

COUNCIL MEETING – 20 SEPTEMBER 2018

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

- a Sebastian Sandys to Councillor Watts, Leader of the Council:

Could the Leader please outline what (if any) formal connections he has made over the summer on behalf of the Borough with the City State of Totnes?

- b Natasha Cox to Councillor Webbe, Executive Member for Environment and Transport:

The other day on a 390 bus I was sat in front of a couple saying how much they were looking forward to using the cycle path down Holloway Road when it was completed. With the new protected cycle lanes at Archway and Highbury Corner they and their friends had assumed there were plans to join them. Will you contact TFL and push them to provide protected cycle lanes on Holloway Road connecting Archway and Highbury Corner?

- c Liz Eversole to Councillor Ward, Executive Member for Housing and Development:

Residents of the St Lukes' Community have grave concerns about the current St Lukes' development design's impact of dividing and blocking off much needed community open and green space important to improve health, biodiversity and air quality for a growing local population. The proposal for the site by Islington Council would mean reducing the leisure centre site by over 35% to develop private and social housing and reducing the football pitches by almost 50%. Therefore, can the Executive Member for Planning provide evidence that specifically demonstrates how the current design for the development of the Finsbury Leisure Centre site will improve, insure and maintain the council's policy of Open Space, leisure space and green space of the Finsbury Leisure Centre site, crucially required for the densest populated borough in the UK?

- d Benali Hamdache to Councillor Hull, Executive Member for Finance, Performance and Community Safety:

How many people are currently receiving council tax rebates for "mental disability" in Islington right now?

- e John Gabriel to Councillor Webbe, Executive Member for Environment and Transport:

This is a question about the management of the contract between Source London and Islington Council in relation to the location of Electric Vehicle or EV charging units and the and discriminatory access to pavements. The footway on the top of Melgund Road was 1.5 metres before the EV charging equipment was installed and met the Inclusive Mobility guidelines developed by the Department of Transport to comply with the Disability Discrimination Act. After the EV chargers and 400volt feeder pillar were installed, the footway was reduced to 1.28m. The Council have stated that all new EV charging points will allow a footway width of 1.5m. Can the Council instruct Source London to move the Melgund Road chargers and feeder pillar so that residents and pedestrians on Melgund Road have the same rights as those with new EV charging stations and full disabled access is restored to our road? Otherwise the Council will have a two tier set of rights which is not fair or defensible.

- f Margaret Wolfe to Councillor Ward, Executive Member for Housing and Development:

Does the council believe that, since most of the activities at Sotheby Mews will be transferred to the new Highbury Roundhouse Community Centre, it is appropriate that most of these activities will take place in the main hall which has no windows set into the walls, with natural light being provided only by 4 sky lights - is there not a concern these elderly vulnerable people will suffer from SAD or depression having to spend considerable lengths of time in this room "without a view"?

- g Jacqueline Noone to Councillor Ward, Executive Member for Housing and Development:

Have the executive members of the council reconsidered keeping a community centre and social housing at Sotheby Mews?