Council	Agenda Item 30
10 December 2009	Brighton & Hove City Council

WRITTEN QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

A period of not more than fifteen minutes shall be allowed for questions submitted by a member of the public who either lives or works in the area of the authority at each ordinary meeting of the Council.

Every question shall be put and answered without discussion, but the person to whom a question has been put may decline to answer. The person who asked the question may ask one relevant supplementary question, which shall be put and answered without discussion.

The following written questions have been received from members of the public.

(a) Mr Christopher Hawtree

"Could Councillor Theobald please tell us what plans he has for bringing back ten-pin bowling to the King Alfred?"

Councillor Smith, Cabinet Member for Culture, Recreation & Tourism, will reply.

(b) Miss Ninka Willcock

"Would Councillor Smith please define the ways in which he considers the Jubilee Library to be successful in fulfilling its potential for community engagement?"

Councillor Smith, Cabinet Member for Culture, Recreation & Tourism, will reply.

(c) Mr Stephen Neiman

"Could Councillor Smith please tell us what provision the Council will be making for the arts in Hove?"

Councillor Smith, Cabinet Member for Culture, Recreation & Tourism, will reply.

(d) Mr John Davys

"The Planning Officer for the i360 has confirmed that not all of the required pre-commencement Conditions had been discharged as of 27th November 2009. Every single one of these Conditions must be discharged before any development may commence. Given this, the works undertaken in the week beginning 12th October 2009 cannot be considered as constituting lawful commencement of development. What is the Administration's view on whether the i360 Planning Consent (BH2006/02369) expired on 25th October 2009 i.e. 3 years after it was granted?"

Councillor Kemble, Cabinet Member for Enterprise, Employment & Major Projects, will reply.

(e) Ms Valerie Paynter

"In an email to the Brighton O planning application agent Ian Coomber, copied to The Brighton Sailing Club, Chris A. Wright stated that "The construction and operation of the Brighton O and future dismantling will require the temporary relocation of the Brighton Sailing Club." and invites Mr. Coomber to contact the club "with a view to arriving at some form of agreement". This email was withheld from his working case file even after I requested it be added.

Does the administration want the sailing club off the beach to make way for the Brighton O and support the officer's statement?"

Councillor Smith, Cabinet Member for Culture, Recreation & Tourism, will reply.

(f) Ms Christina Summers

"As a member of Calvary Church situated on Viaduct Road, and an active member of several local community groups including Transport21, I appreciate the complexities that the Council face as they begin to tackle the problems of traffic, pollution and noise around Preston Circus. These issues are serious, present a constant danger to public health & safety and the pollution alone exceeds EU limits. Can the Council at least give assurances that it will take measures that are affordable, effective and quick to implement such as a speed camera to deter traffic speeding into, and along, Viaduct Road?"

Councillor G Theobald, Cabinet Member for Environment, will reply.