

## **COUNCIL**

**18 DECEMBER 2019**

### **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

**I Question from Viv Heuerman, SE18, to Councillor Sizwe James, Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Growth**

Are the plans to move the Waterfront Leisure Centre still going ahead and on time as Tramshed seem to be moving into the newly renovated Barclays premises on the Wilko block earmarked for the new site?

**Reply -**

I thank Viv Heuerman for his question.

The plans to move the Waterfront Leisure Centre are indeed still going ahead. The move by the Tramshed into the former Barclay's unit is a temporary one. Issues were found with the electrical system and the boiler and wider heating system in the old Tramshed building which meant that it had to be closed while essential works are undertaken to make it safe. The Council made alternative accommodation available to the theatre company in Viscount House (on the Wilko block). It is not anticipated that this will affect the programme for the delivery of the new leisure centre.

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**2 Question from Kevin Sweeney, SE18, to Councillor Denise Scott-McDonald, Cabinet Member for Air Quality, Sustainability and Transport**

Could the Council give some indication of any studies of the impact of the Parking Restrictions around Plumstead High Street? For example, revenue gained by parking fines, and the effect these restrictions have had on the small businesses of the High Street, detrimental or otherwise?

**Reply -**

I thank Kevin Sweeney for his question.

No formal studies have been carried out on the impact of the parking restrictions on businesses. During December 2018, officers actively encouraged businesses to provide feedback via the consultation exercise on the parking regime. Anecdotal feedback provided by the businesses during the one to one meetings, indicates that businesses believed that the parking restrictions had had a negative impact on levels of trade due to limited parking for customers. 30 minute free parking is currently being introduced to address this issue.

With regard to Penalty Charge Notices (PCNs) here, since the controls went live around August 2018 up to November 2019 (sixteen months), there have been 709 PCNs issued within the Plumstead Central (PC) CPZ and a further 347 in Plumstead High Street (1,056 in total). Over the similar length period beginning August 2017 there were 399 PCNs issued on Plumstead High Street which would suggest little change in that respect. It is also difficult to measure the level of improvement for residents in roads close to Plumstead High Street who were, prior to the controls being introduced, competing for parking spaces with commuters and short-term parking for the shops.

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**3 Question from Kevin Sweeney, SE18, to Councillor Miranda Williams, Cabinet Member for Culture, Leisure and the Third Sector**

What if anything have the Council have planned for the deplorable state of Plumstead Gardens, that has been in disrepair for some time including an ongoing problem of flooding, are there plans to invest CIL monies at the Gardens?

**Reply -**

I thank Kevin Sweeney for his question.

The Council recognises that Plumstead Gardens is in need of investment for improvement and recently submitted a funding application to the Mayor of London's Greener City Fund to help fund initial improvements to the Gardens. The Council is currently waiting to hear if this funding application has been successful.

The Council also plans to hold a public meeting in February 2020 to try to create a Park Friends Group and at the same time plans to start on development of an improvement plan for the park. The aim is that improvement priorities will be informed by community engagement via the new Park Friends Group and the Council will seek Section 106 and any other sources of funding to support delivery of improvements to the park.

Officers are currently considering if changes can be made to the park landscape to reduce the impact of ground water flooding.

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**4 Question from Maria Freeman, SE18, to Councillor Sizwe James, Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Growth**

When the renovated Library in Plumstead High Street opens in January/February 2020, what will happen to the building currently housing the temporary library, in the Abery St Car Park?

**Reply -**

I thank Maria Freeman for her question.

I can confirm that in accordance with the planning consent the building will be removed from the site and the temporary car park will be reinstated.

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**5 Question from Maria Freeman, SE18, to Councillor Danny Thorpe, Leader of the Council**

Given that there is much local opposition to the Silvertown Tunnel, and continued concerns about traffic impacts and air quality, what actions will the Royal Borough of Greenwich be taking to campaign for a halt to the contract being completed?

**Reply -**

I thank Maria Freeman for her question.

I wrote to the Mayor of London, asking them to pause work on the Silvertown Tunnel, whilst a full review of alternative options to reduce congestion and pollution around the Blackwall Tunnel was undertaken.

Unfortunately, Transport for London completed its contract with the RiverLinx consortium, to build the Silvertown Tunnel, at the end of last month. No legal avenue exists to oppose the Tunnel, as the time limit for a Judicial Review has expired.

The Royal Borough has been a leading voice in calling for Transport for London to properly manage and minimise impacts if the Tunnel is constructed. We have:

- secured vital improvements to the proposals;
- expanded the contents of the Development Consent Order, setting out how Transport for London may develop the tunnel; and
- secured a separate legal agreement to deliver additional local mitigation measures.

The Royal Borough will continue to work to make Transport for London maximise the benefits- such as new public transport links- and minimise the impacts of Silvertown Tunnel on Royal Greenwich. This includes making sure the Tunnel supports our ambitious transport and air quality objectives.

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### PUBLIC QUESTIONS

**6 Question from Siobhàn Trethewey, SE18, to Councillor Denise Scott-McDonald, Cabinet Member for Air Quality, Sustainability and Transport**

With the introduction of the new Traffic Management Order introducing half hour free parking, around Plumstead how many car parking spaces are now available on pay and display in Conway Road, Galloson Road, Mineral Street, White Hart Road and Garibaldi Street?

**Reply –**

I thank Siobhàn Trethewey for her question.

The recent Traffic Management Order amends the arrangements of the bays where there is currently a Pay & Display (P&D) option to allow the first thirty minutes free but has not added any additional P&D spaces. The approximate number of P&D spaces (shared with permit holders), in those roads mentioned are listed below.

Conway Road	13 spaces
Galloson Road	10 spaces
Mineral Street	11 spaces
White Hart Road	12 spaces
Garibaldi Street	16 spaces