

COUNCIL MEETING

26TH FEBRUARY 2018

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

1. From Colin Willetts to the Environment Portfolio Holder

Could the Portfolio Holder tell us how many environmental reports have been submitted to CSC agent from 22/5/2014 to 31/1/2018 by Councillors (i) Angela Wilkins, (ii) Kevin Brooks, (iii) Kathy Bance, (iv) Vanessa Allen, and (v) Colin Smith?

Reply:

- Angela Wilkins – 27 reports in total (0 via CSC)
- Kevin Brooks – 1 report in total (1 via CSC)
- Kathy Bance – 15 reports in total (12 via CSC)
- Vanessa Allen – 36 reports in total (0 via CSC)
- Colin Smith – 186 reports in total (1 via CSC)

Numbers do not include Waste Services as taken from CONFIRM.

2. From Colin Willetts to the Environment Portfolio Holder

Alleyways –

(i) Who is the owner of the alley adjacent 43 Ravensbury Road?

Reply:

We maintain the alleyway through to Clarendon Green. We have recently completed a repair to a cycle barrier in this footpath.

(ii) When is the fencing scheduled for repair alley adjacent 52 Curtismill Way?

Reply:

We have made contact with Mr Willetts as he was able to supply us with a letter from a previous Area Manager apparently confirming that LBB have taken responsibility for the maintenance of this fence in the past. The local Highway Inspector has subsequently checked the fence line and can only find a small section of minor damage that would not currently qualify for repair. We are proposing Mr Willetts meets with our Highway Inspector to confirm if we are indeed looking at the correct locations he/the resident are concerned about and to confirm then whether a repair is actually required in the view of LBB, we have contacted him directly to make arrangements.

(iii) Could you address serious footway ponding (during heavy rainfall) obstructing safe passage for school children in alley (lead into from 8 Arbrook Close)?

Reply:

The Highway Inspector has investigated on site and is now discussing the issue with our drainage section to look at potential solutions.

3. From Colin Willetts to the Environment Portfolio Holder

(i) All bus stops Chipperfield, when will you be carrying out improvements ref 12597-02?

Reply:

The bus stops near the junction with Petersham Road and outside numbers 297/299 have been passed across to the highways team to be up-graded which should be carried out by the end of March.

(ii) ref 12597-01, factually the existing 17 metre hardstanding is opposite 281- 283! why not address parking either side?

Reply:

The bus stops at the junction with Ravenscourt Road and opposite numbers 281/283 have been improved. Parking controls were not considered necessary at this time.

Why has white line not been remarked at rear vehicle entrance Leasons School?

Reply:

When the development works are completed the Council will look to install suitable road markings.

(iii) when will you be addressing disability access obstructions (lamp column/bin) at junction Petersham Drive?

Reply:

The current location of the lamp column adjacent to the bus stop near the junction with Petersham Drive would appear to be an obstruction to passengers boarding and alighting and we have therefore arranged for the column to be relocated clear of the stop. Although we do not have a date this could take up to 3 months.

4. From Adam Bambrough to the Environment Portfolio Holder

Please could the Council share the results of their recent road safety tests on Village Way and explain why a pedestrian crossing has been ruled out when such crossings are installed across the borough in areas that share an equally low footfall in off peak times?

Reply:

A pedestrian crossing is being proposed for Village Way near to Whitmore Road, but not a controlled crossing. The proposed crossing will take the form of a pedestrian refuge island. The type of crossing considered at any location will depend amongst

other things on the volume of traffic, number of pedestrians crossing through the day, presence of driveways, junctions, bends and trees, accident data, 85th percentile speed of traffic and proximity to bus stops. Thus each request for a crossing is considered on a case by case basis.

The results of the road safety tests are shown in the table below. A speed survey was also undertaken in Village Way. The speed of all passing traffic was recorded over a seven day period from 27/11/17. . The average speed recorded was 27mph. This 85th percentile speed, measured here at 30mph, was relatively low for a busy residential street such as this.

In technical terms it is the PV² calculation that guides the requirement for a crossing. The results for Village Way are also shown in the table below. The PV² value obtained was 60,000,000, this indicates that an uncontrolled crossing point would be best suited to the site. This analysis also confirms my previous replies, that it is the increased number of pedestrians crossing, with the new school, that drove this need, not the traffic on the road.

There is a concern that lowly used zebra crossings might lure pedestrians into a false sense of security if they incorrectly presume all drivers will stop. Thus, a crossing with central refuge, where pedestrians only have to negotiate one stream of traffic at a time and cross a shorter distance can actually be safer. The School Travel Planning process will allow the Council and the School to periodically consider changes in travel patterns.

ROAD NAME Village Way
DATE 21/11/2017
WEATHER Fine/Dry
 PEDS: the pedestrian flow (pedestrians / hour) across a 100m length of road centred on the proposed crossing site
 VEHICLES: the number of vehicles in both directions (vehicles / hour)

| TIME | PEDESTRIANS | VEHICLES | V ² | PV ² |
|------------------|-------------|----------------|------------------|-----------------|
| 07:30-08:30 | 150 | 798 | 636804 | 95,520,600 |
| 08:30-09:30 | 15 | 832 | 692224 | 10,383,360 |
| 12:00-13:00 | 12 | 517 | 267289 | 3,207,468 |
| 13:00-14:00 | 20 | 494 | 244036 | 4,880,720 |
| 15:00-16:00 | 117 | 707 | 499849 | 58,482,333 |
| 16:00-17:00 | 116 | 748 | 559504 | 64,902,464 |
| 17:00-18:00 | 35 | 825 | 680625 | 23,821,875 |
| 4 BUSIEST | | AVERAGE | THRESHOLD | CONSIDER |
| 95,520,600 | | 60,681,818 | 100,000,000 | No |
| 64,902,464 | | | | |
| 58,482,333 | | | | |
| 23,821,875 | | | | |

5. From Adam Bambrough to the Environment Portfolio Holder

Please could the Council elaborate on the promised consultation process on a refuge in Village Way? How will you determine who should be consulted? When will the process begin and end?

Reply:

The Council will shortly be consulting those residents directly affected by a proposed central refuge located near to their property. When installing a central refuge, people with driveways may be adversely affected as well as those who may lose parking on the approach and exit to the central refuge. These people will be consulted for their views and opinions and be given at least 21 days to respond.

6. From Chloe-Jane Ross to the Resources Portfolio Holder

How much in pounds of the Council "Property investment fund" was invested outside of the borough last year and the year before?

Reply:

During 2016 £19,459K was invested outside the borough and £6,326K in 2017 to purchase investment properties.

7. From Chloe-Jane Ross to the Resources Portfolio Holder

What were the large investments and where, i.e. a shopping centre in Birmingham, land, commercial/residential property etc?

Reply:

The properties purchased in 2016 and 2017 are as follows;

2016 Industrial Warehouse – Brentwood
Offices – Newbury
Industrial Warehouse – Thatcham
Industrial Warehouse – Farnborough
2017 Offices - Ashford

8. From Chloe-Jane Ross to the Education, Children and Families Portfolio Holder

How many Bromley Borough children were provided school places in neighbouring boroughs this year and the year before?

Reply:

The Council plans for school places on the basis of the Education Act 1996 that makes local authorities responsible for securing sufficient school places for children of compulsory school age in their local area. However, the 1990 Greenwich Judgement made it unlawful for a local education authority to give priority in school admissions to its own residents. Parents have a right through the admissions process to state a preference for a school in any borough and their eligibility will be on the basis of each school's admissions policy.

Bromley for many years has been a net importer of pupils from other boroughs at secondary transfer. The most recent data available information from the DfE on cross borough movements indicates that in 2016 there were 742 more pupils coming into the Bromley from other boroughs for their secondary education and 562 for their primary education than Bromley residents crossing into other boroughs.

The number of children transferring to secondary schools in other authorities at Year 7 is:

| | Reception | Year 7 |
|---------------------|--------------|--------------|
| 2016/17 school year | 615 children | 630 children |
| 2017/18 school year | 605 children | 467 children |

The number for 2018/19 can be confirmed after National Offer Day on 16 April 2018 (primary) and 1 March 2018 (Secondary).