

Oral questions for the Portfolio Holder for Transport, Highways and Road Safety.

Oral Questions from the Public

1) Question from John Perkins:

Many residents in the Crofton area have commented that they do not feel safe using the zebra crossings that were installed as part of the cycleway scheme, partly because of lack of visibility by motorists and partly because of the removal of the central islands. What action does the Council propose to take to address these concerns?

Response to Question 1:

This question is disallowed as it was submitted after the ten day period and does not seek clarification on a report to the committee.

2) Question from John Perkins:

Assuming that the Crofton Road widening proposal is agreed by the Committee, when is it envisaged that this work will be started and what is the expected duration?

Response to Question 2:

Work is likely to start on site in the Spring, although a work programme cannot be agreed with the contractor until the decision is made by Members to proceed with the scheme.

Supplementary Question from John Perkins:

I would just like to comment on the point that this issue has been outstanding for some time since it was identified and all of the Ward Councillors agree that it's a very important safety issue so I would urge you to try and progress the matter with the contractor urgently if that is possible.

Response to the Supplementary Question from John Perkins:

Unfortunately we have to wait until we have funding from Transport for London. We have now got that and as soon as its practical I will make a decision and officers will progress this as soon as possible. We will need the contractor to find space in their work programme.

Oral Questions from Councillors:

1) Question from Cllr Alisa Igoe:

The Portfolio Holder's decision on School Streets, ref: ES20192, dated 24 June 2022, states "the Council should support schools that were currently operating a

School Street". Could he please tell me in detail what support the Council offered to St Mary's Primary School before the Council closed their School Street on Westgate Road. Thank you

Response to Question 1

The School Street at St Mary's RC Primary School has not been closed, it has been suspended on a temporary basis due to health and safety concerns. Each school is responsible for providing marshals to close the road as well as ensuring their School Street runs as per the Council's operating guidelines and risk assessment. Officers are currently liaising with the school regarding the schools' capacity to be able to fully staff the School Street so it can be reinstated.

Supplementary Question from Cllr Igoe

Are Poverest and Hayes Schools also suspended?

Response to the Supplementary Question from Cllr Igoe:

If you look at my update you will see that Poverest is suspended because they are not manning the barriers. Hayes School is continuing as there are no problems with the barriers.