

**WRITTEN QUESTIONS**

A period of not more than fifteen minutes shall be allowed at each ordinary meeting for questions submitted by a member of the public.

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

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

**(i) Park and Ride – Derek Wright**

“In the last local elections both the Labour and Conservatives said they would introduce a Park and Ride. Bearing in mind that a term in office is four years can the Chair tell me if any progress has been made in finding a site, funding the project and do we have a time line?”

**(ii) Valley Gardens Task & Finish Group- Serena Burt**

“Can the Chair confirm that the Valley Gardens Forum will be a permanent member of the Task and Finish Group which is in the process of being set up - and as a key stakeholder will have oversight over phase 3 from this point onwards until completion?”

**(iii) VG3 Environmental Impact Assessment- Adrian Hart**

“I’m puzzled as to how or why the Chair could state at Full Council that a thorough Environmental Impact Assessment in line with EU Directive 2014/52/EU is not necessary and would not be carried out. Even if you are convinced that there is no legal obligation - which incidentally our advice contradicts - is there not a moral obligation to calm public concerns by commissioning such a study?”

**(iv) VG3 Environmental Impact Assessment- Paul Crawford**

“It is now formally accepted that VG3 represents low value for money; but the LEP justified funding VG3 because withholding funding would negate the benefits predicted for phases one and two. In my opinion, those benefits are just made-up numbers concerning things that would probably happen anyway: such as growth in knowledge sector employment and commercial floor space. But acknowledging this and with an inevitably negative EIA outcome the whole scheme's potentially disastrous effects on the City and its economy would become obvious and inescapable. Is this really why this Council is afraid of an Environmental Impact Assessment?”

