

Council

25th July 2022

Questions from Members of the Public for Written Reply

1. From Richard Gibbons to the Portfolio Holder for Transport, Highways and Road Safety

Regarding DfT 'Active Travel: toolkit for local authorities'

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/active-travel-local-authority-toolkit/active-travel-local-authority-toolkit>

The DfT's Active Travel Toolkit includes four primary actions for local authorities:

1. Develop a Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan
2. Develop a Travel Demand Management Plan
3. Plan for active travel
4. Develop a behaviour change programme for active travel

Will the Portfolio Holder follow his Government's guidance?

Reply:

Bromley's Transport Plan, LIP3, is very much in line with national and regional guidance.

2. From Richard Gibbons to the Portfolio Holder for Transport, Highways and Road Safety

Regarding DfT Active Travel England

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/business/2022/07/01/less-mile-cycle-walk-urges-chris-boardman/>

How will the Portfolio Holder rise to the challenge of the Government's National Active Travel Commissioner, Chris Boardman, who has said "we have to drive a lot less", and that "cars should not be used for journeys less than a mile" where people are able to in LB Bromley?

Reply:

Bromley continues to support and encourage alternatives to the car where this is possible, but it will be for individuals to decide how they need to travel.

3. From Andrew Stotesbury to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation and Housing

Please confirm that Bromley Council are rigorously applying 'Planning Gateway One' that the Government introduced in August 2021 as part of reforms to the building safety regime following the Grenfell disaster for higher risk building applications.

Reply:

Planning Gateway One is being implemented as required in legislation.

4. From Andrew Stotesbury to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation and Housing

If it is - Please detail the response from the H&SE or Building Safety Regulator for the Areli Development for the Walnuts which was submitted in December 2021.

Reply:

The HSE response is attached. (Appendix 1)

5. From Brayley Small to the Portfolio Holder for Sustainability, Green Services and Open Spaces

I refer to the Annual Policy Development and Scrutiny (PDS) Report 21/22 item 7 in which the Committee states that it has "...pushed our suppliers to match our net zero ambitions..." Please state how many contractors the Council uses in total and which ones (by name) have committed to match the Council's net zero ambition of 2027.

Reply:

As of 15th July, there were 327 live contracts on the Council's Contract Database, comprised of 267 providers. The Corporate Procurement Team is not aware of any contractors that have committed to match the Council's net zero ambition of 2027; this target is monitored through the Environment and Public Protection Department.

This is in the context that almost all existing contracts were tendered prior to the introduction of the net zero ambition.