

COUNCIL MEETING

15th July 2019

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC FOR WRITTEN REPLY

1. From Chloe-Jane Ross to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Services

22 September is London Car Free Day 2019 - will Bromley Council be taking part and if so who will be the Council contact officer/team for event?

Reply:

The Council continues to focus its effort and funding on work and projects to facilitate residents and visitors to make a permanent shift to more active choices in mode of travel. Whilst not an exhaustive list, this work includes working with schools on their school travel plans, development of new walking and cycling infrastructure, a comprehensive cycle training programme, with opportunities for residents to support their community in the annual Big Lunch campaign, whereby groups of residents can apply for a road closure for a street party, which promote and support many different causes, including Street Friends.

The Council considers that this is a more efficient use of its funds that a one off, more virtue signalling, event or set of events. We will of course encourage any residents or visitors who wish to participate by leaving the car at home that day to do so, and we will signpost them to information available on our website for walking, cycling and facilities in our parks and green spaces. Bromley has an extensive range of facilities in our parks, countryside and greenspaces and infrastructure for cycling and walking for all residents to enjoy year round. We also offer cycle training and can along with partners and voluntary groups can offer guidance to indicate quieter routes that can be used by active modes of transport to make journeys more pleasant. If any resident or Friends groupings do wish to apply for a road closure we continue to accept applications in the usual way.

2. From Jonathan Douglas-Green to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Services

Given the increasing evidence linking poor air quality and poor health outcomes and the high levels of poor air quality reported in the 2017 management plan, will the Council be reviewing the 2007 Air Quality Management Area to cover the whole borough?"

Reply:

Consecutive Annual Status Reports (a GLA requirement) have not highlighted a need to undertake further modelling to determine the extent of the air quality management area and therefore this work is not within the work programme but will be kept under review.