

COUNCIL MINUTES

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 1 NOVEMBER 2023



PRESENT

The Mayor – Councillor Patricia Quigley
Deputy Mayor – Councillor Daryl Brown

Councillors:

Jose Afonso	Wesley Harcourt	Natalia Perez
Aliya Afzal-Khan	Rebecca Harvey	Zarar Qayyum
Paul Alexander	Sharon Holder	Rowan Ree
Stala Antoniadis	Lisa Homan	Lucy Richardson
Emma Apthorp	Laura Janes	Alex Sanderson
Jackie Borland	Alex Karmel	Asif Siddique
Victoria Brocklebank-Fowler	Bora Kwon	Nikos Souslous
Trey Campbell-Simon	Adam Peter Lang	Dominic Stanton
Florian Chevoppe-Verdier	Amanda Lloyd-Harris	Sally Taylor
Ben Coleman	Ross Melton	Nicole Trehy
Liz Collins	Omid Miri	Frances Umeh
Stephen Cowan	Genevieve Nwaogbe	Mercy Umeh
Jacolyn Daly	Adrian Pascu-Tulbure	Rory Vaughan
Andrew Dinsmore	Ashok Patel	Patrick Walsh

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Max Schmid, Andrew Jones, Helen Rowbottom, David Morton, and Adronie Alford.

Councillor Ann Rosenberg was absent.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Councillor Rory Vaughan declared non-pecuniary interests in Special Motions 1 and 7 due to his employment as a financial regulator. He left the room for the duration of both items.

3. MINUTES

7.08pm – RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting held on 12 July 2023 were agreed as an accurate record.

4. MAYOR'S/CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

National Apprenticeship Awards

The Mayor noted that in October, the Council was awarded 'London Regional Winner for Large Employer of the Year' at the National Apprenticeship Awards 2023 – and was through to the national finals.

On behalf of the Council, the Mayor congratulated the People & Talent team, led by Mary Lamont, and all of the apprentices and managers who made the programme such a success.

Israel Palestine Conflict

The Mayor invited the Leader of the Council, Councillor Stephen Cowan, to address the Council. Councillors Stephen Cowan and Dominic Stanton made speeches.

The Mayor then led the Council in a minute of silence for the victims of the conflict.

Death of Ronald Browne

With great sadness, the Mayor informed the Council of the death of Ronald Browne, former Councillor and Chair of Council. Councillors Lisa Homan, Wesley Harcourt, Mercy Umeh, and Alex Karmel made speeches of remembrance.

The Mayor then led the Council in a minute of silence in his memory.

5. YOUTH COUNCIL

The Mayor invited Nimah Faleye, Adam Semar, Albi Fenner, and Ealaf Al-Najar from the Youth Council to address the meeting. They gave a presentation on their work over the past year.

Speeches were made by Councillor Trey Campbell-Simon (for the Administration) and Aliya Afzal-Khan (for the Opposition).

6. PUBLIC QUESTIONS (20 MINUTES)

The Mayor thanked the residents who submitted questions. Questions 1, 2, 4, 6, 8, and 10 were addressed in the meeting. The Mayor explained that any questions not

addressed in the meeting would receive written responses. All questions and responses can be found at Appendix 1.

Under Standing Order 15(e)12, Councillor Alex Karmel called for an extension of the time limit for public questions. Councillor Patrick Walsh made a short speech before the motion was put to the vote:

FOR	9
AGAINST	33
NOT VOTING	1

The motion was declared **LOST**.

7. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

7.1 The H&F Academy

8.29pm – The report and recommendations were formally moved for noting by the Cabinet Member for Finance and Reform, Councillor Rowan Ree.

Speeches on the report were made by Councillor Rowan Ree (for the Administration) and Aliya Afzal-Khan (for the Opposition).

The report was noted.

8.35pm – RESOLVED

1. That Full Council noted the report on H&F Academy.

7.2 Youth Justice Plan 2023/24

8.35pm – The report and recommendations were formally moved for adoption by the Cabinet Member for Children and Education, Councillor Alex Sanderson.

Speeches on the report were made by Councillor Alex Sanderson (for the Administration) and Councillor Andrew Dinsmore (for the Opposition).

The report and recommendations were put to the vote:

FOR:	UNANIMOUS
AGAINST:	0
NOT VOTING:	0

The recommendations were declared **CARRIED**.

8.41pm – RESOLVED

1. That Full Council noted and approved the contents of the report and the Youth Justice Plan attached at Appendix 1 of the report.

7.3 **Adoption of the London Local Government Anti-Racist Statement**

8.42pm – The report and recommendations were formally moved for adoption by the Cabinet Member for Social Inclusion and Community Safety, Councillor Rebecca Harvey.

Speeches on the report were made by Councillors Rebecca Harvey, Frances Umeh, and Laura Janes (for the Administration) – and Councillor Alex Karmel (for the Opposition).

The report and recommendations were put to the vote:

FOR:	UNANIMOUS
AGAINST:	0
NOT VOTING:	0

The recommendations were declared **CARRIED**.

8.58pm – RESOLVED

1. That Full Council adopted the London Local Government Anti-Racist Statement (Appendix 1 of the report).

7.4 **Allocation of Seats and Proportionality on Committees**

8.58pm – The report on allocation of seats and proportionality on committees was noted.

7.5 **Committee Membership Amendments**

8.58pm – The report and recommendations were formally moved for adoption by the Leader of the Council, Councillor Stephen Cowan.

The report and recommendations were put to the vote:

FOR:	UNANIMOUS
AGAINST:	0
NOT VOTING:	0

The recommendations were declared **CARRIED**.

8.58pm – RESOLVED

1. That Councillor Nikos Souslous replaced Councillor Sharon Holder as the substitute member on the North West London Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

7.6 Treasury Management Strategy Statement Amendment

8.58pm – The report and recommendations were formally moved for adoption by the Cabinet Member for Finance and Reform, Councillor Rowan Ree.

Speeches on the report were made by Councillors Rowan Ree and Wesley Harcourt (for the Administration).

The report and recommendations were put to the vote:

FOR:	UNANIMOUS
AGAINST:	0
NOT VOTING:	0

The recommendations were declared **CARRIED**.

9.05pm – RESOLVED

1. That Full Council approved an amendment to the Council's borrowing strategy (Appendix A of the report), allowing greater flexibility in the range of financing options available.

7.7 Review of the Constitution

9.05pm – The report and recommendations were formally moved for adoption by the Leader of the Council, Councillor Stephen Cowan.

The report and recommendations were put to the vote:

FOR:	UNANIMOUS
AGAINST:	0
NOT VOTING:	0

The recommendations were declared **CARRIED**.

9.06pm – RESOLVED

1. That Full Council approved the amended terms of reference for the Audit Committee attached at Appendix 1 of the report.
2. That Full Council approved the amendments to the constitution related to Council owned companies detailed in Appendix 2 of the report.
3. That Full Council noted the amendments to the Economy and Environment Registers of Authorities outlined in the report.

7.8 Appointments to Outside Bodies (Amendments)

9.06pm – The report and recommendations were formally moved for adoption by the Leader of the Council, Councillor Stephen Cowan.

The report and recommendations were put to the vote:

FOR:	UNANIMOUS
AGAINST:	0
NOT VOTING:	0

The recommendations were declared **CARRIED**.

9.06pm – RESOLVED

1. That Councillor Adam Peter Lang be appointed to Earls Court and Olympia Charitable Trust, replacing the two previous appointments following a restructure of the Board of Trustees.
2. That Councillor Daryl Brown be appointed to Sir William Powell's Almshouse to fill a vacancy.

8. SPECIAL MOTIONS

9.06pm – Councillor Patrick Walsh moved, seconded by Councillor Genevieve Nwaogbe, a motion under Standing Order 15(e)3 to change the order of the special motions as follows: 7, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9. The motion was agreed.

8.7 **Special Motion 7 - Hammersmith & Fulham Pension Fund of the Year Award**

Councillor Rory Vaughan left the room for the duration of this item.

9.07pm – Councillor Ross Melton moved, seconded by Councillor Rowan Ree, the special motion in their names:

“The Council notes the award of the Hammersmith & Fulham Pension Fund as the Local Government Pension Scheme Investment Award's Fund of the Year, under £2.5 billion, for 2023.

The Council:

Celebrates the sector-leading skill, dedication and performance of the Council's pensions fund officials, independent advisors and co-opted committee members, now recognised as delivering the best Pension Fund in the UK, during a period of significant economic volatility and uncertainty.

Congratulates the H&F Pension Fund's pioneering divestment programme for developing an innovative, world-first Environmental, Social and Governance

dashboard which enables all fund members to see in detail how their pension contributions are delivering a robust response to global climate change.

Highlights the LGPS award as further evidence of Hammersmith and Fulham's responsible approach to local government fiscal management, delivering security and confidence to the residents of the Borough and members of the Hammersmith & Fulham Pension Fund."

Speeches on the motion were made by Councillors Ross Melton, Rowan Ree, and Ashok Patel (for the Administration) – and Councillor Adrian Pascu-Tulbure (for the Opposition).

Councillor Ross Melton then made a short speech summing up the debate before the motion was put to the vote:

FOR:	UNANIMOUS
AGAINST:	0
NOT VOTING:	0

The recommendations were declared **CARRIED**.

9.24pm – RESOLVED

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8.1 Special Motion 1 - Calling on Fulham's Member of Parliament, Greg Hands, to apologise for the "jingle and mingle" lockdown party on his watch

Councillor Rory Vaughan left the room for the duration of this item.

The Mayor noted that an amendment to the special motion had been submitted by the Administration.

9.24pm – Councillor Bora Kwon moved, seconded by Councillor Omid Miri, the special motion in their names:

“This Council notes:

- *The Covid-19 pandemic posed unprecedented challenges to Hammersmith and Fulham and the country more widely, requiring strict adherence to public health and lockdown guidelines to protect lives and mitigate the spread of the virus.*
- *Shaun Bailey was a candidate for Mayor in the elections held in 2021, which would have seen him have significant responsibility for policing, transport, planning and other important matters in Hammersmith in Fulham.*
- *The Shaun Bailey campaign for London mayor held a party on 14 December 2020 at Conservative Central Office in violation of lockdown rules, demonstrating a concerning lack of judgment and disregard for public safety. At the time, London was under Tier-2 restrictions, meaning people were banned from socialising indoors. A video of the party showing people dancing and singing was subsequently shared with the Metropolitan Police.*
- *On 13 October 2023, the Met issued fines to 24 attendees at the party. It said, “We would not routinely investigate breaches of the Covid regulations retrospectively, and only do so where there is evidence of a serious and flagrant breach.”*
- *Cabinet minister Michael Gove on 18 June 2023 called the party “indefensible” and said, “I just want to apologise to everyone”. Mr Gove also said, “As I understand it, this was an event that was organised by the people who were running the mayoral campaign for Shaun Bailey.”*
- *Greg Hands, Conservative MP for Chelsea and Fulham, was Chair of the Bailey campaign. He is now running the Conservatives’ campaign across the country as Chair of the Conservative Party. He has ignored questions asking what he knew about the Bailey party and what action he took once he became aware of it.*
- *On 20 October 2023 Mr Hands gave a disingenuous reply to Nick Robinson on the Today programme when asked if he had sacked the 24 people fined for the illegal party. He said the event had occurred three years ago and long predated him being Chairman of the Conservative Party. He failed to mention that he had actually chaired the mayoral campaign that held the party.*

This Council believes:

- *Hammersmith and Fulham residents made huge sacrifices during the periods when London was under lockdown and other public health restrictions.*

- *Organising a campaign party during lockdown reveals a failure to prioritise public safety and displays a lack of respect for the sacrifices made by the wider community and the efforts to contain the virus.*
- *A campaign chair is expected to be fully aware of their campaign's activities, decisions and any potential violations of regulations, particularly during a critical time like a lockdown. They set the culture for a campaign and also take accountability for its actions.*

This Council resolves:

- *To call upon Greg Hands to show integrity and accountability as Chair of the Bailey campaign by issuing a public apology for the campaign's "jingle and mingle" party in violation of his own government's Covid lockdown rules, and by clarifying what he knew about the party and when, and what action he took."*

Speeches on the special motion were made by Councillors Bora Kwon, Omid Miri, Jacolyn Daly, Ben Coleman, Liz Collins, Nicole Trehy, and Ross Melton (for the Administration) – and Councillor Victoria Brocklebank-Fowler (for the Opposition).

The guillotine fell at 10.02pm. Councillor Bora Kwon made a short speech summing up the debate.

Administration Councillors called for a named vote:

FOR	AGAINST	NOT VOTING
Alexander	Afonso	Quigley (Mayor)
Antoniades	Afzal-Khan	
Apthorp	Borland	
Brown	Brocklebank-Fowler	
Campbell-Simon	Dinsmore	
Chevoppe-Verdier	Karmel	
Coleman	Lloyd-Harris	
Collins	Pascu-Tulbure	
Cowan	Stanton	
Daly		
Harcourt		
Harvey		
Holder		
Homan		
Janes		
Kwon		
Lang		
Melton		
Miri		
Nwaogbe		
Patel		
Perez		
Qayyum		
Ree		

Richardson		
Sanderson		
Siddique		
Souslous		
Taylor		
Trehy		
Umeh (Frances)		
Umeh (Mercy)		
Walsh		
33	9	1

FOR: 33
AGAINST: 9
NOT VOTING: 1

The recommendations were declared **CARRIED**.

10.08pm – RESOLVED

This Council notes:

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8.2 **Special Motion 2 - Calling On The Government To Tackle Sewage Discharges**

The special motion was withdrawn.

8.3 **Special Motion 3 - Tackling Violent Crime**

The special motion was withdrawn.

8.4 **Special Motion 4 - The Housing Department**

The special motion was withdrawn.

8.5 **Special Motion 5 - Local Government Finance**

The special motion was withdrawn.

8.6 **Special Motion 6 - H&F Law Enforcement Team**

The special motion was withdrawn.

8.8 **Special Motion 8 - Climate Change**

The special motion was withdrawn.

8.9 **Special Motion 9 - The Ethical Implementation and Use of Artificial Intelligence in Hammersmith & Fulham**

The special motion was withdrawn.

Meeting started: 7.02 pm
Meeting ended: 10.08 pm

Mayor

Full Council Public Questions and Responses – 1 November 2023

Question 1

From: Natalie Lindsay, Resident

To: The Leader of the Council

Question

“Please could the council explain its implementation strategy for school streets across the borough and the time frame it is working on. What is the criteria for the application of school streets, bearing in mind that the council committed to looking at installing them within 4 months of the ETO of the CAN if local traffic volumes remained dangerous around schools. How do schools apply for school streets, what support & equipment will the borough provide them with.”

Response from the Cabinet Member for Public Realm, Councillor Sharon Holder

From the start of this academic year, we began rolling out “school-centred” engagement programmes, which focus on schools and their neighbourhoods. We are building a robust understanding of a school community’s needs as well as the wishes of local residents.

Priority is being given to schools who have worked with officers to complete an air quality audit of pollution levels and traffic behaviour and where the school community has demonstrated engagement.

Interventions under consideration included school streets - defined as timed road closures taken to keep children safe - as well build-outs including adding greenery, flood risk reduction measures and air pollution barriers along school fences to protect the developing lungs of children.

These form part of our wider Clean Air Neighbourhoods projects. Local stakeholders, including parent-teacher associations, governors and the schools themselves (e.g. Head teachers) who wish to register their interest in the school-centred engagement programme should contact: climate-emergency@lbhf.gov.uk

Question 2

From: Nicola Dryden, Resident

To: Cabinet Member for Public Realm

Question

“I am writing as we received a leaflet about new recycling bins for our area as well as food bins. I totally support recycling but I have nowhere to store two large bins. What provisions are being made for those who cannot use the new bins? Will rubbish bags still be collected? Will we still have the recycling bags?”

Response from the Cabinet Member for Public Realm, Councillor Sharon Holder

I am pleased to hear you are supportive of the new waste and recycling service. We will only deliver bins where we find there is appropriate accessible space on the day. In most streets there will be a mix of homes with and without suitable space and we will need to

determine this on the day the bins are delivered to be sure of accuracy. We are expecting most properties to be suitable for food waste. Apart from the new food service, there are no changes to collections for those that do not receive the wheeled bins. As you suggest, residents will remain on the sack services where bins aren't provided.

Question 3

From: Brad Bauman, Resident

To: Cabinet Member for Children and Education

Question

“Please can you confirm which schools within the borough have been impacted by the RAAC cement issue and what is being done to address the ongoing risks?”

Response from the Cabinet Member for Children and Education, Councillor Alex Sanderson

Schools across the Borough are split into three types. Maintained schools are those for which the Local authority is the responsible body. Voluntary aided schools are responsibility of the Catholic or Church of England Diocese. Academies are the responsibility of the Academy themselves and report directly to the Department for Education.

I am pleased to report that there are no maintained or voluntary aided schools with any issues with RAAC. All schools have been surveyed to confirm this is the case. There are, however, two Academies which have RAAC in their buildings. They are being supported by the DfE to resolve the issue and the local authority has worked with them to provide whatever support we can, for example access to sports pitches and open space.

Question 4

From: David Morris, Resident

To: Cabinet Member for Public Realm

Question

“Your website says that more than 16,000 household will receive wheeled rubbish and recycling bins. These large bins can be difficult to store in front of houses and flats, particularly those in multi-occupation. They can also be very unsightly and spoil an attractive streetscape. Will you consult with households and give them the option to retain their existing rubbish and recycling collection arrangement?”

Response from the Cabinet Member for Public Realm, Councillor Sharon Holder

We have been running the new service in several areas of the borough, covering approximately 6,000 households, for over three years now. We surveyed residents who have been using the new service and the vast majority were happy with the service and found it easy to use. The majority of residents told us they recycled more and their streets were cleaner. We asked residents what was important to them, and we know that higher recycling rates, cleaner streets and safer crews were important to most residents.

We are starting the borough wide roll out of the new service with street-based homes in the borough. We will only deliver bins where we find there is appropriate accessible space on

the day. In most streets there will be a mix of homes with and without suitable space and we will need to determine this on the day the bins are delivered to be sure of accuracy. Where space is limited, or residents need additional capacity we have a range of solutions available, including different sizes of bins and enabling sharing of bins between neighbours where residents prefer this approach. We will then also be extending the food waste service to homes which have communal bins and bin stores and will continue to work closely with residents to make sure the service works for the very wide range of housing infrastructure in the borough.

Question 5

From: Jonathan Massey, Resident

To: The Cabinet Member for Public Realm

Question

“What is the Council doing or able to do to prevent and alleviate the regular and disgusting discharge of raw and ‘dry’ sewage into the River Thames in this part of South West London by Thames Water, in line with the policy of the current Government? In addition, how often does this occur?”

Response from the Cabinet Member for Public Realm, Councillor Sharon Holder

Hammersmith & Fulham Council has made it clear to Thames Water that it needs to take action to avoid sewage routinely being dumped in the river and threatening local people’s homes. This means investing in drainage schemes, green roofs and rainwater harvesting.

It is our view that Thames Water and the government’s Environment Agency have failed to deal with this problem over many years. The company regularly pumps raw sewage into the Thames, sometimes for days on end, as a way of managing its business, not just at times of extreme rainfall.

Among the dozens of Thames Water’s London storm overflow sites, four are located on Hammersmith and Fulham’s riverside, with sewage discharges consistently recorded outside the Fulham Reach Boat Club.

In 2022, an independent website called "Top of the Poops", which analyses sewage pollution by the water industry, recorded that Thames Water dumped sewage in the Hammersmith part of the river for 218 hours and in the Chelsea and Fulham part of the river for 363 hours.

Sewage in the Thames is a health risk to river users, including the members of H&F’s four boat clubs. It also threatens local wildlife.

The river is home to more than 125 species of fish and a large number of animals. As well as some seahorses and seals, creatures include the endangered eel – the European smelt – known to breed near Hammersmith,

Sewage also promotes bacteria, which decreases the amount of oxygen available in the water for wildlife.

The Thames Tideway 25km 'super sewer' tunnel will eventually help provide more capacity to the sewer network. However, to avoid river dumps remaining the norm during intense rainfalls, Thames Water will need to invest further in sustainable drainage solutions to capture rainwater before it enters into the sewerage system.

Question 6

From: Andy Knowles, Resident
To: Cabinet Member for the Economy

Question

"Can the council please provide a summary of public buildings affected by problems with reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete (RAAC) that it is aware of in the borough, hopefully including those notified by other public bodies like the Imperial NHS Trust, so residents can be aware of possible building closures."

Response from the Cabinet Member for The Economy, Councillor Andrew Jones (Read by Councillor Alex Sanderson, Cabinet Member for Children and Education in the meeting)

Both the Council's corporate operational and wider estate was checked in 2020 when RAAC first came to light and the dangers of it. It is now being checked again (2023) for reassurance following more recent media coverage. No buildings owned by the Council to the Council's knowledge contain RAAC. Checks are informed by: knowledge of the buildings; historical data; condition fabric surveys; and inspections.

In terms of other public buildings, the Council does not have a mandate to access landlord information on RAAC. Clarification would need to be sought from the responsible public body.

Question 7

From: Gary Fannin, Resident
To: The Deputy Leader

Question

"The Wandsworth Bridge Road in south Fulham has suffered from speeding drivers for many years, particularly late at night when the road is relatively empty. As anyone who lives on this road knows, excessive speeding and contributing noise affects the wellbeing and safety of hundreds of local residents. Research shows that the straight nature of a road and its uniformed width, such as the WBR, contribute to and encourage drivers to regularly exceed the speed limit, such as the 20mph that has been implemented on the WBR.

With this information in mind what measures can be implemented now, ahead of the redesign of Wandsworth Bridge Road that the council has already committed to, to help drivers more naturally maintain 20mph?"

Response from the Cabinet Member for Public Realm, Councillor Sharon Holder

As part of the long-term vision for Wandsworth Bridge Road, the Council are progressing designs to reduce speeds and traffic volume along the road. These proposals include

chicaning of the road and new raised sections to slow down vehicles, along with new formal pedestrian crossings, widened footways and planting along the corridor.

Some short-term measures have been actioned to try to mitigate the issue of speeding on Wandsworth Bridge Road. These have included six Speed Indicator Devices, lamp column banners to encourage reduced speeds, improvement to crossings and ongoing resurfacing of advisory cycle lanes at side road junctions and informal crossing points and improved cycle lanes on Wandsworth Bridge.

We, along with London boroughs, asked the government to devolve speed camera intervention powers to boroughs. This would have enabled us to introduce average speed cameras on Wandsworth Bridge Road. Disappointingly, the government declined to do so.

We share your ambition to reduce speeds on Wandsworth Bridge Road and will continue to consider what measures could be added to aid reducing speeding, while the longer-term vision is being delivered, and whether any of the longer term proposals could be brought forward.

Question 8

From: Casey Abaraonye, Resident

To: The Leader of the Council

Question

“Ghent has both seen a decrease in traffic, reduction in road danger, and increase in economic activity since they introduced their Circulation Plan. We extended an invitation from The Deputy Mayor to our councillors and officers to learn how they did it with such a small budget. Can the Council confirm that it will study their approach and outcomes, and would the Leader consent to allow us to facilitate an online meeting between himself, the Member for the Environment, Heads of Public Realm and Transport, and Mayoralty and Transport Department of Ghent?”

Response from the Leader of the Council, Councillor Stephen Cowan

We appreciate your interest on road safety, tackling the climate emergency and supporting businesses. These are values we share. The Director of Climate Change and Transport, along with an appropriate Cabinet Member, would be very happy to meet the team from Ghent. We would be grateful if you could, as suggested, facilitate a meeting.

Question 9

From: Paul Leonard, Resident

To: The Leader of the Council

Question

“Further to the introduction of the South Fulham West Clean Air Neighbourhood [CAN] Trial I would be grateful for an update on the status of the defunct rising bus bollard at the width \ speed restrictor adjacent to the junction of Peterborough Road and Clancarty Road SW6. The raising bollard, introduced many years ago, no longer functions and remains in the open position allowing general traffic free unrestricted access at speed through the barrier. Is it the Councils intention to repair \ upgrade the bollard to a more robust installation or

eliminate the bollard in favour of a monitoring control camera, perhaps forming part of the CAN camera infrastructure?"

Response from the Cabinet Member for Public Realm, Councillor Sharon Holder

As part of the Clean Air Neighbourhood project we would be looking to revamp this junction and the bus gate. This would include installing a raised crossing and introducing greening measures and sustainable urban drainage, whilst maintaining the width restrictions. The cameras that are currently monitoring for the Clean Air Neighbourhood trial could in future be extended to enforce the bus gate.

Question 10

From: Richard Cazenove, Resident

To: Cabinet Member for Public Realm

Question

"I am supportive of the CAN goals, but I wanted to make [Councillor Coleman] and his fellow Councillors aware that for those of us living on Ranelagh Avenue, the trial has resulted in a dramatic (500%+) increase in vehicles using our street. One simple way the previous tranquillity on our street could be partially restored is to allow those visiting the Hurlingham Club an exemption from the Hurlingham Road camera. The infrastructure/technology has already been set up to allow for it (with the Council's ANPR camera outside the Club), it would not cost anything (vs moving cameras around) and does not impact the benefits of the CAN. Will the Council consider it and if not, why not?"

Response from the Cabinet Member for Public Realm, Councillor Sharon Holder

The Hurlingham Club, like other businesses in the area, already benefits from exemptions. We will continue to strive for further automated solutions to improve the resident and visitor experience. The club has also applied for planning permission to make the eastern gate two way to enable them to redistribute the traffic using the western gate arriving from the east. We are grateful to the resident for continuing to raise this issue and will continue to work with residents to support the goal of reducing out-of-borough traffic that is simply cutting through neighbourhood streets.

Question 11

From: Philip Jones, Resident

To: Cabinet Member for The Economy

Question

"How many luxury developments and luxury apartment properties has the Council permitted to be built over the last 8 years compared to affordable Social Housing properties?"

Response from the Cabinet Member for The Economy, Councillor Andrew Jones

In alignment with the information also provided in your Freedom of Information (FOI) request, LB of Hammersmith & Fulham does not categorise residential units under the category "Luxury". We have compiled data detailing the number of approved residential units within the borough, along with those specifically designated as affordable, dating back to 2010. This information is presented in the table below for your reference.

Year	Approved Affordable Housing	Approved Residential Units (Including Market and Affordable)	Completed (Built) Residential Units (Including Market and Affordable)	Completed (Built) Affordable Housing
2010	226	971	836	279
2011	76	4797	466	176
2012	486	1868	472	81
2013	127	699	422	111
2014	1511	6563	1155	98
2015	489	4774	1147	148
2016	323	2314	1073	188
2017	103	943	1043	118
2018	92	1021	1010	192
2019	554	1868	1075	135
2020	459	1247	1042	150
2021	604	604	1421	134
2022	261	450	1700	589
2023	534	1885	1449	126

Question 12

From: Zornitsa Marinova, Resident

To: Cabinet Member for Public Realm

Question

“There has been a road fault in front of, and between 26 Aldensley Road and 89 Cardross Street, resulting in a big puddle, reported since January 2023. Conway worked on it in April 2023 (presumably paid for), immediately reported back as inadequate as a giant puddle kept on forming. Complaint 7997901 upheld, however road is still faulty. Has the Council got a refund for the works executed? When is the issue going to be fixed for real - particular timelines please.”

Response from the Cabinet Member for Public Realm, Councillor Sharon Holder

In response to the question logged by Zornitsa Marinova, I can confirm that a minor works repair was raised to alleviate the ponding issue on Aldensley Road. Unfortunately, due to the levels of the carriageway, and the distance between rain gullies, this work was unsuccessful, and a much larger job repair is required. Levels can be difficult to remedy on the public highway because of the level of works activity by utilities.

Following the report from the resident that the ponding remained an issue, a topological survey of the area was carried out. As there is 35m between the two nearest gullies, the carriageway needs to be reprofiled to ensure that rainwater will reach the gullies, and not pond along the kerblines.

The Council's Projects Team are looking at footway widening in this section of Aldensley Road and that as part of this work the area will be resurfaced so that the levels of the carriageway can be profiled to ensure that water will drain toward the rain gullies. This work is currently in the design phase and will be delivered early in the New Year.

Question 13

From: James Burgoyne, Resident
To: Cabinet Member for Public Realm

Question

"When was the last time Maxwell Road (SW6) was resurfaced and when was the last time the footpaths alongside Maxwell Road were re-done? The road surface has completely worn through, in contrast to all the other roads in the vicinity."

Response from the Cabinet Member for Public Realm, Councillor Sharon Holder
Maxwell Road was last resurfaced according to the records before 2004.

The Council undertakes Condition Surveys of every road in the borough each year. This year's surveys have just been completed, and the data is currently being analysed.

We use the Condition data from these surveys, along with information such as the number of reactive repairs issued per road and the history of insurance claims to determine a works programme for the next 3-years.

Whilst Maxwell Road is not programmed for resurfacing this financial year, it may be on the future programme.

The 3-year programme should be ready for the New Year once we have finalised the programme, we will contact you with the results for Maxwell Road.

Question 14

From: Lauren Clark, Resident
To: The Leader of the Council

Question

"Councillor Cowan, when will you organise a live meeting for the businesses of South Fulham, so that you can understand what a negative impact the Clean Air Neighbourhood Scheme is having on our livelihoods?"

Response from the Cabinet Member for Public Realm, Councillor Sharon Holder
From Cabinet Member for Public Realm: The Clean Air Neighbourhood trial seeks to support residents and businesses by reducing out-of-borough traffic simply using residential side streets as cut-throughs. All visitors, shoppers and staff are welcomed. We have introduced the Business Visitor Access Permit specifically to make it easier for shoppers from neighbouring boroughs to come to South Fulham. We are currently advertising the visitor permit with a significant campaign on Nextdoor targeting shoppers in the neighbouring boroughs of Wandsworth, Richmond and Kensington and Chelsea. To

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further support businesses, we have introduced extra shopping bays and a Shop Local banner campaign. I hosted a very well attended live meeting with business and resident groups on 7 September and our economic team is in regular dialogue with business associations in the area. We will continue to support businesses with a range of measures.