

Council Questions (8.6)**LONDON BOROUGH OF SUTTON
QUESTIONS: STANDING ORDER 8.6 (Councillors)****1. Question asked by Councillor Tim Crowley to Councillor Jayne McCoy, Chair of the Housing, Economy & Business Committee**

In the light of the judgement handed down in the appeal court on the 27 October that affirmed that the London Borough of Sutton (LBS) illegally took enhanced commissions from council tenants and that they must now pay these enhanced commissions back to those tenants could the lead member answer the following?

1. Does she now accept that the actions taken by LBS were in fact illegal as confirmed by the appeal court and that LBS was in fact acting as a water reseller?
2. Does she now disagree with a briefing note from her own administration's officers dated 5 December 2019 in which it was stated
" Clearly, should the decision stand on appeal then councils could be liable to make substantial reimbursements, which will need to come out of their housing revenue accounts and thus impact adversely on services to tenants "

2. Question asked by Councillor Tony Shields to Councillor Manuel Abellan, Chair of the Environment & Neighbourhood Committee

I now learn that the London ambulance service have been in contact with the London Borough of Sutton to express their grave concerns that the low traffic neighbourhood is imposed without consultation by the Liberal Democrats causing significant access problems not only for the routes that have roadblocks but significant operational delays arising from displaced traffic such as Saint Nicolas Way hi traffic congestion scheme.

Is it now not time to admit this was a half baked scheme and that all schemes be removed immediately and should the authority wish to introduce any return of those schemes that fundamentally honest consultation is taken out prior to any re-introductions

3. Question asked by Councillor Catherine Gray to Councillor Manuel Abellan, Chair of the Environment & Neighbourhood Committee

Why are residents' complaints and petitions regarding Low Traffic Neighbourhoods being ignored in other parts of the borough but listened to in York Road?

4. Question asked by Councillor Moira Butt to Councillor Manuel Abellan, Chair of the Environment & Neighbourhood Committee

Can you assure me that "Report It" fly tipping is immediately picked up by Enforcement Officers who can attend and sift the tip for evidence of who it belonged to and issue penalty notices?

5. Question asked by Councillor Neil Garratt to Councillor Manuel Abellan, Chair of the Environment & Neighbourhood Committee

The Liberal Democrat administration argues for Low Traffic Neighbourhood schemes and its own stated aim to spread Low Traffic Neighbourhoods across Sutton as a way to reduce car use and increase journeys by bike.

But your new Sustainable Transport Strategy admits that the potential in Sutton is for just 3% of journeys to be by bike. This 3% target is so ambitious that you have never come close to it - decades of Lib Dem ambitions, warm words, and strategy documents put us at 1.1%. Yet even if you achieve your 3% cycling target, don't your own figures show that the change in motor vehicles on the borough's roads would be so small as to be barely noticeable? How can this be a serious transport policy?

6. Question asked by Councillor Martina Allen to Councillor Manuel Abellan, Chair of the Environment & Neighbourhood Committee

Now that the Parking Strategy Consultation for Geographical Area 3 has resumed and following a review of Stage 2, if a scheme is to be progressed which may cause parking displacement, is it the intention of this council to add similar restrictions to surrounding roads, to address this issue?

7. Question asked by Councillor James Mc Dermott Hill to Councillor Manuel Abellan, Chair of the Environment & Neighbourhood Committee

Given that in the last few weeks as of early November, leaves have been falling at a consistent rate, can Council be updated with progress on our leaf clearing schedule?

8. Question asked by Councillor Param Nandha to Councillor Ruth Dombey, Leader of the Council

The Council owes a debt of gratitude to the voluntary organisations, council hub and other volunteers and its own staff for their tireless contribution during the unprecedented Covid pandemic. During the long period of lock-down many residents in our borough have been helped with food supplies, mental health issues, and support for families put under extreme pressure with the risk of domestic violence. Emergency accommodation has been found for those who are homeless and financial support has been provided for individuals and businesses.

Are you able to provide some key numbers of people who approached the council for voluntary sector, council and government assistance? Will you please join me in thanking all those involved to date and offering them our ongoing support during the difficult times ahead.

9. Question asked by Councillor James Mc Dermott Hill to Councillor Manuel Abellan, Chair of the Environment & Neighbourhood Committee

Members of Church Hill and Priory Residents Association (CHAPRA) and residents of Church Hill Road have asked for months on end for a solution to the issue of HGVs causing

noise nuisance to a residential area. However they keep being passed back between the Police and the council for an answer. The local SNT have stated the issue of HGVs using the road is one for Sutton Council to address. Therefore what plans do the council have to solve this problem and can ward councillors be advised of next steps being taken.

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