

Council**18th July 2022****Questions from Members of the Council for Written Reply****1. From Cllr Mark Smith to the Portfolio Holder for Sustainability, Green Services and Open Spaces**

In response to a freedom of information request regarding public access along The Drive to Scadbury Park in June 2018, the following information was provided to the FOI requestor:

The route described as The Drive is mainly located within Scadbury Park, although a short length leading to The Lodge off St Pauls Cray Road crosses part of Chislehurst Common where there is a gate.

Any question regarding the Common should be addressed to the Conservators of the Common.

Within the park users of The Drive do not do so by right but as invitees of the Council, as the land owner and signage erected on site stating 'Private Property no Public Vehicular or Pedestrian Right of Way' is Local Authority signage explaining this.

Accordingly the accessibility of public access may be withdrawn at any time, there being gates in place to shut the route, without notice, if necessary.

The exception to this is on the northern access from Perry Street, along Footpath 44, which passes over the route known as The Drive for approximately 150 metres before diverting into Scadbury Park.

Any signage erected within Scadbury Park should only be erected by the Council, or by others with its consent as land owner, and would have the right to remove any unauthorised signs on its land.

Can you confirm that the information provided in 2018 is still operative? If it isn't, can you confirm what has changed?

2. From Cllr Mark Smith to the Portfolio Holder for Resources, Commissioning and Contract Management

What is the current population of the borough? How many individual households are there in the borough?

3. From Cllr Sam Webber to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation and Housing

Following the Council's response to a written question in February, is there any update on applying for an English Heritage blue plaque to mark David Bowie's connection to the borough?

106 Canon Road or 4 Plaistow Grove were his childhood homes before he moved to Beckenham so might be suitable, or Ravens Wood School which he attended.

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.

4. From Cllr Sam Webber to the Portfolio Holder for Transport, Highways and Road Safety

Following reports of serious traffic issues and inconvenience for residents at drop off and pick up times at the Bromley Beacon Academy (on Old Homesdale Road), would the Portfolio Holder and Officers consider reviewing the decision not to apply zig zag lines outside the school or consider adopting other measures here to reduce traffic bottlenecks?

5. From Cllr Mike Jack to the Portfolio Holder for Sustainability, Green Services and Open Spaces

How many air quality monitors are there in the borough, and where are they sited?

6. From Cllr Alisa Igoe to the Portfolio Holder for Transport, Highways and Road Safety

Between its junction with Plaistow roundabout and 75 Burnt Ash Lane, three front garden walls have been recently demolished on the A2212 by drivers who have mounted the pavement. HGV vehicles regularly park on the footway. Why are there no double yellow lines, could these please be installed, as well as physical infrastructure to slow the excessive speeding?

7. From Cllr McPartlan to the Portfolio Holder for Sustainability, Green Services and Open Spaces

I welcome the overdue investment in our parks in the form of the £1million Jubilee fund. There is a limit of £40,000 for each ward. Times that by 22 wards and you have a total of £880,000 that could be given out to our parks. What will happen to the other £120,000?

8. From Cllr Price to the Portfolio Holder for Resources, Commissioning and Contracts Management

Can you tell me the last full year for which the Council have records for claimants being taken to court for non-payment of council tax, where council tax has been reduced to 25% due to low income into the household under the Council Tax Support scheme? And within that year:

Number of Claimants who received court summons for non-payment?

Number of claimants charged costs?

Number of claimants referred to bailiffs?

9. From Cllr Kathy Bance MBE to the Portfolio Holder for Sustainability, Green Services and Open Spaces

Despite being advised at February's full Council meeting that there are no plans to withdraw the cheque-paying options for services, I note that the Green Garden Waste Renewal letters state – Payment by cheque is not available. Can you please advise why this decision has been made?

This raises problems for our elderly and disabled people so what other services will be affected by this change?

10. From Cllr Simon Jeal to the Portfolio Holder for Public Protection and Enforcement

For each of the last four years, could you please detail:

1. The number of residents who contacted the Council to request pest control services, report infestations or similar pest problems,
2. The type of pest,
3. What assistance or action was provided in response, and
4. The cost (if any) charged to the resident for the service.

11. From Cllr Rebecca Wiffen to the Portfolio Holder for Resources, Commissioning and Contracts Management

Bromley has been named and shamed by the Living Wage Foundation for being in the worst 25 local authorities for paying employees below the Living Wage. What action is Bromley taking to correct this?

(Source)

Table 7:
Employee jobs paid below the Living Wage in the top 25 below Living Wage local authorities: April 2021 (in percentage order)

Source: Living Wage Foundation analysis of FRS Local Authority Financial Statements 2020-21. Data refers to jobs in establishments located in the local authority of employees, not to the local authority. See the next table for further details.

Local authority	Employee Jobs (2021)	Median Wage	Mean Wage	Number of employee jobs below Living Wage (2021)			Proportion of employee jobs below Living Wage		
				April 2021	April 2020	2020-2021 change	April 2021	April 2020	2020-2021 change
Bexley (London)	56	£12.73	£76.41	25	20	-5	44.7%	41.2%	+3.5pts
Boston (East Midlands)	25	£9.02	£32.75	8	11	-2	36.2%	39.7%	-3.5pts
Enfield (London)	78	£18.34	£17.83	20	27	+7	34.9%	35.4%	-0.5pts
Harrow (London)	90	£19.90	£17.91	18	17	+1	34.2%	39.0%	-4.8pts
Sutton (London)	63	£15.53	£16.40	22	19	+4	35.2%	35.6%	-0.4pts
East Derbyshire (South East)	16	£12.87	£14.36	5	5	-	32.0%	37.6%	-5.6pts
Havering (London)	65	£15.89	£17.26	27	17	+9	37.9%	28.3%	+9.6pts
Bathurst (London)	44	£11.97	£15.55	14	21	-7	31.9%	39.3%	-7.4pts
West Devon (South West)	15	£10.29	£12.85	4	4	-	30.5%	33.6%	-3.0pts
Tendring (East)	29	£10.57	£14.40	8	7	+1	30.0%	24.4%	+5.6pts
Hyndburn (North West)	23	£10.71	£15.24	8	7	+1	29.0%	27.6%	+1.4pts
Bosworth (North West)	19	£10.88	£14.81	8	5	+3	28.9%	27.7%	+1.2pts
East Lindsey (East Midlands)	45	£10.94	£16.99	15	11	+4	28.0%	28.4%	-0.4pts
Wyre (North West)	26	£10.78	£15.30	7	8	-1	28.6%	30.8%	-2.2pts
Tameside (North West)	44	£10.09	£16.09	13	14	-1	28.5%	31.1%	-2.6pts
Midder (East)	16	£10.82	£12.02	5	5	-	28.5%	35.0%	-6.5pts
Esedale (Yorkshire and the Humber)	14	£11.22	£15.45	7	9	-2	28.4%	35.5%	-7.1pts
Northumberland (North East)	84	£7.68	£14.80	25	24	+1	28.3%	30.6%	-2.3pts
Haringey (London)	51	£14.26	£17.51	18	17	+1	28.1%	26.9%	+1.2pts
Southeast-on-Sea (East)	49	£12.54	£16.08	14	15	-1	28.0%	28.4%	-0.4pts
Waltham Forest (London)	50	£13.87	£16.98	14	16	-2	28.0%	35.6%	-7.6pts
Midleborough (North East)	45	£11.49	£15.91	15	12	+3	27.7%	24.7%	+3.0pts
Bromley (London)	90	£15.67	£18.85	26	27	-1	27.7%	32.7%	-5.0pts
Heath and Sherwood (East Midlands)	18	£11.05	£14.97	11	16	-5	27.6%	37.1%	-9.5pts
Hexham and Blyth (West Midlands)	14	£11.60	£15.05	10	10	-	27.6%	35.9%	-8.3pts
United Kingdom	27,005	£14.40	£17.97	4,795	5,448	-663	27.9%	30.2%	-2.3pts

12. From Cllr Will Rowlands to the Portfolio Holder for Transport, Highways and Road Safety

How much has been bid by Bromley under the Local Implementation Plan (LIP) funding from TfL in each of the last five financial years and how much has been received?

13. From Cllr Simon Fawthrop to the Portfolio Holder for Adult Care and Health

How many people have in the Borough of Bromley have a death certificate with the primary cause of death being cardio respiratory failure due to air pollution between 2010 and 2022. Can this please be split out by year and by ward where known please?