

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

A period of not more than fifteen minutes shall be allowed at each ordinary meeting for questions submitted by a member of the public.

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

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

(i) Local Cycling & Walking Infrastructure Plan – Katy Rodda

“It’s good to hear that following a long period of discussion, the council is finally starting work on its Local Cycling & Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP). However, despite the crucial role of stakeholders being emphasised in Government guidance, the terms of reference for the Task & Finish group (to be discussed later in this meeting) leaves open the possibility that there will be no stakeholders at the group’s first meeting. Can the council confirm that stakeholders will be involved from the first Task & Finish group meeting and will be involved in all six stages of the LCWIP?”

(ii) Roadworks- Mark Strong

“In recent months there have been many roadwork and development sites in the city which have had a significant negative impact on the safety and convenience of people walking and cycling, including disabled people. They have also affected the efficient flow of buses. These works regularly fail to take into account the majority of residents in the city who do not travel by car, with problems including blocked pavements, inaccessible pedestrian and cycle crossings and inconsistent signing & road-marking putting people walking and cycling at risk. How will the council’s permit and planning processes be changed to stop this happening?”

(iii) Climate Emergency- Chris Todd

“The council declared a climate emergency at the start of this year, but since then there has been little action to make communities and businesses aware that this will make a big difference to what the council does and what the city will need to do. Without the absence of a clear message on the need to change there is a risk that people will continue to oppose projects which will help to reduce our carbon impact, such as Valley Gardens. When will the Council set out a clear timetable for engagement with residents on this important subject?”

(iv) Zone W Parking- Edward Gill

“Lawrence Road residents pay for zone W parking which adjoins two zones of full-scheme R, namely Rutland Gardens and Modena Road.

We often park up to three streets away, while out-of-area workers park for free outside our homes up to 7pm.

The ETS report indicates third priority review during 2021, yet previous representations and petitions submitted by our ward councillor are not mentioned.

All the consultation work has already been done. Is the Chair prepared to make the simple switch from zone W to zone R during the next six months to provide us with an urgent remedy?”