

COUNCIL MEETING – 7 DECEMBER 2017

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC

- a Question from Martin Rutherford to Councillor Ward, Executive Member for Housing and Development:

I would like to propose that Islington Council ban all residents allowing the use of Air BnB and similar companies in their properties, but particularly the council estates that have a security gate system.

We never know who are using these properties, and whilst the tenant or leaseholder holds responsibility for the strangers on our estates, we do not feel safe that these strangers have access to our security fobs which they can pass around as they like. There have been numerous reports of people abusing this system to have parties and cause disruption to the residents in neighbouring properties.

Security and safety should be paramount in our homes, and with a ‘free for all’ attitude to allow anyone free reign on our secure estates, this is not the case. Could Islington Council please say whether they would consider this ban?

- b Question from Marianna Johnson to Councillor Ward, Executive Member for Housing and Development:

Can the Executive Member for Planning provide evidence that specifically demonstrates how the winning design for the development of the Finsbury Leisure Centre site has evolved since the public exhibition of 30th June to take into account and reflect all or any of the comments and concerns put forward by the Burnhill House residents and provide a full written rationale as to why they disagree with the points raised?

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

Residents on Whistler Street have raised concerns about crowding on Arsenal match days in the small passage onto Framfield Road.

Residents have had to personally intervene to stop pushing and crushing, whilst stewards haven't been around to intervene. What is the council doing to ensure fans and residents are safe?

- d Question from Ernestas Jegorovas to Councillor Ward, Executive Member for Housing and Development:

What has the council done in the last 2 years to improve the environment and security of Islington housing estates?

- e Question from Sebastian Sandys to Councillor Hull, Executive Member for Finance, Performance and Community Safety:

What is the total sum, broken down by Executive Member responsibility, of projected revenue not collected in year to date ascribed to delayed decision making?

- f Question from Charles Humphries to Councillor Ward, Executive Member for Housing and Development:

Islington Council is considering a planning application for the extension of the Golden Lane Estate, to include a new 14 storey residential tower block with a single staircase - only four inches wider than the one at Grenfell Tower. Given that single staircase tower blocks are already banned in most other countries, and UK building regulations will be under review, is it right to be making fire safety compromises on new buildings at this time?