ENVIRONMENT, TRANSPORT & SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

Agenda Item 22(b)

21 July 2021

Brighton & Hove City Council

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:

(1) A259 and A270 emergency response times – Justyn Williams

Has the council reviewed the emergency services response times, to see if they have been adversely affected by the introduction of cycle lanes along the A259 coast road and Old Shoreham Road A270?

(2) Survey responses – Peter Harland

Quoting from this meetings agenda (Page 10)

"Respondents over 45 (but under 75), those identifying as disabled, and car drivers, are over-represented when compared to 2011 census data, whereas younger people are under-represented. Schools were in lockdown and largely closed to pupils during the consultation period so opportunities to engage directly with schools/ pupils were unfortunately limited.

The above needs to be taken into account when reviewing the findings of the survey."

Can you please explain to me what this means and in particular "The above needs to be taken into account" when reviewing the findings of the survey?

(3) Road layout changes – Jonathan Holley

Why is the Green Administration continuing to impose road changes on Hove residents which are the opposite of 'green' and detrimental to public Health and Safety? Specifically:-

- Air quality has deteriorated markedly due to the OSR being halved causing traffic jams which never existed before.
- Recycling has been discouraged as Residents were turned away from Hove Tip or forced to queue for up to 40 mins causing new traffic jams & pollution.
- road safety for pedestrians, cyclists and drivers is worse especially in the Holmes Ave area resulting in accidents and near misses.

(4) Stakeholder workshops – Andrew Peters

Throughout the Agenda it states 'Stakeholder Workshops' were held on the various areas such as the A23, A259 Western Road, Old Shoreham Road In all cases it states: "As part of the consultation, officers organised stakeholder workshops which local groups and organisations were invited to"

The Brighton & Hove taxi trade consists of around 1000 licensed vehicles and 1300 licensed drivers and so it is a significant transportation stakeholder. We are not aware of any invitations to such stakeholder workshops. Can the chair please explain why this so?

(5) Active Travel Grant – Andi Holley

Why hasn't the Green led Council spent half the nearly £3m Active Travel grant on promoting Walking as this is what the money was intended for and ALL Residents walk or use pavements be they young or old or disabled on mobility scooters, instead of spending the vast majority on cycling which benefits only 5% of Residents?

(6) Air quality Holmes Avenue junction – Carel Eneke

In view of the increased traffic congestion & worsening air quality on the Old Shoreham Road, (an unintended consequence of the temporary cycle lanes which are barely used), are you planning to monitor the air quality at the Holmes Avenue/Old Shoreham road junction?