

Agenda Item 6

Public Questions to be answered at the Council meeting on 18 July 2024.

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 Culture, Leisure, Sport and Countryside submitted by William Richardson:**

“Noting the decision to fell the poplar trees located along Racecourse Road on Stroud Green in Newbury, can I request confirmation of what assessments have been made to lead to felling the trees as a preferred option and how the decision was reached to fell all of the trees, rather than maintenance of those where public safety presents an intolerable risk?”

- (C) Question not related to an item of business to be answered by the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Housing submitted by Simon Pike:**

“The Statement of Common Ground between West Berkshire Council and the North East Thatcham Partnership, prepared in response to Action Point 26 of the draft Local Plan Examination, describes three options for the development of a masterplan and submission of planning applications. For each of these options, at which stage(s) would there be opportunities for stakeholders and members of the public to comment on the proposals, who would conduct the consultation process and what form would it take, and how would the Council ensure that due regard is given to the responses in the development of the masterplan and detailed plans for any development?”

- (B) Question not related to an item of business to be answered by the Portfolio Holder for Culture, Leisure, Sport and Countryside submitted by William Richardson:**

“Whilst public safety concerns are obviously acknowledged please can it be confirmed that the felling of these trees (as opposed to maintenance and selective tree surgery) has been chosen as a course of action based on ecological, environmental and amenity provisions, rather than concerns of budget or practicality?”

- (D) Question not related to an item of business to be answered by the Portfolio Holder for Children and Family Services submitted by Simon Pike:**

“How many children resident within the catchment areas of Kennet School and Trinity School started (or will start) Year 1 of primary education for each of the years 2020-2024, and how many children does the Council predict will start secondary education at each of these schools for each of the years 2026-2030?”