

**WRITTEN QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

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

Every question shall be put and answered without discussion, but the person to whom a question has been put may decline to answer. The person who asked the question may ask one relevant supplementary question, which shall be put and answered without discussion.

The following written questions have been received from members of the public.

**1. QUESTION From: Christopher Hawtree**

Would Councillor Daniel please tell us why the cross-Party working group for Hove's Carnegie Library was not told that proposals for basement use would entail further loss of public space on the ground floor?

**Councillor Daniel, Chair of the Neighbourhoods, Inclusion, Communities & Equalities Committee will reply.**

**2. QUESTION From: Valerie Paynter**

Can you explain, please, the motive and reasoning behind the Planning Department's unusual decision not to provide any neighbour consultee lettering whatsoever for either BH2017/03940 or BH2018/00469 - the 2 currently controversial planning applications intended to alter Hove's Grade 2 Listed Carnegie Library both physically and functionally?

**Councillor Cattell, Chair of the Planning Committee will reply.**

**3. QUESTION From: Ninka Willcock**

What factors does the Council take into account when determining a planning application submission date for its own land or property?

**Councillor Cattell, Chair of the Planning Committee will reply.**

**4. QUESTION From: Michael Edwards**

In 2015, the Surrenden and Fiveways Area was consulted on a controlled parking zone. With a 47% turnout, the area voted yes. Subsequently, two controlled zones have been designated over parts of the consulted area, at Fiveways and Balfour (where 55% voted against a scheme in the first consultation). On 20 March, ETS Chair told us we are 'at the back of the queue'

for a new consultation because we voted against a scheme in 2015. But we didn't (50% of roads voted yes). Why can't the democratic rights of Surrenden Area residents be recognised with a parking consultation now?

**Councillor Mitchell, Chair of the Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee will reply.**

**5. QUESTION From: Nigel Furness**

It has recently come to my attention, Councillor Mitchell, that any number of trees in Benfield Valley South, directly behind houses in Hangleton Road, have been brutally mutilated with a BLUNT chainsaw and the wood apparently stolen for fuel by an adjoining resident.

As the upkeep of these trees is the sole responsibility of this Council, can you please indicate how you, as Chair of Environment, plan to rectify this outrage and when?

**Councillor Mitchell, Chair of the Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee will reply.**

**6. QUESTION From: Rohan Lowe**

How much funding has been set a-side to repair the footbridge at Hove station?

**Councillor Mitchell, Chair of the Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee will reply.**

**7. QUESTION From: Mark Strong**

There is overwhelming evidence that cycling has huge physical and mental health benefits, as well as for air quality.

The city has had an excellent record of delivering cycling, with increased usage across the community (which has recently stalled). However, there remains no overall direction for development of cycling (or walking) as recommended by Government guidance.

In July 2017 full Council unanimously agreed a motion to develop “*a specific and ambitious cycling strategy*”. Despite further support at ETS and Council there has been no progress.

When work will start on a Cycling Strategy and Local Cycling & Walking Infrastructure Plan?

**Councillor Mitchell, Chair of the Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee will reply.**