

COUNCIL MEETING – 29 JUNE 2017

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

- a Greg Foxsmith to Councillor Hull, Executive Member for Finance, Performance and Community Safety:

An astonishing 1,021 bicycles were reported stolen between 1/11/14 and 31/10/15. Of these, a mere 36 were recovered and returned to owner, a derisory figure so low that it has only one advantage - it cannot get any worse. What are the figures for reported bicycle theft and recovery in the following year, and notwithstanding the inevitable improvement, do you consider that to be satisfactory?

- b Ernestas Jegorovas to Councillor Caluori, Executive Member for Children, Young People and Families:

What risk assessment has been done about the influx of cases from West London to Highbury Corner Youth Court following the closure of Hammersmith Court?

- c John Barber to Councillor Burgess, Executive Member for Health and Social Care:

Why did the Council bury on page 133 of the Budget Proposal approved at the last full council meeting, GLL's proposal for the trampoline park that will take over half the Sobell Centre sports hall without giving any details of size, timing or funding and why was this major proposal not brought to the attention of councillors?

- d Benali Hamdache to Councillor Watts, Leader of the Council:

In October 2015 this council passed a motion calling for a revised implementation to the Prevent Strategy. In the motion the council called for a community led, constructive and sensitive approach to tackling extremism in our borough. What progress has been made on these goals?

- e James Woolfenden to Councillor Ward, Executive Member for Housing and Development:

In relation to the proposed Windsor Street development, will the Council please provide drawings and sections to clearly show what is proposed regarding the various structures indicated directly behind and abutting the rear wall of three Packington Street properties with short gardens so that we can consider and comment before any application is made?

This information has been requested since the consultation period started two years ago. It relates to refuse storage, cycle storage and what appears to be a concrete pergola all directly abutting the rear garden walls of the homes and which are only 7.2 metres from our kitchen window.

- f Barbra Woolfenden to Councillor Ward, Executive Member for Housing and Development:

Can the Council confirm/guarantee that any proposed development on the Windsor street site car park will be exclusively for residents with a learning disability?

- g Barry Hill to Councillor Burgess, Executive Member for Health and Social Care:

As one of the group representing all customers and residents when Sobell Sports Centre was threatened with demolition in 2009-2010 and successfully ensuring this architecturally unique facility was saved together with its diverse offer of top class community sports development opportunities for the local community, why has GLL/Better been allowed forego its promises, made at Islington Customer Representative Committee Meetings in 2016, to consult fully with the Islington public and Sobell customers before taking any decision to implement a project involving a major part-change of use of the centre to a recreational theme park?

- h Gill Weston to Councillor Burgess, Executive Member for Health and Social Care:

In December 2016 the NHS published guidelines for homes for people with learning disabilities - "Building the right home". These guidelines specify that no more than six people with learning disabilities should live on one site. Will the council confirm that they will adhere to these guidelines in all building projects intended for people with learning disabilities, and that they will be followed in their project at Windsor Street?

- i Chris Conroy to Councillor Burgess, Executive Member for Health and Social Care:

Are the council aware that there are several funders available (e.g, the Communities Asset Fund, The Football Foundation, London Marathon Charitable Trust) who would be willing to fund the vast majority of redevelopment of the pitch at Barnard Park in its current size, therefore saving lots of money for Islington tax payers, and creating revenue generating opportunities for the Borough?

j Jack Scrafton to Councillor Burgess, Executive Member for Health and Social Care:

The council's plans to reduce the size of the sports pitch at Barnard Park by 70% will mean that there will be nowhere we can practice on Thursday night after school and on Sunday morning. Can the councillors tell us where we (and our 100 friends) will be able to practice?

k Ian Fearnley to Councillor Ward, Executive Member for Housing and Development:

On the 7th June 2016 in a meeting between the council and some residents from Packington Street, the council promised to publish the financial viability report for the Windsor Street development. Now, over a year later, this promise has not been fulfilled. Why has the report not been made available as promised, and when will it be published?

l David Scrafton to Councillor Burgess, Executive Member for Health and Social Care:

In relation to the Barnard Park plans, are the council aware that the SaveOurSportsPitch group at Change.org have already amassed over 650 objections to their plan, a number that is more than 3 times as large as the number of people who ever supported their plans in the consultation?

m Stephen Griffith to Councillor Ward, Executive Member for Housing and Development:

Why were the layman councillors at the 9th May planning for Barnard Park asked to weigh up, on the one hand, an absolute requirement to retain sports pitches with, on the other, environmental considerations when there was no question under the Borough's own Development Plan rules that retention of the Sports Pitch at Barnard Park was not something to be compromised?

n Michael Coffey to Councillor Janet Burgess, Executive Member for Health and Social Care:

Are the council aware that the Department of Local Communities and Government have extended the time for the review of their planning application for the reduction in pitch size at Barnard Park by 70%, and that Sports England have objected to the Council's planning application?

o James Dunnett to Councillor Burgess, Executive Member for Health and Social Care:

The Sobell Centre is recognized as work of architectural importance, nominated for listing at national level by the Twentieth Century Society when threatened with demolition eight years ago.

In view of this, why have Greenwich Leisure Ltd been permitted to start implementing works that will radically alter the internal architectural qualities of the Centre without consulting the planning department or the users of the Centre or making proper drawings available to them - to the extent that even the official User Representative was unaware of the works until they started?