

Council - 18th October 2021**Questions from members of the public for oral reply****1. From Tim Webb to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Services**

Crofton Road Cycle Lanes and related developments - is this really value for money, with potholes in roads perhaps a more pressing issue?

2. From Tim Webb to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Services

The bus lay-bys have all been removed, causing traffic delays and tailbacks opposite Orpington Station. What is the logic behind this please and who carried out a risk assessment?

3. From Richard Honess to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation and Housing

In 2002 Bromley Council were given £270,000 of Government funding to convert the Rookery Gardens Estate into a Home Zone. Considerable improvements were made which were very much welcomed at the time. What have the Council done to maintain the condition of this Estate?

4. From Tony McPartlan to the Portfolio holder for Renewal, Recreation and Housing

A number of housing association tenants that I know have a growing list of maintenance and safety fixes needed, which are being ignored. What is the council doing to hold housing associations to account and ensure that they are providing a good service to the people of Bromley?

5. From Tony McPartlan to the Portfolio holder for Renewal, Recreation and Housing

At last month's Executive meeting it was discussed how the Additional Restrictions Covid Grant top-up would focus on helping businesses into our vacant units on high streets and industrial units. Can I please get the Portfolio Holder's commitment to support our neglected shopping parades, many of which also have a lot of vacant units?

6. From Hatice Ocal to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation and Housing

The public has expressed distrust in the Council ever refurbishing the neglected public toilets in Crystal Palace Park. How can this happen for so long in such a manner which has become an embarrassment for us all. Is the Council addressing this and will it assure the public that the necessary works will be completed by April, 2022?

7. From Hatice Ocal to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation and Housing

As of today more than 3,350 park users have signed an e-petition demanding improvements to the toilets in Crystal Palace Park. What is the council going to do in the immediate future to address the appalling state of these toilets?

8. From Jessica Arnold to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation and Housing

Has the Council leader, mayor, ward councillors or the relevant portfolio holder received representations from residents in Copers Cope ward who are concerned about empty homes and properties in the area, and is there any action being taken or planned to reduce the numbers of empty properties, reduce the safety risks that surround empty properties, and return them to beneficial use as housing or other public assets for the Copers Cope community?

9. From Jessica Arnold to the Chairman of Development Control Committee

Was planning permission granted for the felling of 12 (or any number of) mature trees on the site of the former Beckenham Theatre (at the junction of Bromley Road and Manor Road in Beckenham), and if so, on what basis was the decision made, and if not, will Bromley Council now be taking enforcement action against the owners of the site?

10. From Will Conway to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Services

The Council has released its Open Spaces Strategy for 2021-2031 which it says includes feedback from earlier consultation with stakeholders. Why was it not sent to, amongst others;

- all those who fed into the document
- Opposition councillors

Key stakeholders such as allotment societies and park "Friends" groups.