

Full Council Public Questions – 23 February 2023

Question 1

From: Andrew Pendleton, Resident
To: Cabinet Member for Public Realm

“I really welcome the new clean air neighbourhoods initiative as air pollution is a massive tax on our health and well-being, but this only deals with curbing out of borough traffic. What plans does the council have for measures to deter local traffic and encourage healthier, cheaper and more climate friendly alternatives to driving in the borough.”

Question 2

From: Calum Wyllie, Resident
To: Cabinet Member for Public Realm

“To thank the council for the successful implementation of the South Fulham Clean Air Neighbourhood project, which has been a great success in terms of reducing rat-running, pollution & noise on quiet residential backstreets, and to ask for further provision to be made to encourage cycling, walking, and alternative modes of transport across the borough.”

Question 3

From: Clair Gordon, Resident
To: The Leader of the Council

“Thanks to the CAN the side roads are beautifully quiet, but WBR remains as busy as ever. What measures are the Council going to take to reduce the volume of vehicles on WBR to provide a less polluted environment on our local high street and surrounding areas, as pollution travels?”

Question 4

From: Natalie Lindsay, Resident
To: The Leader of the Council

“Research last week indicated that 70% of pm2.5 can be traced to wood-burning stoves and traces of arsenic are also increasingly found in our air due to wood-burning. There are unfortunately plenty of houses in the borough with these and households tend to use them on cold still evenings which is precisely the worst time for air pollution. What measures are the Council taking to educate residents on the danger of these and can the council compel households not to use them?”

Question 5

From: Jonathan Goater, Resident
To: The Leader of the Council

"The trial Clean Air Neighbourhood in SW6 is a truly pioneering initiative with great potential that is expandable both across the borough and also elsewhere within London.

Can the council please:

1. Share the intended timetable for expansion of CANs within the borough
2. Identify any other boroughs that are considering the LBHF CAN model for their own improvement?"

Question 6

From: Gary Fannin, Resident
To: The Deputy Leader

"With the introduction of the Clean Air Neighbourhood there are now cameras to the east and west of Wandsworth Bridge Road to prevent commuters cutting through these streets. I understand there are also additional cameras which are currently only monitoring traffic on other streets.

Can you confirm if there are any cameras on Wandsworth Bridge Road itself to monitor not only numbers of vehicles but ANPR cameras to enable better data in assessing the types of journeys of the volume of traffic using Wandsworth Bridge Road?"

Question 7

From: Amanda Stocker, Resident
To: The Leader of the Council

"Please could you provide concrete proof of how many voted for the Cleaner Greener Scheme around Wandsworth Bridge Road and could a new questionnaire be sent as people now have experienced the consequences of the scheme."

Question 8

From: Vivienne Goldstein, Resident
To: The Leader of the Council

"Due to the South Fulham Camera Scheme, I am seeing great displacement of traffic all around the Fulham area which is causing just as much congestion and pollution if not more than previously. I am sure that if Hammersmith Bridge were open things would be much easier. Is it possible to open Imperial Road to ease traffic flow?"

Question 9

From: Janet Bolton, Business Owner

To: The Leader of the Council

“I run a shop on Wandsworth Bridge Road and since the traffic camera scheme to improve the affluent streets to the West went live, my takings have plummeted, similar to many neighbouring businesses on the Wandsworth Bridge Road. Thousands of out of borough members of the private Hurlingham Club now have an exemption to drive through a camera to use the shortest, least polluting route. Given his recent interest in local businesses, when will the Leader extend this and other help to the hundreds of traders who are suffering a loss from the new camera scheme?”

Question 10

From: Katerina Tanti, Resident

To: Cabinet Member for Climate Change and Ecology / Cabinet Member for Public Realm

“The recent extension to the cycle lane on Wandsworth Bridge Road pushes displaced traffic from the new camera scheme onto the main road from Wandsworth. The extended cycle lane makes it scary to cross over because cars turning left are now in a different lane to the right of cyclists, and the extra traffic jams have caused me and my family severe delays of over an hour and extra costs from taxis. How are Hammersmith & Fulham Council monitoring the increase in danger, journey time and pollution from their traffic scheme to the main road over Wandsworth Bridge before deciding if this disruption to many is worth it to improve the affluent streets for a few?”

Question 11

From: Caroline Brooman-White, Resident

To: The Leader of the Council

“I have received more pollution text alerts than usual this year from Hammersmith and Fulham but I see that the monitoring stations in the borough are in Hammersmith Town Centre and Shepherds Bush Green. The Traffic Officers’ prediction is that traffic would be displaced to Wandsworth Bridge Road when the experimental West camera scheme started. The Road does not have DEFRA approved pollution monitors along it. What are the Councillors plans to allow residents and businesses to get accurate and daily and historic readings of pollution on the Wandsworth Bridge Road.”

Question 12

From: Carol Lawson, Resident
To: The Leader of the Council

"The council has stated that residents wanted cameras to operate in the western LTN every day of the year for 24 hours a day. Which residents wanted this?"

Question 13

From: Zornitsa Marinova, Resident
To: The Leader of the Council

"Could you please let me know why the Council has informed the LGSCO on case with their ref 22006363 that The Andover Arms pub (57 Aldensley Road, W6 0DL) had a Pavement Licence in 2021? It's clear from the public records on the Licencing section of the H&F website that it didn't, this is falsifying information."

Question 14

From: Jonathan Lawson, Resident
To: The Leader of the Council

"The council have promised a poll on the clean air zone to the west of Wandsworth Bridge Road. Will this poll cover the whole of Fulham?"

Question 15

From: Anna Maynard, Resident
To: Cabinet Member for Climate Change and Ecology

"Given the climate emergency and Hammersmith and Fulham Borough Council's stated aim to reduce their emissions, will the Council consider committing to serving fully plant-based fare at any future catered meetings and events as other Councils have done? This will be a positive and forward-thinking step, bringing its food policy into line with other climate-aware policies. Thank you."