

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.

(iii) Valley Gardens Phase 3- Angi Mariani

“One of the key objectives of the plan, even if not stated in the original list of objectives, must be to create ease of access for all people travelling to the city, whether resident or tourist, and by whatever mode of transport. The council planners have indicated that the new scheme will increase journey times for private vehicles. Removing the west side road outside the Royal Pavilion, and diverting buses to the dual carriageway, loses a lot of road space and bus lay-bys and potentially increases the journey times further. Could this west road remain and be used solely by buses, taxis and the cycle lane. It would have the added benefit of moving the cycle lane away from the dual carriageway?”

(iv) Valley Gardens Scheme- Tam Duy Dao

“With the funnelling of all traffic to the east side of the Old Steine for Phase 3, which is contradictory to the overall division of public and private transport seen in Phase 1 and 2, why does this scheme differ in its environmental and civic responsibilities by creating pinch points, additional bus stops, bi-directional bus lanes, narrow traffic lanes, congestion and associated emissions by channelling all traffic on the east side for the inclusion of limited public space by the closure of the west side to buses in front of the Pavilion”

(v) Valley Gardens Scheme- Simon Thetford

“What consultation and impact studies have been undertaken with businesses in the Old Steine in respect of the proposed loss of car parking and vehicular access?”

(vi) Valley Gardens Scheme- John Healy

“At the ETSC October 9th, a report from the office of the Executive Director, EEC presented an appraisal study, recommending a single option for public consultation - the only one of four that did not conform to the core proposal in the Capital 2 Coast commissioned Independent Business case report that *“Buses, taxis and local access will be moved onto a consistent route that will run along the western side of Valley Gardens, and private vehicles will be kept*

on the eastern side of Valley Gardens". How was that position arrived at and has that been sanctioned by the LEP?"

(vii) Valley Gardens Scheme- David Bailey

"As a business Healys occupy 2 buildings on the East Side of Old Steine which we have done for 25 years. We employ 35 lawyers and support staff and there are numerous callers to the office each day. Often our clients are elderly or disabled and they require, and have enjoyed, easy access to our buildings by using the open area in front to park, or be dropped off. The scheme proposed eliminates that open space and provides no workable alternatives. Please explain how will our clients and others be able enjoy equivalent access to our offices if the proposed scheme is adopted?"

(viii) Valley Gardens Scheme- Nic Roe

"The area outside 1-15 Old Steine is essential for Brighton Language College's day to day operational needs (tour group arrivals and departures, home stay provider meet and greets, deliveries, maintenance and suppliers). The historical substantial access on which our business and all local businesses rely upon and cannot operate without or the impact of any restrictive loading or parking bays installed leads one to ask how this scheme meets our continuous operational needs and at the same time fulfil our 2014 Section 106 Sustainable Transport Contribution relating to the land at 6-7 Old Steine for a "footway island?"