

Councillors Written Questions and the Responses **Full Council – 11 December 2024**

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

There has recently been reference on Maidenbower social media to a parking strategy being developed by Crawley Borough Council. Can you please comment on the veracity of these postings?

If a parking strategy is being developed, can you please describe its scope, advise how any consultation will be conducted and how you intend to provide public reassurance that the views of residents, businesses and other stakeholders will be properly considered?

Response

I can reassure Cllr Lanzer that no policy has been written or placed in the public domain and no decision about parking has been made in relation to Maidenbower. We are aware of a post that appeared on social media which suggested that the council was installing pay and display in Maidenbower. The post has now been taken down.

The council does keep parking under review. This is both to ensure public safety and also as parking provides a source of income which the council use to deliver local services. I have asked officers to develop a parking strategy which we expect to bring forward in the New Year. This is at very early stages and officers are working on the scope at the moment. As with any strategy of this nature we will consult with local people, both residents and businesses who we expect will have views on this.

Given the financial pressures that the council faces we do need to consider all sources of income (including parking) as well as expenditure and ensure that we have made appropriate decisions in relation to these.