

**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 four written questions have been received from members of the public.

**(a) Mr Barraball**

“Does the Leader of the Council accept that all conditions of employment negotiations should be referred to full council for ratification as this is the sovereign body, and that, although sub committees have their uses, for decisions that so fundamentally affect the whole B&H community [as does refuse collection (being one example)] these should be ratified at Full Council so that all elected councillors share collective responsibility.”

**Councillor J. Kitcat, Leader of the Council, will reply.**

**(b) Mr Berry**

“Coldean has recently been subjected to an increased pressure on parking in the neighbourhood due to the development of the University of Brighton’s Varley Halls Site and the Amex Stadium.

Amex recognised the impact that their fans were having on the local communities and have introduced a free parking permit system for all of the residents in Coldean. On completion of the scheme 350 sign post were installed in Coldean which has had a negative visual impact.

My question to the council is why it was necessary to install so many signs, and could they have been installed in a less obtrusive way?”

**Councillor Davey, Lead Member for Transport will reply.**

**(c) Mr Chavasse**

“TRO-12 / 12a-2013, Committee scheduled for 8<sup>th</sup> October, proposes eliminating ALL previously agreed Blue Badge Parking beside Brunswick Square’s 4 side gates and 1 by the adjacent dentists’ surgery, plus 2 Council

added Brunswick Terrace bays. Leaving no provision – but without other Zone M changes.

Would Council please ensure this proposal's abandonment? It is highly unpopular, grossly discriminatory, hardship causing and arguably illegal. Heavyweight objections seem insufficient deterrent to stop ill founded attempts to tinker with the long justified, balanced status quo. Which enables ALL disabled badge holders to conveniently visit Brunswick residents or enjoy the public gardens."

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

**(d) Ms Paynter**

"What work is the council doing to facilitate, promote and make pedestrian use of our streets the equal of cycling and other measures to improve air quality by reducing vehicle usage?"

**Councillor Davey, Lead Member for Transport will reply.**