

COUNCIL
14 JULY 2022

QUESTION TIME

Question 1 – Removal of weeds from roads and pavements

1. Cllr Josh Robinson will ask the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Highways and Transport:

"What is being done to remove the weeds that are blighting our pavements and roads? Year after year the weeds are just left and no one seems to be taking responsibility for it."

Question 2 – Speed Limit Reviews

2. Cllr Martin Allen will ask the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Highways and Transport:

"Last year Cllr Amos gave me an undertaking in this chamber to instruct a full speed review of the roads from the M50 to the Ketch Roundabout on the A38 and then in another council meeting, from Baughton Hill to Tunnel Hill once the new A38/A4104 Roundabout is completed. Will the next incumbent confirm that he will honour this undertaking?"

Question 3 – Summer Holiday Meal Vouchers

3. Cllr Matt Jenkins will ask the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Communities:

"With the Council currently planning to only provide meal vouchers for struggling families for the first two weeks of the summer school holiday, can I ask the Cabinet Member with Responsibility to review this decision and look at ways to fund meal vouchers for the whole of the summer holidays?"

Question 4 – Bus Lane Enforcement in Lowesmoor

4. Cllr Lynn Denham will ask the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Highways and Transport:

"I was interested in a Tweet from Redditch cops (the Twitter handle for the police Safer Neighbourhood Teams for Redditch) on the 23 June about patrol of Ipsley Street bus lane in Redditch. 'Five vehicles were given firm words of advice for contravening the Bus/Taxi lane'. This appears to be a very different practice to the

bus lane in Lowesmoor in my Rainbow Hill division. Here the County Council has installed CCTV and issues enforcement fines to any contravening vehicles. Could the Cabinet Member tell me how much income has been collected from fines as a result of enforcement since the camera was installed?"

Question 5 – Southern Link Road

5. Cllr Beverley Nielsen will ask the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Economy, Infrastructure and Skills:

"Following the answer gratefully received at our last Council from the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Economy, Infrastructure and Skills, enlightening us that the works on the Southern Link Road would be completed 'this summer', I would be grateful if he could share with me and residents desperate to see the completion of these works, what is his definition of 'summer'....? Can we expect works to be completed this month, in July, or next month in August, or is he referring to the technical definition of the end of summer being 23 September, or might it mean the start of September commonly referred to by Climatologists as the end of summer? Whichever month or date it is, it cannot come soon enough for those many thousands of residents and business people who regularly commute from Malvern, Powick, Callow End and Welland, north and south along the M5 to their workplaces, who will breathe a great sigh of relief once these are indeed finally completed."

Question 6 – Congestion in Worcester City Centre

6. Cllr Richard Udall will ask the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Highways and Transport:

"Can the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport confirm he would be willing to investigate new and imaginative ways to cut pollution and congestion caused by delivery vehicles in Worcester City Centre?"

Question 7 – Hanley Road, Upton

7. Cllr Martin Allen will ask the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Highways and Transport:

"The Hanley Road in Upton continues to flood each year. Despite my asking for a meeting with Council officers and members of Upton Town Council and myself, nothing has been arranged. Will the Cabinet Member with Responsibility ensure a meeting takes place in Upton within the next two months with all parties to discuss the way forward and explain to the Town Council the obstacles that make solving this problem difficult and what this council intends to do to find a solution?"

Question 8 – 20mph speed limits

8. Cllr Josh Robinson will ask the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Highways and Transport:

"Do you agree with me that if this Council puts in infrastructure on a road to reduce the speed of vehicles to 20mph, that it makes no sense that we cannot reduce the speed limit to 20mph due to our current policy?"

Question 9 – 31 and 31A bus routes in Worcester

9. Cllr Richard Udall will ask the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Highways and Transport:

"Can the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport make a statement on how the Council can continue to support the bus travelling public who use the 31 and 31A bus routes in Worcester?"

Contact Points

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Background Papers

In the opinion of the proper officer (in this case the Assistant Director for Legal and Governance) there are no background papers relating to the subject matter of this report.