers Wood for Boys, Shaw Futures Academy and the new Harris Sydenham school and the Council's recent track record of refusing planning permission for new schools what is the Council's plan to deliver sufficient school places to meet the projected shortfall which on your own figures hits 22 FE by 2022?

**12. From Julie Ireland to the Environment Portfolio Holder**

What consultation of key road user groups was undertaken in respect of the new proposals for a shared pedestrian cycle path from Bromley South to Shortlands via Queen Anne Avenue?

**13. From Georgette Purdey to the Leader of the Council:**

Can we have full disclosure of the amount of money spent on legal advice to allow the planning consent given in Oct 2017 for Bullers Wood School for Boys to be recalled to the January DCC meeting. Can we also have full disclosure of all exchanges and document pertaining to the precise grounds for returning planning consent to a second meeting once it had been given. If not, why not?

**14. From Jayne Burman to the Education, Children and Families Portfolio Holder**

How much public money has so far been spent by the Council on the Bullers Wood School for boys process?

**15. From Rich Wilsher to the Resources Portfolio Holder**

How many Freedom of Information requests did the Council receive from 1/7/17 - 31/12/17 and how many were answered in the regulatory 20 days?

**16. From Josh King to the Leader of the Council**

Can the Leader provide categorised details of legal expenses and those awarded against the council following cases lost over the last two years in planning cases, industrial tribunals, and freedom of information appeals?

**17. From Rhian Kanat to the Environment Portfolio Holder**

The announcement 2 weeks ago that the Council would finally agree to make some road safety improvements in the vicinity of St George's, Bickley Primary and the new La Fontaine academy rather than defer to La Fontaine's own travel planning is most welcome. However the school started last week and no substantive changes have been made. What is the timetable for those changes and why has it taken so long to get to this point given that La Fontaine were confirmed on this site over a year ago?

**18. From Julie Ireland to the Leader of the Council**

What are the minimum membership numbers that are required for a residents' association to be considered by Ward Councillors as representative of an area and does that RA need to prove that it genuinely consults with its members on issues before representing their views to ward councillors?

**19. From Rich Wilsher to the Public Protection and Safety Portfolio Holder**

Why has Bromley not signed up to the London Rogue Landlord Database?