

Item 6:

Public Questions to be answered at the Council meeting on 8 July 2021.

Members of the Executive to answer the following questions submitted by members of the public in accordance with the Council's Constitution.

- (a) **Question to be answered by the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Economic Development submitted by Mr John Gotelee:**

"The Design and Construction Guidance states that the drainage layout of a new development such as the LRIE should be considered at the earliest stages of design. Has this been done?"

- (b) **Question to be answered by the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Waste submitted by Ms Alison May:**

"Will West Berkshire Council pass a motion in support of the Climate & Ecology Emergency Bill? Climate and Ecology Bill - Parliamentary Bills - UK Parliament?"

- (c) **Question to be answered by the Portfolio Holder for Internal Governance, Leisure and Culture submitted by Mr Alan Pearce:**

"Is the Council's proposal for a new Sports Ground at Monks Lane intended to be a replacement for the Newbury Football Ground at Faraday Road, yes or no?"

- (d) **Question to be answered by the Portfolio Holder for Internal Governance, Leisure and Culture submitted by Mr Paul Morgan:**

"Did the Council receive the endorsement / support of Sport England and the FA before approving the Delegated Officer Decision, DOD4102, dated Tuesday 15 June 2021, that provides authority for "the appointment of Alliance Leisure for the development of the Newbury Sports Ground to progress through planning, design, pre-construction and construction phases to completion"?"

- (e) **Question to be answered by the Portfolio Holder for Internal Governance, Leisure and Culture submitted by Mr Lee McDougall:**

"Can the Council confirm that the proposed Sports Ground at Newbury Rugby Club is still due to be open and in use by the Public in March 2022?"

- (f) **Question to be answered by the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Economic Development submitted by Mr Vaughan Miller:**

"The land at Faraday Road Football Ground has not been needed for redevelopment for the last 3 years, yet this council has steadfastly refused to reopen it for football. It is also clear the land will not be needed for development for the next 3 years as you are spending almost £200k of council tax money to extend a car park there, and your business model requires several years income from the new car parking spaces to recoup some of the spend. So why do you insist on keeping a football ground closed for organised football?"

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(g) **Question to be answered by the Portfolio Holder for Internal Governance, Leisure and Culture submitted by Mr Jason Braidwood:**

"In relation to Cllr Doherty's statement in the Penny Post that any football team in need of support to find a playing pitch should come forward, could she please advise why youth teams have been refused their request to hire the grass pitches at Henwick for day-time, mid-week training?"

(h) **Question to be answered by the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Transport submitted by Mr Paul Morgan:**

"Can the Council please confirm that major proposals / schemes that has the potential to significantly change the existing use, landscape and character of Newbury (e.g. Faraday Plaza, the Kennet Centre "redevelopment", individual LRIE development proposals etc..) will be incorporated into (or put on hold) until the Local Plan Review 2020 – 2037 is completed?"

(i) **Question to be answered by the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Economic Development submitted by Mr Lee McDougall:**

"How much have the Council spent on security and maintenance of the football ground at Faraday Road since June 2018"

(j) **Question to be answered by the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Economic Development submitted by Mr Vaughan Miller:**

"Would you agree that it is a matter of shame that this council has overseen the deliberate neglect of a community asset in Faraday Road Football Ground over the last 3 years which has resulted in its current dilapidated state?"

(k) **Question to be answered by the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Economic Development submitted by Mr Lee McDougall:**

"What is the Council's financial expenditure and income for the football ground at Faraday Road for the 5 years prior to June 2018?"