

ANNEX A

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS FOR ORAL RESPONSE BY THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR RENEWAL, RECREATION AND HOUSING

Question 1: From Cllr Nicholas Bennett

If he will make a statement on the progress towards replacing the West Wickham Leisure Centre in 2022?

Portfolio Holder's Response

Officers are investigating feasibility options for this site to overcome viability issues facing the site. In light of the Covid-19 pandemic, there is some uncertainty in the leisure industry and officers are looking for long term solutions to bring a feasible option forward to improve the current leisure offer provided at West Wickham.

Question 2: From Cllr Nicholas Bennett

If he will make a statement on the mooted development of the Station Road West Wickham Car Park with housing and whether he will confirm the previous commitment that the West Wickham Library will not close until its permanent replacement as part of the new Leisure Centre is ready to open?

Portfolio Holder's Response

I confirm that the old library will not close until the new library is ready. There is, however, always an interval of a few days whilst the book stock is moved and arranged in the new premises.

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC FOR WRITTEN RESPONSE BY THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR RENEWAL, RECREATION AND HOUSING

Question 1: From Alisa Igoe

What essential improvements to Chislehurst's local infrastructure will the CIL/S106 levy on the developer be directed to, in light of 2 years with a smaller temporary library, loss of car parking for retail footfall and heavy and noisy construction work directly beside a nursery and 680 pupil primary school?

Portfolio Holder's Response

S106 contributions would be sought for any planning permission at the Chislehurst Library site in accordance with the Council's SPD on Planning Obligations.

These would be expected to include:

- *Affordable housing - (Dependant on policy compliance);*
- *Carbon off-set – (Dependant on policy compliance);*
- *Education;*
- *Health;*
- *Highways (relevant highway improvement works);*

The temporary smaller library would not be a matter that could be subject of financial mitigation via a s106 agreement, and the loss of parking would be something assessed as part of the planning application and a contribution only sought if the scheme were not policy compliant and thus mitigation was required. The noise and disruption from building works is not something we can mitigate against via s106 but there are standards set out in the Code of Construction Conduct published by the Council that the Public Protection team are able to enforce against.

Question 2: From Alisa Igoe

The redevelopment will include loss of the library's 36 public car parking spaces and at least a third or more of the spaces at the temporary library site in the High St car park. Could you kindly give me the figure you have estimated for this loss of car parking revenue per annum and tell me if this was factored into the financial feasibility study?

Portfolio Holder's Response

The decision to originally dispose of the library was made by the Executive in 2014 as a Part 2 Decision and this included the Car Park. Consequently, the evaluation of offers received was based on the disposal of the site. The temporary library if it goes to the Car Park, as it may go locally elsewhere, will depend on size (previously estimated at 12 spaces) – but it is highly unlikely to be more than 26 spaces as that is the worst case scenario. There are circa 140 spaces in total this therefore represents a loss of 19% not one third (as stated in the question).