

WRITTEN QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

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

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.

(a) Valerie Paynter

"A dense line of mature trees and plantings, which mitigate in an acknowledged area of air quality concern, borders the 40 year old Clarendon & Ellen Estate along the entire length of Clarendon Road.

An FOI request for the age, expected lifespan and variety of the trees therein resulted in details of a number of saplings planted in surrounding areas from 2004 on. I was told this 'represents the only records the Arboricultural Team hold for this area.

Why are no records held by Arboriculture for the mature plantings?"

(b) Sue Baumgardt

"I'm sure I share the view of many other residents in Brighton and Hove who were horrified to hear of the Council's recent gassing of wild rabbits on Waterhall golf course. Could the Cabinet Member for Environment confirm whether Council officers looked at other alternatives including the advice of Humane Wildlife Deterrent experts, as recommended on the Health & Safety Executive website, before going ahead with this slaughter of wild rabbits, which could also have harmed other wildlife including badgers, foxes, weasels and stoats - which may have been a criminal offence in the case of badgers - and that, furthermore, chemicals used could have harmed the local ecosystem?"

