

EXECUTIVE

16th October 2019

Questions from Members of the Public (for written reply)

1. From Donna Colonnese to the Portfolio holder for Environment and Community Services

Is the cabinet member aware of ongoing flooding issues in Blakeney Road under the railway bridge? Pedestrians are unable to walk under this bridge on the pavement without wading through deep water when there has been heavy rain. Cars also have difficulty driving under the bridge and pedestrians are often drenched from the spray as the cars drive through. If the cabinet member is aware of these problems, what plans are in place to rectify the situation?

Reply:

I am aware of ongoing flooding issues in Blakeney Road under the railway bridge. As this area is close to the river, the gullies will discharge slowing during heavy rain as street debris is washed in to the area. At the last maintenance visit in June 2019 the drains were cleared and operating correctly. Officers are investigating options for improving the surface area of the road gullies in an effort to improve the efficiency of the drainage assets.

2. From John Getgood to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation and Housing

The Penge SE20 BID is concerned that despite frequent reminders to council officers the improvement works to Penge High Street have still not been completed. In June we were assured that the following works would be completed by October 2019. However, no progress has been made. Please could the Portfolio Holder provide us with an assurance that these works will be completed promptly?

- *Provision of new waste bins engraved with the Penge SE20 BID in Arpley and Empire Square, engraved with the Penge BID SE20 logo;*
- *Provision and installation of new notice Boards engraved with the Penge BID SE20 logo in Arpley Square and outside Sainsbury's;*
- *Town sign (o/s Empire Square) returned to its original position with sign at right angles to the flow of traffic and pedestrians;*
- *Provision of way-finding posts;*
- *Installation of the Penge Heritage trail plaques;*

Reply:

Officers have instructed our term contractor, JB Riney, to purchase and install the new waste bins and notice boards once the logo has been agreed with the Penge BID. We will write again to confirm the installation date at the earliest opportunity.

Options for alternative wayfinding solutions have been researched and the implications of different solutions are now being appraised. The Council will discuss these options with the BID, but will then need to undertake a procurement exercise for the purchase and installation of the chosen way-finding solution.

The Council has now completed the procurement exercise and appointed a contractor for the provision and installation of the heritage plaques; officers are currently in discussion with the newly appointed contractor to arrange an installation date which we will confirm in writing as soon as possible.

Officers have instructed our term contractor, JB Riney, to fix the Town sign (o/s Empire Square) in its original position with sign at right angles to the flow of traffic and pedestrians. We will write again to confirm the date for the works at the earliest opportunity.