

Public Questions to Full Council – 12 July 2023

Question 1

From: Donald Grant, Resident

To: The Leader of the Council

The CAN LTN trial West of Wandsworth Bridge Road has been in place longer than the 6 months minimum required by Government guidance. During the closure of Wandsworth Bridge there will be little through traffic, yet still no short route will exist to Sands End West from New King's Road, and vice versa, for visiting vehicles. Will the Leader therefore suspend the traffic cameras during the bridge closure, to let visitors access all roads and businesses in Sands End via their quickest, shortest, least polluting route without the intrusion to residents of registering every visitor online?

Question 2

From: Siobhan Cummins, Resident

To: The Leader of the Council

Other Councils experimenting with LTNs have admitted that the traffic counters used do not count slow moving traffic, after the manufacturer Metrodata confirmed this. Will the Leader advise if H&F have used counters from the same manufacturer when measuring the impact of their CAN LTNs?

Question 3

From: Vivienne Goldstein, Resident

To: The Leader of the Council

How many contraventions were recorded on the day of the Wandsworth Bridge Rd Fayre?

Question 4

From: Kerry Collins, Resident

To: The Leader of the Council

Can you confirm that the initial East Working party for the introduction of the trial traffic scheme met the official requirements of consultation and that it did not include an elderly, business owner or Wandsworth Bridge Road/New Kings Road resident representative from within the area, but did include a bicycle shop owner from outside of the Sands End East area? Was the final meeting with the working party then cancelled which was to consult with them on final data and results on the trial,

before making the scheme permanent? Thereby not having any input or say from the party you were working with on the trial regarding making the scheme permanent?

Question 5

From: Merrill Hammer, Resident
To: The Deputy Leader

I note that the Government has pushed back the original commitment for funding for the complete rebuild of St Mary's Hospital and the refurbishment and expansion of Charing Cross and Hammersmith Hospitals to be completed by 2030. As these hospitals are used extensively by residents of our borough, and as Imperial has the biggest backlog of maintenance work in the entire country, what is the council doing to persuade the government of the necessity of restoring St Mary's to the list of top priorities, with clear and immediate funding, to be completed by 2030; and to advance immediate funding and establish clear dates for the work at Charing Cross and Hammersmith Hospitals.

Question 6

From: Jim Grealy, Resident
To: The Deputy Leader

The Metropolitan Police Commissioner has written to councils to say their officers will no longer attend mental health calls from 31 August. What impact will this have on H&F's social care services and how is the council preparing for this surprisingly short deadline? Further, is the Council engaging with West London Trust and the ICB to try to mitigate any adverse effects this may have on social services, overstretched mental health services and local residents?

Question 7

From: Caroline Brooman-White, Resident
To: The Cabinet Member for Public Realm

The Wandsworth Bridge Road Association displayed the latest designs for the transformation of Wandsworth Bridge Road at their fair. They have told everyone that work will begin in the Summer next year. What work will begin on the transformation at that time and how long do the Council believe it will take to transform the road as a traffic planner wrote to me stating It will take quite a few years to get to implemented, as TfL will need to be involved in the process as modelling and impact assessments all need to be done on the transport side and mayor's strategy.

Question 8

From: Clementine Wallop, Resident

To: The Cabinet Member for Public Realm

What is the average age of play equipment in Ravenscourt Park and how does the condition of the park's playgrounds align with the council's aims to prioritise physical wellbeing, to make H&F a great place to live, and to keep young families in the borough? How does the council intend to engage the borough's children on making LBHF a place where play provision meets their physical and mental health needs?

Question 9

From: Caroline Shuffrey, Resident

To: The Leader of the Council

Multiple petitions and surveys have demonstrated that residents across the borough do not want camera schemes, and in particular they do not want them in South Fulham. The evidence collected by the Council on air quality in South Fulham to support their opinion that air is now cleaner does not measure the impact over the wider area where vehicles have displaced to, including other parts of Fulham and Chelsea. There is plenty of evidence that businesses have been materially adversely affected. Nevertheless the Council is continuing with the trial in South Fulham for another 12 months. Does the Council seriously believe that residents both in South Fulham and across the borough will change their minds during this period?

Question 10

From: Richard Cazenove, Resident

To: The Cabinet Member for Public Realm

Since the start of the south-west Fulham CAN trial (whose aims I broadly support) in December 2022, there has been a dramatic (500%+) increase in traffic using Ranelagh Avenue. This is primarily due to non-LBHF traffic originating from Putney Bridge and Hammersmith being funnelled down our street via Grimston Road to access the Hurlingham Club as well as the 400 adjacent flats and, in the process, avoid the CAN "penalty" camera on Hurlingham Road. Seven months into the trial, what SPECIFICALLY is the Council going to do to fix this SOLVABLE problem?