

# Brighton & Hove City Council

**Council**

**Agenda Item 52**

**Subject: Written questions from members of the public.**

**Date of meeting: 15 December 2022**

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: Theresa Ross**

Is it possible to convert the tennis courts at East Brighton into paddle courts? The starting costs for a basic paddle court are varied but some quotes suggest at the basic level £15,000. Paddle tennis is the fastest growing sport in the world and second most popular sport to football. The UK has only just woken up to it. Currently there is one court in Withdean, (I am aware that Hove has planned some courts). East Brighton park would be an ideal spot as there are tennis courts already there. It would offer a great new sport to the local area.

**Councillor Davis / Hills, Joint Chair of the Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee will reply.**

**2. QUESTION From: Dilys Brown**

Myself and eight other residents live in Kipling Court Rottingdean directly opposite the new flats under construction in St Aubyns field . I understand the need for new housing ,what I don't understand is why developers were allowed to build the flats fifteen metres from our homes with all future residents able to look directly into our bedrooms and living rooms . Planning Officials have said this loss of our privacy is acceptable but they have never been inside our homes . Is there anything the Council can do to force the developer to install frosted glass windows ?

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

**3. QUESTION From: Rob Shephard**

Your plan to reduce transport carbon by 4% each year failed horribly, averaging just 1.2%.

At that rate Transport alone, will greatly exceed our 2030 Carbon Neutral Programme's total carbon target. We can only guess how much greater the total failure will be. So, what are

1. The 3 biggest new things you are doing to improve on previous Transport plans.

2. The % annual carbon savings you expect each of these 3 things to achieve.

and what is

3. Your revised annual target for reducing Transport Carbon

Thank you.

**Councillor Davis / Hills, Joint Chairs of the Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee will reply.**

**4. QUESTION From: Gary Thomas**

I run the Mooch hair salon on New Road. Life is a struggle for small independent businesses like mine. Last week we received a £110 fine for putting our rubbish out

for its weekly collection at 515pm instead of 6pm because we had no late appointments and wanted to go home.

The rubbish was in large canvas bags tied to our drainpipe and sealed against the seagulls. They are neat and tidy.

Please would you considering amending the times when rubbish can be put out in the North Laine to help those traders who open later and shut earlier.

**Councillor Davis / Hills, Joint Chair of the Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee will reply.**

**5. QUESTION From: Alex Partridge**

Residents of Roedean Road are extremely concerned for the safety of pedestrians walking up and down the road. There is a virtual pavement but this is woefully inadequate. Are there any plans to install a traditional pavement or similar?

**Councillor Davis / Hills, Joint Chair of the Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee will reply.**

**6. QUESTION From: Derek Wright**

Will the council look into rapidly extending the free B&H wifi provision to the Eastern seafront along Madeira Drive and the Lower Promenade to help increase safety and serve visitors to the existing, new and future businesses and outdoor activities at Black Rock

**Councillor Davis / Hills, Joint Chair of the Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee will reply.**

**7. QUESTION From: Jo Colwell**

At what stage does the council provide those suffering from a section 21 eviction and who are in need of housing advice and support will a homeless prevention officer normally be assigned to prevent homelessness and or to provide a route to suitable housing to these vulnerable people?

**Councillor Gibson / Hugh-Jones, Joint Chairs of the Housing Committee will reply.**

**8. QUESTION From: Daniel Harris**

Have there been any reports/data on how the discretionary social fund is being allocated and a breakdown or any stats? I would really welcome some, as I am getting a lot of people experiencing homelessness and hardship claiming they are being placed in accommodations with nothing, literally nothing, we also have people in temporary accommodation spending hundreds each week on energy bills, for poorly insulated homes!!"

**Councillor Gibson / Hugh-Jones, Joint Chairs of the Housing Committee will reply.**

