

**EXECUTIVE AND RESOURCES PDS COMMITTEE
22 NOVEMBER 2022**

**THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED FOR ORAL REPLY BY
THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PDS COMMITTEE**

From Mr David Clapham

1. Given the significant attention paid by Bromley residents living under the flight-paths or close to the airport and who suffer the inconvenience, noise and disruption to the amenity of their daily lives, why was the Biggin Hill item and all documents referring not available to residents until late on Monday 21st November? (53 Words)

Reply:

Any Council has to work within the law. To do otherwise would leave it open to accusations of unreasonable behaviour and legal challenge. The Council properly considered the letter from Biggin Hill Airport Ltd and took advice before making it available to the public, along with the report, within the statutory deadline for publication of such reports. As chairman of the scrutiny committee I will not take an item if I consider that insufficient time has been provided.

Supplementary Question:

The letter from BHAL dated 24.10.22 quotes their solicitors letter 5 times. Can a copy of this letter be made available to the public?

Reply:

I will have to take advice from Officers, but if the letter is in the public domain it can be made available.

2. In clause 3.19 of the Report why does the Officer leave the door open, to the concept of flight sharing, presumably by fare-paying passengers, when the concept of fare-paying is not acceptable? Why increase complexity when the established principle is clear and simple?

Reply:

In creating such a report an Officer must try to offer a balanced viewpoint, looking at the application from all perspectives. Point 3.19 does this, but also

points out that evidence of such restrictions on the flight sharing scheme is not evident within the application as made.

Supplementary Question:

Will the Council undertake constant monitoring, or will it trust its tenant?

Reply:

Monitoring takes place.

**THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED FOR WRITTEN REPLY
BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PDS COMMITTEE**

From Ms Susan Sulis, Secretary Community Care Protection Group

1. Flooding gets little mention in the Risk Register although many areas in Bromley are at risk of flooding due to Climate Change.
 - (a) Annually, since 2017, how many (i) homes, (ii) businesses, (iii) community buildings have been internally flooded?
 - (b) How many households were evacuated?
 - (c) What are the criteria used to trigger an investigation of flooding?

2. Which Committees (i) approved (ii) reviewed:-
 - (a) the Local Flood Risk Strategy?
 - (b) the Surface Water Management Plan?
 - (c) the Action Plan?
 - (e) Since 2017, what are the estimated costs of flood damage?
 - (f) How many Retrofitting Sustainable Drainage Schemes has Bromley implemented in built-up areas to mitigate the effects of flood

Reply:

1.(a)

This information is not record by the Council, as most property owners or occupiers report such cases to their insurers rather than the council.

1. (b)

We would only have information in this regard if a major incident had been called. No major incidents has been called in response to flood event.

1. (c)

From the local flood risk management strategy Bromley will adopt the South East London Boroughs Partnership common standard to trigger a formal flood investigation. The trigger levels are set as one or more of the following;

- 5 properties (residential or commercial) internally flooding in any one event**
- 1 or more properties flooded internally more than 3 times in a 5 year period.**
- 5 gardens or more flooded with risk of internal property flooding which was only prevented by active intervention (e.g. pumps or other measures).**
- Any property flooded within a Critical Drainage Area (CDA), recognised catchment or recognised flow path**

2. (a)(b)(c)

These are all approved and reviewed by the Environment PDS Committee

(e)

This information is not record by the Council.

(f)

The only retrofitting sustainable drainage schemes that have been installed by the Council are soakaways, which have been constructed at various highway locations across the Borough.