

ECS PDS 13th March 2024:

Oral Questions from the Public:

Question to the Environment Portfolio Holder from Adam Womersley:

For the first time, global warming has exceeded 1.5C across an entire year, according to the EU's climate service (please see this week's [BBC](#) article).

Plant-based diets result in 75% less GHG emissions than diets with more than 100g of meat daily. Can Bromley join 26 councils including Exmouth and Edinburgh by endorsing the Plant Based Treaty and expanding access to plant-based food?

For reference -

<https://plantbasedtreaty.org/the-pbt/>

<https://democracy.edinburgh.gov.uk/documents/s65215/Item%207.2%20-%20Plant%20Based%20Treaty%20Action%20Plan.pdf>

Answer from the Portfolio Holder:

No, I don't believe it is for Councils to tell people what to eat and what lifestyle they should live by.

Supplementary Question:

Would you be willing to reach out to Edinburgh Council to understand the full impact study and assessment they did, with the ambition to do one for Bromley as well?

Response from the Portfolio Holder:

No, I will not be doing that. We believe in Freedom of choice and it is down to individuals to decide how to live their lives and what they eat and if they decide to be vegetarian, vegan or pescatarian.