

## Agenda Item 7

### Public Questions to be answered at the Council meeting on 20 July 2023.

Members of the Executive to answer the following questions submitted by members of the public in accordance with the [Council's Constitution](#):

- (A) Question not related to an item of business to be answered by the Portfolio Holder for Highways, Housing and Sustainable Travel submitted by Ken Omor:**

*"I'm sure I speak for many businesses along and in the area of Hambridge Rd/Boundary Rd and Kings Rd. With reference to your Work ref: ARN-340-63909659 Why were all the works not completed within the time frame stated especially phase 5 which states " Final Road Surfacing-Full Night Time Road Closure, which has now resulted in another month's closure. In addition to this there has been no works carried out on the crossroads for at least the last 5 weeks, so why did the Traffic lights have to remain in place. The whole management of these closures needs looking into, who is holding the contractor accountable for these ongoing delays and missed deadlines. And finally, who compensates the businesses who have suffered loss of trade."*

- (B) Question not related to an item of business to be answered by the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Community Engagement submitted by John Gotelee:**

*"Regarding the upgrading of the faraday Rd pitch from grass to an all weather surface will a Habitat Regulations assessment be needed?"*

- (C) Question not related to an item of business to be answered by the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Corporate Services submitted by Miss Staniforth:**

*"Would it be possible for people to have a say in how their council tax is used? For example, a form is sent out with various categories on, i.e. schools, police service, roads etc, and we can select a few options for our council tax to be allocated in. There would be suitable options for young people, parents and the elderly. For those who don't respond, their money could be allocated to the areas in more need. I feel this would make people feel more involved in the community, and especially with the cost of living crisis, being happy and understanding where our money is going."*

- (D) Question not related to an item of business to be answered by the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Community Engagement submitted by Paula Saunderson:**

*"As DEFRA have a "Grants-in-Aid" scheme which is currently open, what All Source Flood Risk Management activity is underway for my Clayhill Ward Area 3 which I define as a roughly triangular Area bounded by the A339 to the West, South of the River Lambourn and North of the A4 down to roughly the confluence with the River Kennet?"*

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- (E) Question not related to an item of business to be answered by the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Community Engagement submitted by John Gotelee:**

*“Regarding the reinstatement of the football pitch at faraday road what sustainable drainage measures are / will be in place?”*

- (F) Question not related to an item of business to be answered by the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Community Engagement submitted by Paula Saunderson:**

*“What All Source Flood Risk Management activity is underway for my Clayhill Ward Area 4 which I define as another roughly triangular Area bounded by the A339 to the West, South of the A4 (and including its route) and down to the River Kennet?”*

- (G) Question not related to an item of business to be answered by the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Community Engagement submitted by John Gotelee:**

*“Is the Thames water Sewer / Northcroft stream primarily a drain for carrying surface water from the town centre and associated catchment area?”*

- (H) Question not related to an item of business to be answered by the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Community Engagement submitted by Paula Saunderson:**

*“I had difficulty following the new Local Plan Review 2022-2039 for the area defined as Newbury Settlement as all individual policies for this Settlement seem to have been dropped and there are none of the usual Tables immediately visible, therefore I would like to know what the projected number of dwellings (all types) will be for that Settlement by 1am on New Years Day 2040 please, and what plans are there to ensure adequate Water Supply and Sewage/Surface Water Drainage Infrastructure will be in place?”*

- (I) Question not related to an item of business to be answered by the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Community Engagement submitted by Paula Saunderson:**

*“The Berkshire Data Observatory for West Berks is predicting a decline in population of 3,853 by 2043, so can we assume we need 9000 new dwellings because there are this number of homeless, sofa surfers, children leaving home, or people wishing to live alone or get divorced?”*

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- (J) Question not related to an item of business to be answered by the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Community Engagement submitted by Paula Saunderson:**

*“When will West Berkshire Council Undertake the Green/Blue Infrastructure work promised within Policy CS18 under the current Local Plan 2012-2026, including the mapping and categorisation of all Public Open Spaces which can form the basis of an Ecological Current State Assessment of all WBC managed lands and water stretches? See Arun District Council Local Plan 2011-2031 and its daughter (evidence) documents as an example.”*