

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 question has been received from a member of the public.

1. QUESTION From: Rob Shepherd**Covid-19 and Reduced A259 Commuter Bus Capacity.**

Covid-19 reduces peak bus capacity by 1173 passengers. Its temporary bus lane extends the A259 Greenways' queue past Roedean Road, causing additional pollution. 100 people forced to switch to cars further extends this queue past Black Rock, obstructing emergency services' eastbound access.

What figures for queues, delays and any increases due to the temporary bus lane and to extra traffic, did officers use planning for this Covid-19 Emergency and determining the bus lane would be beneficial, checking its viability with Emergency Services and what plans are in place to provide extra buses for longer distance commuters to reduce this problem?

Councillor West, Joint Chair of the Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee will reply.

2. QUESTION From: David Trangmar

Last November residents presented a petition to ETS about Bristol Gardens in East Brighton being used as a rat run.

A consultation was promised in the spring. Can you please confirm that this has been rescheduled and will still take place as this road is increasingly dangerous for pedestrians and cyclists now that COVID restrictions are being lifted?

Councillor West, Joint Chair of the Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee will reply.

3. QUESTION From: Craig Jones

Safe Pedestrian and Cycle Access to Roedean, The South Gateway to SDNP and Roedean School

The community of Roedean, Roedean School and the gateway to the National Park have no footpath or cycle lane connecting to the City. Some walk alongside dangerous and fast-moving traffic on Roedean Road others access the hazardous and overgrown A259 pathway. The elderly, disabled and young people must leave Roedean by car. Last month BHCC turned down 3 needed family homes on Roedean Road on grounds of road safety. (BH2020/00971).

A foot and cycle path on Roedean Road are essential to the safe development of this community. Does the Council agree that this footpath is essential, and will they prioritise it?

Councillor West, Joint Chair of the Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee will reply.

4. QUESTION From: David Wilson

Thousands of cyclists, pedestrians and dogs travel along the Undercliff between the Marina and Saltdean every day. We are getting to a situation where it is becoming a Health and Safety issue.

Please would the Council introduce more measures to prevent the minority of cyclists from speeding and spoiling it for the rest of us, and also provide bike racks on the Saltdean Seafront.

Councillor West, Joint Chair of the Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee will reply.

5. QUESTION From: Russell Smith

People Need Pavements

For years, residents in Ovingdean have been asking for various improvements to the main roads through the village including cycle paths, ramps and electronic signs to slow traffic down and pavements where none exist so that residents can safely walk to the bus stops and local facilities.

Cycle paths and pavements would be uncontroversial easy wins that would help the council meet its COVID and carbon neutral objectives.

How can we ensure that our requests do not fall on deaf ears?

Councillor West, Joint Chair of the Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee will reply.