

Councillors Written Questions and the Responses

Full Council – 18 October 2023

Q1 – Question to Councillor Jones (*Leader of the Council*) from Councillor Crow

At July's Full Council Meeting, the following resolution was passed in response to my motion on the expansion of the London ULEZ.

This Council resolves:

1) to formally request, on behalf of Crawley residents, that the expansion of London's Ultra Low Emission Zone be paused until after modelling is produced by TFL to evidence the anticipated scheme impacts on traffic flows/ emissions/ Full Council (33) 19 July 2023 pollution levels outside Greater London, in a written representation to the Mayor of London from the Leader of the Council and the Cabinet Member for Environmental Services, Sustainability and Climate Change.

I have not seen or been made aware of any representation having been sent to the Mayor of London. Therefore, please can a copy of this written representation be published for all councillors to see?

Response

A copy of the letter and the response is attached as appendix A and B to these questions.

Q2 – Question to Councillor Chris Mullins (*Cabinet member for Leisure and Wellbeing*) from Councillor Hellier

Many people who use Tilgate Park for walking with dogs and with their families, use the cafe at the Fishermans car park end of Tilgate. This has become very popular, but there are no toilet facilities by the cafe.

We should be encouraging residents to exercise more to promote good health and wellbeing, so with the popularity of the cafe and walking the paths around the nearby woods, it is disappointing that there are no toilet facilities that the public can use at this end of the park.

It is becoming more and more of a problem for families in particular as the public toilet facilities are all at the other end of Tilgate Park and often too far for people to make.

Can serious consideration be given please to a small block of toilets at this end of Tilgate Park please?

Response

Tilgate Park implemented a trial to establish whether there was a business case to introduce a Lakeside Café. A competitive tender for a temporary provision was undertaken and having demonstrated the popularity and profitability a larger, but still temporary, structure was installed. The forthcoming revised Business Plan includes an ambition for a permanent structure which would include facilities to enhance the existing park offer – subject to funding being identified and appropriate planning consent.

Q3 – Question to Councillor Noyce – (Cabinet Member for Environment, Sustainability and Climate Change) from Councillor Lanzer

- 1) *Referring to the 2021/22 percentage of Crawley household waste sent for recycling, reuse or composting (31.39%), what would this percentage be if it matched the average rate for the other six West Sussex Borough and District councils?*
- 2) *How many more tons of Crawley household waste would be sent for recycling, reuse or composting each year if Crawley achieved the percentage supplied in answer to the first question?*

Response

- 1) 45.10%. This is broken down into 26.31% dry recycling and 18.68% composting (excluding the reuse element). Crawley sits at 23.02% dry recycling and 8.07% composting.
- 2) 6,922 tonnes (approximately). This is broken into 2,360 tonnes of dry recycling and 4,556 tonnes of garden waste. For the purposes of this question, recycling tonnage has been taken to be diverted from residual waste as opposed to just increasing the overall amount of waste and recycling collected.