

Council

28th February 2022

Questions from Members of the Public for Written Reply

1. From Sam Webber to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Services

When did the Council last inspect the benches in Martins Hill Open Space and Queensmead Recreation Ground? At least 10 between the War Memorial and the River Ravensbourne are in a very poor state with missing or broken slats and covered in graffiti. Could these be replaced or cleaned up as a priority please or as soon as LBB budgets allow?

Reply:

The last Annual Inspection of benches at St Martins Hill Open Space was carried out on 9th February 2021 when the benches were found to be in low-risk condition. It was agreed they would require a sanding and paint refurbishment in the next Forward Working Programme. The follow up 2022 Infrastructure Survey for all parks and open spaces is currently being undertaken (Feb – March '22) has identified broken and missing slats and appropriate repairs will be raised with contractors upon completion of the 2022 inspection.

2. From Sam Webber to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Services

What is the percentage of Bromley Borough residents that the Council has a working email address for and the approximate total number? Has the Council investigated reducing its print and distribution costs for the 'Environment Matters' publication and any others, to ensure potential savings (over £111,000 spent in the previous tax year) can be reinvested into frontline services or in grants to community groups or charities which desperately need additional resources?

Reply:

The assertion that the recycling and waste collection service is not a frontline service is simply not true. It is a much valued universal service, including for the most vulnerable, with Bromley continuing to be one of London's leading recycling boroughs, precisely because residents know how to use the various services having read about it in Environment Matters. It is this communications success that has saved Bromley council taxpayers £multi-millions over the years in reduced waste disposal costs. The Council has around 70k email addresses, which is a phenomenal figure, with impressive read statistics to match but this still leaves around 50% of households not covered. Of course we have considered this, including at PDS committee, but the whole point is it is more efficient to distribute to

everyone or is it being suggested those that don't have printers or access to the internet should be excluded? The total cost per household per edition is actually 39p, which is excellent value, which includes print, distribution and production etc. and is incidentally, available on our website. The real point which is overlooked is that responding to a few percent of residents who are not following the council's recycling guidance is actually extremely expensive in staff time and this is where considerable savings have been achieved thanks to this ongoing investment of communicating with much valued residents.

3. From Tia Fisher to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Services

There is evidence that high vehicle speeds are the greatest deterrent to walking and cycling instead of driving. I cycle to work and my son works as a cycle courier, so cycle safety is of paramount importance to us. As part of the council's stated aim to increase active travel, what is their view on introducing 20mph speed limits to further that aim?

Reply:

The experience the Council has from the various parts of the Borough where 20mph limits have been installed in the past is that we receive very many complaints about speeding, despite the lower limit. Research commissioned by the DfT showed that following the introduction of signed-only 20mph limits the median speed fell by just under 1mph and found no significant change in collisions and casualties.

In light of the lack of evidence that introducing widespread 20mph limits is the most effective approach, Bromley has no plans to introduce such area-wide 20mph zones. Bromley prefers to direct the available funding in the most cost effective way to allow active travel to be a viable travel option for residents. For example, in light of evidence that drivers respond better to warnings or regulations where they can see the reason for them, part time advisory 20 limits are being introduced around schools in the Borough, on a case-by-case basis.

The Council supports active travel through improving walking and cycling routes, adding new crossing places, and supporting school travel plans. Bromley has more schools with Gold accredited travel plans than any other London borough.

4. From Tia Fisher to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Services

What percentage of Bromley's waste is currently a) recycled b) incinerated c) reused d) goes to landfill e) composted?

Reply:

During the first 6 months of 2021/22, the Council's household waste was treated as follows:

- Reuse, recycling and composting (a, c and e) = 48.7%
- Energy recovery including Refuse Derived Fuel (b) = 51.0%
- Landfill (d) = 0.3%

5. From Sabina Ricci to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Services

We have been living in Nightingale Road, Petts Wood, for 2 years and we have experienced extremely bad fly tipping and dumping on the private service road which runs behind the parade of shops on Queensway. We have spent last weekend clearing it all up and filled 25 big rubbish bags. What can be done to prevent this from happening again as after a few days more bottles, rubbish and waste have appeared once again?

Reply:

Responsibility for the clearance of waste/litter rests with the landowner for removal. It is encouraging to see residents actively clearing accumulations within their local area.

To aid the efforts made by members of public Bromley Council will provide further assistance to combat this concern.

An Environmental Audit will be undertaken by the Council in this area. From this initial inspection the Council will organise for Officers to visit commercial premises, providing guidance on adequate waste storage and measures that the business can take to prevent littering and fly tipping.

The Council will also investigate the provision for household waste in this area and work with residents to ensure that they are aware of how to access council waste services including the kerbside collection service and bulky item collections.

6. From Julia Burton to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation and Housing

Can Bromley Council carry out a financial risk assessment on Areli Real Estate?

Areli plan to rebuild the leisure centre last. If funds run out prior to reconstruction we could be left with no pools.

Reply:

It is extremely likely that if this planning application is approved, Planning conditions would prevent the housing being lived in, and therefore the completion of sales, prior to the full completion of the leisure centre. Therefore, the risk of the development coming forward and the leisure centre not being delivered is very unlikely. The Council always undertakes financial due diligence prior to entering into formal agreements, and this case will be no different if the Council progresses with a land deal.

7. From Julia Burton to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation and Housing

Can the Council obtain quotes to rebuild a like-for-like leisure centre in Orpington town centre? The Council should obtain, in advance, the money required to rebuild, and refund it when the new leisure centre is completed satisfactorily.

Reply:

The cost of refurbishing the existing leisure centre to a new standard is c£10m. The costs of building a new leisure centre as part of the Areli development is c£21m and this has been scrutinised by the Council's specialist consultants working on our behalf. It is very unlikely that Areli would be able to access the funding to give this sum to the Council upfront, however any land agreements (if the Council pursues this) would look to mitigate risk in other ways, e.g. input into the construction contract.

8. From Peter Barnett to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation and Housing

How much capital receipts did the Council receive for the housing stock transfer in 1992, what was the money spent on, does the council now admit that this decision was a mistake given the huge cost of temporary accommodation and the rehousing of some many families in Kent?

Reply:

The transfer of Housing Stock from Bromley Council to Broomleigh Housing Association took place on 6 April 1992. It comprised 14,000 units, with a gross transfer value of £116.9m and a net transfer value (after set-up costs) of £110.8m.

The transfer value received was accounted for as a capital receipt and this balance was utilised to support the Council's capital programme to address many of the Council's priorities of spend as well as reduce the financial burden to council tax payers by being debt free due to this funding available.

It is important to note that the residents of the housing stock had their housing need met through the new social care provider and any further homelessness costs reflect additional demands on the housing service.

9. From Peter Barnett to the Leader of the Council

What will the levelling up white paper do to help low-income families in the borough or is this policy just design to appeal to Tory red wall voters in the north of England?

Reply:

A White Paper on its own doesn't do anything for anyone – a White Paper is a statement of intent. It is there for discussion in advance of a Bill being laid.

Bromley along with all 31 other London Boroughs including Socialist and LD led Councils will be feeding in to that discussion our unified view that 'levelling up' can only be fairly undertaken on a nationwide basis and I expect that our collective point of view will carry the day.

10. From Angela Barnett to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation and Housing

How long has the land at the corner of Stumps Hill Lane/Southend Road in BR3 been vacant for and will the Council compulsory purchase this land to provide more council accommodation?

Reply:

We do not hold an exact date for how long this land has been vacant. The site is currently privately owned undeveloped green space. We do have an empty homes programme; this currently focuses on bringing empty homes and existing vacant brownfield sites back into use. It would currently appear that the site has recently been sold and as such contact will be made to see if we can establish the current site owners plans for this site.

11. From Angela Barnett to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Services

What are the worst roads for accidents for all wards in Bromley, which roads have had the most fatalities and what plans does the Council have to reduce accidents in Copers Cope ward?

Reply:

A record low number of people have been killed or seriously injured on the Borough's roads in 2020, which saw a 28% reduction in Killed or Seriously Injured (KSI) casualties, from 107 to 77 casualties. This welcome reduction is perhaps partly explained by the effects of the 'lockdown' but is obviously very good news and something to build on. The record low numbers also follow the long-term downward decline over the last 10-15 years of recorded KSIs in Bromley. The numbers of KSI casualties have reduced by 69 or 47.5% from 2010 when compared with 2020, one of the highest reductions in London. Casualty data for 2020 also shows that Bromley has one of the lowest casualty rates in London, with 95 KSI per billion vehicle miles.

With limited resources even for an absolute priority such as improving road safety and reducing those killed and seriously injured (KSI) on the Borough's roads, prioritisation of remedial schemes takes place approximately annually to deliver the greatest benefit and quickest reductions of KSIs. The Council continues to investigate road collisions and maintain a rolling programme to identify, prioritise and implement casualty reduction schemes and continue to prioritise collision hotspots for remedial action as part of its annual LIP programme, especially those where KSIs have occurred.

Currently, to prioritise investment, Bromley examined a list of locations where there have been 5 or more personal injury collisions within a 50-metre radius, over the last 3 years of available data. The collisions at these locations are analysed to identify if there are any common patterns between the collisions and if so whether there are any measures which could be implemented to prevent similar collisions occurring in the future. Where there are limited funds available to carry out interventions, schemes must be prioritised using a cost-benefit analysis, with a higher weighting given to collisions that led to serious or fatal injuries

Bromley does not manage the A21 or the majority of the A232, these routes are managed by TfL and Bromley cannot change them. TfL therefore needs to manage them with regard to road safety. TfL manage them in-line with the Mayor's priorities. Bromley notes that from January 2019 to date (i.e. just over the last 3 years), over 45% of the fatalities in the borough have been on the TfL managed roads. We do call upon TfL to invest in their roads in Bromley to improve the overall road safety in our borough. Bromley concentrates on managing our roads as we can make a difference there.

There are no locations on Bromley Council's managed roads where multiple fatal collisions have occurred in the last three years and fatal collisions are therefore not a good predictor on their own of where future collisions might occur – there is no pattern to the fatalities. There is a location on a TfL managed road, the A21, where multiple fatal collisions have occurred in the last three years. TfL needs to conduct their own analysis.

The most recent research undertaken by the council shows that the borough managed locations with the highest number of casualties in a cluster are the following junctions: Hayes Lane / Wickham Way / Stone Park Ave roundabout, Croydon Road (Penge) near the junction with Evelina Road, Southend Road (Beckenham) at the junction with Foxgrove Road / Park Road and Penge High Street near the junction with Oakfield Road.

A scheme to reduce the number of collisions in Copers Cope ward at the junction of Foxgrove Road and Park Road is being developed, with the trial closure of Park Road being the first step to trying to make this a safer location.

12. From Louise Clark to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Services

What steps have the Council taken to increase the use of sustainable methods of transport for staff work journeys and what outcomes have been achieved?

Reply:

The Council encourages staff to be able to walk or cycle to work by providing showers and lockers for their staff, as well as secure bike storage and cycle training.

Although the Council is currently offering free parking for staff as a temporary Covid response, the normal position is to charge all but essential car users to be able to park at the Civic Centre.

The Council's move to hybrid working will result in fewer home/work trips by car (although that will also mean fewer bus, train, walking and cycling journeys).

13. From Louise Clark to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Services

With reference to the Council Net Zero Action Plan what actions have been taken to involve residents from all socio-economic groups, businesses and voluntary groups in designing, implementing and evaluating plans and progress?

Reply:

The Council's Net Zero Action Plan only relates to the Council's own organisational emissions, largely arising from the energy used for our buildings and street lighting. The Council's Environment and community Services PDS Committee consisting of Councillors from all political groupings on the Council scrutinises the Action Plan and progress annually. Councillors represent residents and areas from across the borough and bring their knowledge of the whole Council area to inform their scrutiny function. Therefore, it is not deemed necessary to directly involve residents in helping to design and implement plans to reduce these specific emissions, as they are involved indirectly.

Further information can be found in the NZAP Year 2 (2020/21) Annual Performance Report via the Council's website.

14. From Anne Garrett to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Services

Has the Council considered a Solar Together scheme akin to that run by Islington Council which brings together households and local government to get high quality solar panels and optional battery storage at a highly competitive price and helps householders through the process?

Reply:

The Council will generally consider any energy efficiency scheme deemed suitable and of benefit to Bromley's residents.

Residents can register directly for the Solar Together scheme via <https://solartogether.co.uk/london/home>

15. From Pauline Smith to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Services

How much money has been invested in promoting cycling and walking over car travel in the last three years and what results have been seen? What plans are there to increase the number of cycle and walking trips and what targets have been set?

Reply:

Over £3m has been invested in cycling and walking infrastructure over the past three years, with the Council's Traffic and Road Safety Teams promoting their use to adults and via schools. The targets are published each year in the Portfolio Plan and progress towards the targets is reported to the Environment and Community Services PDS Committee on a regular basis. These reports are publicly available.

16. From David Morrison to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation and Housing

Given that the Areli proposal for development of Walnuts Centre in Orpington includes land owned by the council and affects services provided by the Council, does the council regard the proposal to be a joint venture?

Reply:

No, this is not a joint venture, and additionally the Council has come to no agreement with Areli.

17. From David Morrison to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation and Housing

Will Bromley Council also consider residents' comments made in relation to the Areli proposal for the Walnuts when reviewing the supplementary plan for Orpington which is about to be subject to a public consultation process?

Reply:

No. Comments on a specific planning application are not directly relevant to the SPD; the SPD applies to the wider Town Centre and surrounding area and has been produced by the Council independently of the Areli planning application. Residents are welcome to submit comments on the draft SPD during the SPD consultation period.

18. From Helen Alsworth to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Services

The speeding camera in Albemarle Road is quite close to the changed Westgate Road junction and this doesn't seem a good location for catching speeding offenders, so can the Council tell me how many speeding occurrences have been caught by this camera in the last 4 years? Will the Council consider moving the

camera to Foxgrove Road, Copers Cope Road or Worsley Bridge Road where speeding is occurring?

Reply:

Speed cameras are not installed by the Council, they are managed and enforced by the Police. Speed cameras historically have been installed by the Police at locations of a speed related fatal collision. We are looking for the Police to improve speed enforcement and as part of that to review locations of some speed cameras such as the camera in Albemarle Road.

19. From Helen Alsworth to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Services

Have the Council recycling facilities been withdrawn at Waitrose in BR3? Do the flats over the shops in Beckenham High Street have recycling facilities and will local residents be consulted about improving recycling in Beckenham?

Reply:

Waitrose Beckenham Branch have permitted the Council to use their car park to house one of our recycling bring bank sites for many years. But due to a branch re-fit and refurbishment in July 2021 they asked the Council to permanently remove the recycling banks from this location. The Council has to date been unable to organise an alternative location to place the recycling banks but will continue to look.

Most residents (99%) continue to use the household recycling collection schemes to recycle the same items that can be deposited in these banks. Additional recycling containers for household recycling can be ordered free of charge via our website. For residents living in flats above shops in Beckenham high Street, who do not currently have a recycling service from their home, the nearest recycling site is in St Georges Car Park.

The Council piloted a 'flats above shops' recycling collection scheme in 2020/21 in two areas of the borough. Unfortunately, the results of the pilot indicated that it was not environmentally or financially viable to implement a borough-wide flats above shops scheme.

20. From Andrew McAleer to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Services

At the last meeting of the Environment and Community Services PDS Committee meeting a number of initiatives were outlined to tackle borough wide greenhouse gas emissions. What target date has been set to reach net zero for these emissions?

Reply:

Borough wide emissions are addressed as part of the Council's air quality action plan, which is available on the Bromley website. Air quality is the aspect of emissions

where local emissions effect the local environment. Just shifting carbon emissions across the borough boundary may give the impression of an achievement but would not change the overall environment in the Borough. If the product, electricity or service consumed in the borough has the same carbon footprint but the emissions are out of the borough no net benefit will be experienced by borough residents. The Council will work with the Government to achieve the targets set out in COP26 to reduce national greenhouse gas emissions to net-zero as soon as practicable. As part of that strategy, the Council will sign-post residents to information, grants/loans and changes that they can make to truly reduce their carbon footprint not just in borough emissions.

21. From Brayley Small to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Services

Under the heading Carbon Emissions in the draft budget the Council stated that addressing borough-wide emissions presents a major financial risk. To what extent have the Council investigated the financial risk of NOT addressing carbon emissions, i.e. the cost of the impacts of the climate emergency?

Reply:

The Council recognises the impact of not addressing carbon reductions including the associated financial risks which are highly complex in nature to accurately calculate and would require specialist knowledge due to the wide-ranging variability. However it is the UK's carbon emissions that will drive the financial risk, Bromley will work with the Government to achieve the targets set out in COP26 to reduce national greenhouse gas emissions to net-zero as soon as practicable. As part of that strategy, the Council will sign-post residents to information, grants/loans and changes that they can make to truly reduce their carbon footprint not just in borough emissions.

Some of the carbon reduction projects to help reduce borough-wide emissions were outlined in a report presented at the January ECS PDS Committee meeting.

22. From Stephen Wehrle to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation and Housing

Are the Councillors aware of the paper written by Andrew Boff, (Chairman of the London Assembly Planning and Regeneration Committee), last year, with regard to the policy for building skyscrapers for housing needs in London?

Reply:

We are aware of the work of the London Assembly Planning and Regeneration Committee, chaired by Andrew Boff, advocating for further guidance on tall buildings to ensure that they are appropriate for their location and surroundings. The Council would support provision of such guidance, which would allow the impacts of tall

buildings to be scrutinised in more detail and should ensure that local character and amenity is more strongly protected.

23. From Graeme Casey to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Services

Several office buildings have lights on throughout the night - does the Council have a dark sky policy and if so, how is it enforced?

Reply:

The Statutory Nuisance & ASB team in the Public Protection Division can assess, and rectify where necessary, when installed lights cause nuisance glare to other properties.

LBB does not have a dark skies protection commitment in the current Local Plan. There is a tension between protecting dark skies and creating well-lit and safe public spaces and streets, particularly when having regard to the agendas for reducing street crime, violence against women and girls and the borough's development targets.

If LBB is advised of the addresses of the office blocks that remain internally lit through the night, sustainability officers could contact the building managers and businesses with advice on decreasing energy use and associated costs, and their environmental and climate change responsibilities.

24. From Graeme Casey to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Services

When will the empty tree pit outside 15 Pinewood Avenue Bromley have a tree planted in it?

Reply:

This location has been recorded under planting season 22/23 which runs from November to March.

25. From Suraj Gandecha to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Services

Two lime trees outside 8-10 Beadon Road are causing problems. The roots have damaged the pavement and cause problems to pedestrians particularly those with mobility problems. The trees are lime trees that need to be pruned at least every 3 years - how many times and when in the last 10 years have the trees been pruned?

Reply:

The trees have been pruned twice in the past 10 years. They are not part of a cyclical crown reduction programme. Any repeat pruning is undertaken ad-hoc to

mitigate against observed defects in accordance with our Tree Management Strategy.

26. From Suraj Gandecha to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Services

What is the schedule of street cleaning for Prospect Place, Bromley? Residents report a perpetual problem with litter; will the Council consider increasing the frequency?

Reply:

Street cleaning schedules are published on the Council's website. For Prospect Place, footways are cleaned on a weekly basis and the carriageway once a month. Weekly cleaning of footways is a medium level of service.

The Council regularly reviews street cleaning frequencies across the borough and such reviews take residents reports about litter into account along with several other factors. Residents are encouraged to report concerns via our reporting channels (such as the through the 'Report It' page on the Bromley website) as this will be passed through to the street cleaning service provider for rectification and allow formal records of incidents in the area. The Council will also alert the local officer of this concern so that they may monitor in the coming period.

27. From Chloe-Jane Ross to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation and Housing

How many applicants approached the Council as homeless in 2020/2021, how many progressed to a homeless application and how many were deemed homeless and accepted on to the Housing Register?

Reply:

See [Appendix 1](#).

28. From Chloe-Jane Ross to the Portfolio Holder for Resources, Commissioning and Contract Management

How much money has Bromley Council received from the Government for Fuel Support payments since 1 October 2021; how much has been allocated to households; how do families access that support?

Reply:

The Council has been allocated £1,867,882 from the Household Support Fund for the period 6th October 2021 to 31st March 2022. There is an element within this Fund which allows for support with the cost of utilities; currently £250,640 has been allocated for this. Grants are allocated to households according to need and members of the public or their advocates have been able to self-refer for assistance.

29. From Julie Ireland to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation and Housing

Despite earlier assurances, the gate to Bromley Palace Park from Rafford Way remains closed. Please advise the date the gate will be re-opened?

Reply:

I can confirm that the park gates off Rafford Way have been opened since 18th January 2022.

30 From Julie Ireland to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Services

Residents in Cameron Road, Bromley report that the street lighting does not give sufficient light and makes it dangerous for pedestrians. What type of lighting is installed in Cameron Road and are there plans to upgrade it?

Reply:

We can confirm that these are LED lanterns which were installed in 2015, there are no plans to update them during the current conversion programme.

31. From David Marshall to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation and Housing

Consultations for Supplementary Planning Documents for Bromley and Orpington Town Centres closed in October 2020. The consultations stated that drafts would be available in early 2021. Here in 2022, when can we expect drafts for further refinement?

Reply:

The consultation on the Orpington Town Centre SPD is likely to start in early March 2022.

Consultation on the Bromley Town Centre SPD is likely to take place in summer 2022.

32. From David Marshall to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation and Housing

How many housing complaints have been investigated by Bromley Council under the Housing Health and Safety Rating System in the last 12 months and what remedies were made? How many staff are available to investigate unfit housing issues?

Reply:

There have been 102 complaints reported and investigated between 01/01/21 - 31/12/21. The Public Protection database does not permit the extraction of data on

the many and varied remedies applied to differing issues brought to our attention. All cases are investigated in accordance with the approved housing enforcement policy.

1.5 FTEs address single household occupation properties.

2 FTEs address HMO licensing which also has a HHSRS component. There are +300 HMOs licensed in the borough.

33. From Terence Ide to the Portfolio Holder for Resources, Commissioning and Contract management

Having read about the excellent work of a local charity in Bromley who have donated defibrillators to schools and churches in the borough, could you please indicate how many, and the locations of all, defibrillators paid for and installed by Bromley Council.

Reply:

There are two defibrillators located within in the Civic Centre site. One defibrillator is located in Main Reception and the other is located in the Attendants Lodge. Both of these are maintained by the Council. There is a defibrillator in Central Library, and the contractor for libraries is responsible for routine maintenance. Furthermore, there is also a defibrillator, for LBB officer use, in the Central Depot. A project is currently being undertaken to audit the location of defibrillators across LBB sites, and identify any locations which may require a defibrillator being installed.

34. From Christopher Bentley to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation and Housing

Given the well- established David Bowie links to Beckenham and the Croydon Road Rec bandstand, has the Council ever looked to mark his links to other parts of the borough such as by a blue plaque at either 106 Canon Road (Bickley) or 4 Plaistow Grove (Plaistow and Sundridge) where he lived during his youth before moving to Foxgrove Road, Beckenham in 1969. Would LBB consider working with the GLA & English Heritage to explore this possibility at one of his former homes or at Raglan Road or Ravenswood Schools which Bowie attended?

Reply:

During the last two years this has not been considered, however the Council is open to having discussions with Historic England.

35. From Christopher Bentley to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Services

Residents near to 10 Cameron Road have asked for double yellow lines to restrict parking near to the edge of driveways and making visibility difficult; what is the Council's response to this request?

Reply:

Parking across or very near to driveways is a common occurrence and can cause considerable difficulties. Unfortunately, it would not be practical to introduce "At any time" waiting restrictions (double yellow lines) at the many locations throughout the Borough where this occurs. Parking is a very emotive subject with spaces at a premium all over the Borough and as such we try to install parking restrictions sparingly and do not do so to protect driveways.

Residents can request a white bar is marked across a driveway and more information about this is available on the Council's website.

If an actual obstruction of a driveway occurs, you can contact our Parking Team to directly request parking enforcement, either by calling 0300 303 8662 or completing the online form -

http://www.bromley.gov.uk/info/200072/parking/586/request_parking_enforcement

They can then arrange for a nearby Civil Enforcement Officer to visit and issue a Penalty Charge Notice (PCN) if applicable.

You may also be interested in a service aimed at residents who are regularly inconvenienced by vehicles parked in this manner. You can register your address giving your authorisation for routine parking enforcement of the dropped kerb outside your property. You should be aware however that after registering and authorising this type of enforcement, any vehicle parked in front of your dropped kerb may be issued with a PCN, including those owned by you or your visitors.

36. From Hannah Kingsland to the Chairman of the Development Control Committee

Can you confirm/deny that plans for Orpington town centre submitted by Areli are fully wheelchair accessible?

Reply:

An assessment of the full wheelchair accessibility of the proposed development has not been made. Planning policies are not prescriptive on disabled access; however Part M of the Building Regulations would apply to the new development.