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

Members of the Executive to answer the following questions submitted by Councillors 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 Councillor Woollaston:

"Are you concerned that the responses from local businesses and disabled residents to a formal consultation on your rushed extension of pedestrianisation hours in Newbury Town Centre from 10am to midnight will be negative, which is the reason you won't carry out any consultation before the trial?"

(B) Question not related to an item of business to be answered by the Portfolio Holder for Highways, Housing and Sustainable Travel submitted by Councillor Mackinnon:

"Has any survey been carried out to establish how many disabled residents will have their independence and daily lives disadvantaged by your planned extension of pedestrianisation hours in Newbury Town Centre?"

(C) Question not related to an item of business to be answered by the Portfolio Holder for Highways, Housing and Sustainable Travel submitted by Councillor Woollaston:

"What traffic problems will be created on surrounding roads by the extension of pedestrianisation hours in Newbury Town Centre?"

(D) Question not related to an item of business to be answered by the Portfolio Holder for Highways, Housing and Sustainable Travel submitted by Councillor Mackinnon:

"Does the Council follow the Statutory Guidance on highway network management issued by the Secretary of State on 1 April 2022? (https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/reallocating-road-space-in-response-to-covid-19-statutory-guidance-for-local-authorities/traffic-management-act-2004-network-management-in-response-to-covid-19)"

(E) Question not related to an item of business to be answered by the Portfolio Holder for Highways, Housing and Sustainable Travel submitted by Councillor Woollaston:

"Have you consulted with the emergency services to obtain their views on how emergency vehicle access to Newbury Town Centre might be

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maintained after your proposed extension of pedestrianisation hours in Newbury Town Centre?"

(F) Question not related to an item of business to be answered by the Portfolio Holder for Highways, Housing and Sustainable Travel submitted by Councillor Mackinnon:

"How do you propose to support businesses who may be unable to manage their supply chain to ensure all deliveries are taken between midnight and 10am following your rushed extension of pedestrianisation hours in Newbury Town Centre?"

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

"Can the Portfolio Holder provide us with an update on the state of the Local Plan Review?"