

**COUNCIL MEETING 18/01/23**  
**PUBLIC QUESTION NO. 1**

Question asked by: Clive Lees

Relevant Directorate: Housing, Regeneration and Public Realm

Member to reply: Councillor Andre Bourne

**Question**

What progress has been made since we previously asked (Council Meeting 21 July 2021) about the footpath across the Goan field to formalise its current improved alignment?"

**Reply**

As a result of previous intervention by the Council, a public right of way across the Goan field on an improved alignment was provided and remains unobstructed and available for public use. Following receipt of legal advice on this matter, the Council is under no legal obligation to formalise these arrangements.

The Council is aware of the aspirations of users of the footpath to retain the new alignment and remains supportive in principle. Should there be any further concerns about the use of the footpath the Council is happy to review and discuss further, including another meeting if convenient. Please send any correspondence to [Highways@lewisham.gov.uk](mailto:Highways@lewisham.gov.uk)

**COUNCIL MEETING 18/01/23**  
**PUBLIC QUESTION NO. 2**

Question asked by: Andrew Brown

Relevant Directorate: Housing, Regeneration and Public Realm

Member to reply: Councillor Louise Krupski

**Question**

Leahurst Road (South of Longhurst) is one of the busiest roads within the Lee Green LTN with recent monitoring showing it has pollution levels higher than all surrounding A roads and the same levels as the south circular. The road was included in traffic count monitoring in 2019, 2020 and 2021. But it was excluded in the most recent monitoring report in 2022.

Leahurst Road (North of Ennersdale) was included in the 2022 report and showed a 25% increase in traffic counts post LTN vs pre LTN.

Why was the road excluded from the 2022 report and what are the plans to reduce through traffic and pollution for this road apart from the school streets scheme that have already been implemented?

**Reply**

The LTN was aimed at reducing overall through traffic within the bounded area of the scheme, which it has done.

There has been an increase in traffic surveyed on Leahurst Road during the last monitoring exercise, however, these are not considered to be significantly high and amount to 485 vehicles over the period of the survey, which is typically seven days. As highlighted in the monitoring report, some surveys across the wider area experience consistent and deliberate vandalism which led to certain monitoring areas being unable to collect data. One of these sites was located near to Ennersdale Road. Going forward the Council will be considering alternative methods of data capture to reduce the likelihood of vandalism for the next monitoring survey. With a few exceptions, almost all roads that have been monitored have less vehicular traffic now when compared to the data collected in March 2019 before the LTN was introduced.

Vehicle speeds have reduced on average by 5.4% on roads in and around the LTN compared with March 2019 and are below the 20mph speed limit in the majority of cases.

Air quality has continued to remain within the legal limit across the area and has improved in 20 of the 22 sites monitored when compared to pre-LTN levels. Bus journey times have continued to operate within a comparable time prior to the LTN being implemented. The Eastbound journey times along Brownhill Road are the most impacted with higher than average journey times during 2021 but in the last three months this has operated with average journey times lower than before the LTN being implemented.

The LTN has also led to a reduction in the number of traffic collisions, including a 12% reduction in Killed and Seriously injured collisions within the consultation area. Additional complementary measures are also being introduced within the LTN and surrounding areas including more trees, additional electric vehicle charging points, bike hangars, cycle stands, new seating and improved pedestrian crossing points. These are aimed at encouraging residents to take up more sustainable forms of travel and reduce car trips while increasing amenity in the local area. Overall, the latest data suggests the revised Lewisham and Lee Green LTN is continuing to meet its aims.

**COUNCIL MEETING 18/01/23**  
**PUBLIC QUESTION NO. 3**

Question asked by: Jean Taylor

Relevant Directorate: Housing, Regeneration and Public Realm

Member to reply: Councillor Louise Krupski

**Question**

What is the council's policy on pavement parking and how does it reflect the ambition, outlined in the Climate Emergency Action Plan, of making 'Lewisham a place where the low carbon choice of travel is the easy choice, and this informs our work to support a transition to a cleaner fleet, encourage modal shift and reduce the impact of cars, vans and lorries by managing traffic and parking'?

**Reply**

Shortly the Council will be commencing the roll out of the new Sustainable Transport and Parking Improvement Programme. This includes a multi-year phased approach to consult residents and businesses and implement new controlled parking measures, where there is local support. In addition, should there be a desire by residents the Council will also implement environmental improvements and measures to encourage people to take up more sustainable forms of transport and includes bike hangers, electric vehicle charging points, trees etc.

The programme will also consider a review to reduce where possible pavement parking in order to assist pedestrians and improve local amenity.

**COUNCIL MEETING 18/01/23**  
**PUBLIC QUESTION NO. 4**

Question asked by: Jean Taylor

Relevant Directorate: Housing, Regeneration and Public Realm

Member to reply: Councillor Louise Krupski

**Question**

What equality impact assessment has been made of the impact of allowing pavement parking on people who share protected characteristics, including families of young children, older and disabled people?

**Reply**

The existing formalised parking in the form of Controlled Parking Zones within Lewisham have been in place for many years and before any requirement for equality impact assessments, as such we do not have this information.

Formalised pavement parking is only introduced where there is sufficient space to accommodate the national standards of 1.2m minimum pavement width. This is aimed to provide sufficient width for pedestrians including those with the characteristics mentioned above. If there are specific concerns about a formalised arrangement the Council will be happy to review and please send any correspondence to [lewishamclientrequest@nsl.co.uk](mailto:lewishamclientrequest@nsl.co.uk).

Where there are no parking controls there are instances where motorists are parking partly on the pavement. Going forward the Council has recently approved a new programme to roll out new controlled parking zones where they do not exist and review existing controlled parking zones over the next few years. The programme will also consider a review to reduce, where possible, pavement parking in order to assist pedestrians and improve local amenity.

**COUNCIL MEETING 18/01/23**  
**PUBLIC QUESTION NO. 5**

Question asked by: Mark Bennett

Relevant Directorate: Chief Executive

Member to reply: The Mayor, Damien Egan

**Question**

Does the Mayor think elected officials should be honest and open with the public?

**Reply**

Yes, public officials should be open and honest with the public.

**COUNCIL MEETING 18/01/23**  
**PUBLIC QUESTION NO. 6**

Question asked by: Mark Bennett

Relevant Directorate: Housing, Regeneration and Public Realm

Member to reply: Councillor Sophie Davis

**Question**

What proportion of properties managed by Lewisham Homes are known to suffer from damp and / or mould? Following the Manchester North coroner's verdict in November, how does Lewisham Homes propose changing its policies on this potentially fatal problem?

**Reply**

Thank you Mark for your question. Lewisham Homes and Lewisham Council take this issue extremely seriously.

The proportion of Lewisham Homes stock known to suffer from damp & mould is approximately 7% based on a stock condition survey, which is being further validated.

Following the Manchester North coroner's verdict in November, Lewisham Homes strengthened its approach to the management of damp and mould. This now includes:

- A dedicated mailbox and team taking calls and correspondence from our residents reporting damp, mould or condensation issues in their home.
- If a phone assessment is not possible, a visit is made to make an assessment using a traffic light rating system. A 'red' classification is given wherever mould or damp issues are assessed as a category 1 or 2 hazard, and in these cases a mould wash is raised the same day.
- Cases recorded and managed by a dedicated team of damp and mould specialists and administrators.

Lewisham Homes also seek to pro-actively identify properties that may be at risk of damp and mould. Lewisham Homes carried out a Stock condition survey in 2019 and 2020 and an MOT programme launched in October 2021 to inspect at risk properties. Lewisham Homes also visit all properties closed on the damp and mould log to ensure remedial works have had the desired effect. If they have not, a survey is conducted to identify further remedial works.

Lewisham Homes will continue to proactively communicate damp and mould messaging to residents and staff.

**COUNCIL MEETING 18/01/23**  
**PUBLIC QUESTION NO. 7**

Question asked by: Clive Lees

Relevant Directorate: Housing, Regeneration and Public Realm

Member to reply: Councillor Brenda Dacres

**Question**

What planning enforcement action if any is the Council pursuing in respect of 18 Hillbrow Road, Bromley, BR1 4JL

**Reply**

The enforcement case at 18 Hillbrow Road remains under active investigation. No decision has yet been taken on any formal action that may be necessary. The case officer will update interested parties as the case progresses.

**COUNCIL MEETING 18/01/23**  
**PUBLIC QUESTION NO. 8**

Question asked by: Janet Swinney

Relevant Directorate: Housing, Regeneration and Public Realm

Member to reply: Councillor Louise Krupski

**Question**

When will the Council's Strategic Highways Review be finalised, what stages does it go through before it is finalised, who is responsible for producing it and at what point can those of us who have concerns about the safety of our street make the case for essential improvements?

**Reply**

The Council is unaware of the term "Strategic Highway Review" and assumes your question either refers to the Local Implementation Plan (LIP) bidding round or the borough-wide traffic collision review.

The Council has made LIP submissions based upon known areas based upon evidence, as is the requirement by TfL. The Council has also undertaken a borough-wide strategic review on the location and causation of collisions resulting in injury on the highway. This will be used to inform priorities for spending. If you have suggestions for priorities please email [Traffic@lewisham.gov.uk](mailto:Traffic@lewisham.gov.uk)

**COUNCIL MEETING 18/01/23**  
**PUBLIC QUESTION NO. 9**

Question asked by: Catherine Harrington

Relevant Directorate: Housing, Regeneration and Public Realm

Member to reply: Councillor Louise Krupski

**Question**

Please can the Council confirm that the Strategic Highways Review involves determining the allocation of resources for safe crossings and confirm the timeframe for finalising the Strategic Highways Review

**Reply**

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**COUNCIL MEETING 18/01/23**  
**PUBLIC QUESTION NO. 10**

Question asked by: Catherine Harrington

Relevant Directorate: Housing, Regeneration and Public Realm

Member to reply: Councillor Louise Krupski

**Question**

Please can the Council confirm whether there will be opportunities to make formal representations as part of the Strategic Highways Review and, if so, how representations can be made

**Reply**

The Council is unaware of the term “Strategic Highway Review” and assumes your question either refers to the Local Implementation Plan (LIP) bidding round or the borough-wide traffic collision review.

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**COUNCIL MEETING 18/01/23**  
**PUBLIC QUESTION NO. 11**

Question asked by: Marcus Mayers

Relevant Directorate: Housing, Regeneration and Public Realm

Member to reply: Councillor Sophie Davis

**Question**

How much will it cost to bring Lewisham Homes under the direct management of the Council, including details of any redundancies? How much does the Council expect to save in the first year and in subsequent years, how will those savings be achieved and how many jobs will be lost as part of the reorganisation?

**Reply**

The estimated cost of bringing back the housing service is currently budgeted to be approximately £600,000. The final cost will depend on the transfer date and the remaining due diligence work which has not yet concluded. Any redundancies as a result of the transfer cannot be identified at this stage of the programme until the TUPE process is completed. The TUPE process, and the associated consultation process, has not yet been started and it is this process that will identify if which posts will transfer to the Council and the baseline operating model to then be developed.

The primary driver for this change remains the ability to consolidate and better focus service improvements in the management of Lewisham's social housing stock to meet all current and future regulatory and quality standards for the benefit of residents.

**COUNCIL MEETING 18/01/23**  
**PUBLIC QUESTION NO. 12**

Question asked by: Marcus Mayers

Relevant Directorate: Community Services

Member to reply: Councillor Chris Barnham

**Question**

Over the last 12 months, on what dates has the violence reduction board met?

**Reply**

The Violence Reduction Board was introduced in the May 2019 alongside Public Health Approach to Violence Reduction Strategy.

Following the COVID 19 pandemic it was assessed that the functions of the Violence Reduction Board were duplicating those of the statutory Safer Lewisham Partnership Board (SLPB) and therefore no meetings of the Violence Reduction Board have taken place in the last 12 months and no further meetings are planned. The Safer Lewisham Board, however, met most recently in October with the next meeting scheduled for later this month.

It must be noted that with the implementation of the Serious Violence Duty in 2023, a further review will take place to ensure effectiveness.

**COUNCIL MEETING 18/01/23**  
**PUBLIC QUESTION NO. 13**

Question asked by: Liz Fox

Relevant Directorate: Housing, Regeneration and Public Realm

Member to reply: Councillor Louise Krupski

**Question**

In the last 12 months what meetings have councillors or council officers had with TfL about extending the Santander cycle hire scheme to Lewisham?

**Reply**

Councillors and officers have met TfL on at least three occasions and have impressed upon them the desire for an extension of this scheme into Lewisham. TfL have indicated that this is dependent on available funding, which they have been unable to identify at the present time due to financial constraints.

**COUNCIL MEETING 18/01/23**  
**PUBLIC QUESTION NO. 14**

Question asked by: Liz Fox

Relevant Directorate: Community Services

Member to reply: Councillor Paul Bell

**Question**

Following the publication of the Lewisham Safeguarding Adults Board report on the 11th November 2022 what actions are Lewisham Council now taking to fully implement the recommendations that relate to it? What are the timescales for implementing the relevant recommendations?

**Reply**

The Lewisham Safeguarding Adults (LSAB) Board is currently working with the Council and other relevant agencies in the action planning phase of the Eileen Dean Safeguarding Adults Review (SAR) that was published on 11 November 2022. 9 of the 13 recommendations are for 'Lewisham Commissioners' so there is a link to the Council via the joint commissioning arrangements in the borough or for Adult Social Care directly.

Some of these recommendations are fairly complex and as such it may take a few months before a way forward is agreed. This is particular relevant for recommendation 5 as it is suggested this may result in a regional commissioning response.

The LSAB is anticipating that all of the actions will be agreed by the end of Feb 2023 and in many instances fully implemented within another 2-3 months of that, although as highlighted some actions may take longer to be delivered if this results in new commissioning pathways, or new protocols being developed.

The LSAB will monitor all of this very carefully and seek assurances on how actions are implemented, and crucially embedded over time, through longer-term quality assurance processes such as audits and other reviews.

**COUNCIL MEETING 18/01/23**  
**PUBLIC QUESTION NO. 15**

Question asked by: Maggie Clark

Relevant Directorate: Community Services

Member to reply: Councillor Juliet Campbell

**Question**

How does Lewisham Council decide which issues should be the subject of a presentation at a ward assembly? How is the exact agenda agreed for each assembly - how are local residents able to decide the agenda of ward assemblies, as opposed to corporate and borough priorities being imposed by the Council?

**Reply**

Issues for ward assembly discussion are decided by the ward assembly co-ordinating/organising group. The group consists of a group of local resident volunteers, individuals from local community organisations and ward councillors, one of whom is designated as the Chair for the ward assembly meeting.

At the co-ordinating/organising group meeting, which takes place six to eight weeks in advance of the planned date of the assembly meeting, a proposed agenda is constructed, based on:

- Updates from previous meetings
- Advice from the local representatives at the meeting
- Requests for inclusion of items on the agenda from local residents (both local and borough-wide)
- A standing item to provide community updates
- Existing knowledge of all attendees, including councillors.

The agenda is discussed by the group and arrived at by consensus.

To further facilitate improved engagement with residents, the local assembly webpage on the Council's website was recently reviewed and updated.

Residents wishing to have an item considered for inclusion on the agenda should contact their local councillors or their designated ward assembly officer. Contact details can be found at: <https://lewisham.gov.uk/mayorandcouncil/local-assemblies>.

**COUNCIL MEETING 18/01/23**  
**PUBLIC QUESTION NO. 16**

Question asked by: Maggie Clark

Relevant Directorate: Chief Executive

Member to reply: Councillor Amanda De Ryk

**Question**

Who is responsible for checking that Councillors provide a full response to questions asked at Council by members of the public? When a Councillor fails to answer a question in full can the questioner re-submit the missing element at the following meeting, in addition to the new restriction of two questions? When a Councillor fails to answer a question with whom can the questioner raise the matter?

**Reply**

Whilst officers assist councillors with the preparation of responses if requested, the response is ultimately a matter for the councillor. Any re-submitted question will be considered by Jeremy Chambers, the Council's Monitoring Officer, in line with the Council Rules of Procedure. Jeremy can be contacted at [jeremy.chambers@lewisham.gov.uk](mailto:jeremy.chambers@lewisham.gov.uk) and is happy to provide information on the rules for Council meetings.

**COUNCIL MEETING 18/01/23**  
**PUBLIC QUESTION NO. 17**

Question asked by: Phil Bridger

Relevant Directorate: Housing, Regeneration and Public Realm

Member to reply: Councillor Louise Krupski

**Question**

In early December the council fenced off approx 20% of Clarendon Rise Car Park to store commercial bins for Lewisham Market. Local residents have been waiting months for 2 sets of approved NCIL funding with the explicit aim of reducing the visual impact of the car park for local residents and users and now have a new bin park to look at. Is the new bin storage area in Clarendon Rlse Car Park a permanent feature, and what was the decision making process involved in the creation of this new commercial bin area and were residents / local councillors involved?

**Reply**

The Council is currently undergoing a review of how waste is managed for Lewisham Market. The arrangements in the car park are a temporary measure to enable safe access for the recycling and refuge trucks pick up waste as part of this review. Once the review is completed, if there are any proposed permanent changes, the Council will ensure that users of the car park are made aware before any such changes are made.

**COUNCIL MEETING 18/01/23**  
**PUBLIC QUESTION NO. 18**

Question asked by: Phil Bridger

Relevant Directorate: Housing, Regeneration and Public Realm

Member to reply: Councillor Louise Krupski

**Question**

Are there any plans to improve Albion Way with a focus on people and less focus on cars, and how does the increasingly commercialised use of Albion Way align with its use one of the town's main pedestrian thoroughfare?

**Reply**

At the current time the Council does not have any plans to review the operation of Albion Way.

**COUNCIL MEETING 18/01/23**  
**PUBLIC QUESTION NO. 19**

Question asked by: Mark Morris

Relevant Directorate: Children and Young People

Member to reply: Councillor Chris Barnham

**Question**

Please provide for the calendar year 2022 (or the most up to date figures for this time period): 1. The number of looked after children that had been placed inside the borough who had been missing for 24 hours or more. 2. The number of looked after children that had been placed outside the borough who had been missing for 24 hours or more. 3. The number of incidents of looked after children going missing from placements within the borough for 24 hours or more. 4. The number of incidents of looked after children going missing from placements outside of the borough for 24 hours or more.

**Reply**

Caring well for children who need to be looked after by the local authority is one of our most important priorities. In recent years, a comprehensive improvement programme has been in place, responding to the 2019 Ofsted inspection finding that our children's social care service required improvement.

In more recent visits, Ofsted has praised the progress being made, and the improvements achieved in supporting children in care, despite the many challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, for example. This is a very welcome acknowledgement of the hard work and dedication of our children's social care team.

There is of course more to be done - we have always known that we were engaged in a multi-year improvement programme, against a challenging background of financial constraint and pressures on our families. Support for children in our care will accordingly remain a very high corporate priority.

Turning to your specific questions about children in care who at some point were missing in 2022:

1. The number of looked after children that had been placed inside the borough who had been missing for 24 hours or more. 13
2. The number of looked after children that had been placed outside the borough who had been missing for 24 hours or more. 14
3. The number of incidents of looked after children going missing from placements within the borough for 24 hours or more. 73 (This includes 42 young people (aged 16-17) who were missing between 1 and 6 times).

4. The number of incidents of looked after children going missing from placements outside of the borough for 24 hours or more. 107 (This includes 102 young people (aged 13-17) who were missing between 1 and 8 times.)  
As part of the wider improvement programme mentioned above, we have tightened up our procedures to work with children who go missing.

**COUNCIL MEETING 18/01/23**  
**PUBLIC QUESTION NO. 20**

Question asked by: Mark Morris

Relevant Directorate: Children and Young People

Member to reply: Councillor Chris Barnham

**Question**

Please state how many teenagers in the calendar year of 2022 (or the most up to date figures for this time period) who are in the care of Lewisham Council have been placed in “unregulated accommodation”, that of independent or semi-independent accommodation with limited support and which is not regulated by the quality inspectorate. Please also set out figures for (a) children under the age of 16, and (b) teenagers between 16 to 18.

**Reply**

Caring well for children who need to be looked after by the local authority is one of our most important priorities. In recent years, a comprehensive improvement programme has been in place, responding to the 2019 Ofsted inspection finding that our children's social care service required improvement.

In more recent visits, Ofsted has praised the progress being made, and the improvements achieved in supporting children in care, despite the many challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, for example. This is a very welcome acknowledgement of the hard work and dedication of our children's social care team.

There is of course more to be done - we have always known that we were engaged in a multi-year improvement programme, against a challenging background of financial constraint and pressures on our families. Support for children in our care will accordingly remain a very high corporate priority.

Turning to the specific issue of accommodation, as of January 2023 31 young people aged 16-18 currently live in semi-independent provision. This is the average number we expect in this type of provision and this figure has remained fairly static. These placements are ‘unregulated’ in the sense that they are outside the Ofsted inspection framework, however they are legally permitted. Unregulated provision is allowed in law for children aged between 16-18. It is largely used to support children 16+ towards living independently. The most common type of unregulated provision is semi-independent supported living. This is accommodation where children get key worker support as opposed to needing full-time care. It's for local authorities, as ‘corporate parents’, to make sure any placements of this nature are safe and suitable for their child to live in. For all of these young people the placement is to help prepare them for independence and is part of their care plan, and appropriate support is provided from our children's social care service.

As for children under 16, during 2022 there have been five placed in unregulated placements. Two such placements have ended and we currently have three children. A decision to make such a placement is typically made when we have been unable to identify any regulated provision across the country that is able to accommodate a specific young person. These are typically young people with multiple and complex needs. Nationally there is an acute shortage of suitable provision for children with additional needs.

For all children placed in these circumstances additional safeguards and monitoring are in place to ensure the children's safety and wellbeing:

- Permission has to be granted to place in unregulated provision by the Director of Children's Social Care.
- The children are reviewed fortnightly at a panel, chaired by the Director of CSC to ensure progression towards movement to a regulated provision.
- Family Courts are briefed, the children are all subject to Deprivation of Liberty Orders (DOLS)
- Ofsted have been notified.
- The children are subject to regular visits by their allocated social workers.
- The Independent Reviewing Officers have oversight of the arrangements and statutory review meetings are routinely held.

**COUNCIL MEETING 18/01/23**  
**PUBLIC QUESTION NO. 21**

Question asked by: Martin North

Relevant Directorate: Community Services

Member to reply: Councillor Andre Bourne

**Question**

There were some major issues in 2022 with respect to those using Deptford Park.

Will the council ensure that it's plans to ensure equal, fair and safe access to this very popular park will include the use of large permanent notices at the park entrances which welcome visitors and ask them to respect the rules for the benefit of everyone? Also to ensure that these notices should be in place early in the year to avoid repeats and escalation of the distressing incidents that have occurred over recent years.

**Reply**

During the Summer of 2022 matters were raised with the Council's Parks and Open Spaces department with regards to large gatherings of groups and the use of BBQs at Deptford Park.

Whilst the active usage of Deptford Park is welcome, all Parks users are expected to adhere to the Parks Bye-Laws which are clearly displayed in the noticeboard within the park. In addition to this 'NO BBQ signs' were displayed on gate entrances and whilst there were incidences of these being removed, they were replaced again at the earliest opportunity.

Whilst signage serves a purpose these can often be readily ignored and therefore additional back up is carried out via Glendale Parks Patrol who, during this busy summer period, engaged and advised parks users where matters of anti-social behaviour were found.

Funding for permanent signage will not be put in place at this time – messaging can be seasonal and site specific and therefore temporary signage for this type of messaging is appropriate and more easily replaceable than permanent signage should graffiti/vandalism occur.

We will of course ensure that such appropriate signage is clearly displayed and in situ as required, as well as encourage continued reporting of anti-social behaviour, as advised, in order to tackle those issues, where possible, at the time of their occurrence. In addition, Cllr Bourne is happy to accompany Mr North on a walkabout in Deptford Park at his convenience.

**COUNCIL MEETING 18/01/23**  
**PUBLIC QUESTION NO. 22**

Question asked by: Martin North

Relevant Directorate: Housing, Regeneration and Public Realm

Member to reply: Councillor Brenda Dacres

**Question**

When there is ongoing substantial housing development taking place in a specific area of Lewisham and that area has needed improvement by the authority for many years would you agree that in fairness a reasonable % of Section 106 and NCIL funds should be allocated in the area affected before monies are budgeted across the remainder of the borough?

Deptford Park is in need of an injection of capital as it forms the hub of several developments in the area. I have been previously informed that there are no specific S106 funds allocated for the park. Why has this unfair situation occurred and how can this be addressed?

**Reply**

Section 106 contributions are legally ringfenced to mitigate specific scheme impacts and generally are spent within the vicinity of the site (exceptions being where an impact of a development is Borough wide such as with secondary school contributions). CIL receipts are already ringfenced so that 25% is allocated to the ward within which a scheme is located.

The Council has recently spent or committed £236,237 in Deptford Park, the details of which were outlined in public question 22 at the 23 November 2022 Council questions. This is a combination of S106, NCIL, capital budget spend and fundraising and is in addition to around £700,000 of s106 committed in 2020-2021 to other parks and open spaces in Evelyn ward.

**COUNCIL MEETING 18/01/23**  
**PUBLIC QUESTION NO. 23**

Question asked by: Peter George

Relevant Directorate: Chief Executive

Member to reply: Councillor Amanda De Ryk

**Question**

When the Council reviews in six months the restrictions on public questions at Council that it has just imposed, what are the criteria for assessing that the restrictions have been a success?

**Reply**

The changes to the rules for Council questions agreed at the last Council meeting have brought Lewisham more into line with other authorities.

The previous Council questions procedure would consume hundreds of hours officer and member time to prepare for. For the previous Council meeting before the rule changes came into effect, 129 questions were received including 26 from one individual. The changes aim to help the Council manage resources in the run-up to council meetings. Simplifying the Council's approach to align with the approach taken by other councils will assist members, officers and the public in asking and responding to questions, e.g. the removal of 1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc. preference questions. The 6 month review will consider the overall effectiveness of the new arrangements.

**COUNCIL MEETING 18/01/23**  
**PUBLIC QUESTION NO. 24**

Question asked by: Peter George

Relevant Directorate: Housing, Regeneration and Public Realm

Member to reply: Councillor Brenda Dacres

**Question**

When did Lewisham's Planning Department stop reading emails that it had been copied into and when were the public told of this policy?

**Reply**

This approach has operated within the Planning Service general inbox ([planning@lewisham.gov.uk](mailto:planning@lewisham.gov.uk)) for some years given the volume of emails received. This is not something that has been notified to the public as the purpose of a 'cc' email is to copy information to someone that has been sent to another person. No emails are deleted but as copies of correspondence rather than direct correspondence, it is expected that those who are the recipient of the emails action them and reply.

The Planning Service inbox ([planning@lewisham.gov.uk](mailto:planning@lewisham.gov.uk)) receives over 400 direct emails on a daily basis (not including carbon copy and blind carbon copy emails). As a result of this large amount of correspondence received daily, it is not possible for carbon copy and blind carbon copy emails to be monitored. This is why the approach of the Lewisham Business Improvement Team who monitor the inbox is to only monitor emails directly addressed to the [planning@lewisham.gov.uk](mailto:planning@lewisham.gov.uk) email address – to do otherwise would not be feasible given the volume of email traffic.

**COUNCIL MEETING 18/01/23**  
**PUBLIC QUESTION NO. 25**

Question asked by: Jane Alaszewski

Relevant Directorate: Community Services

Member to reply: Councillor Louise Krupski

**Question**

How many trees have been felled and how many planted on Council-owned land (including the public highway) in Catford South, Rushey Green and Lee Green wards in the last 10 years?

**Reply**

Over the previous ten years 271 trees were felled with 286 planted. However, it is important to note that these figures do not reflect the change in approach to both the removal and planting of trees in recent years. In 2021/22 across the borough there were just 79 trees felled with 443 planted, with a 95% survival rate, and in the 2022/23 planting season we plan to plant 550 trees.

**COUNCIL MEETING 18/01/23**  
**PUBLIC QUESTION NO. 26**

Question asked by: Jane Alaszewski

Relevant Directorate: Housing, Regeneration and Public Realm

Member to reply: Councillor Louise Krupski

**Question**

Is the email address [envirocasework@lewisham.gov.uk](mailto:envirocasework@lewisham.gov.uk) the only one advertised on the Council's website that is not monitored regularly?

**Reply**

The email address referred to has been checked and is regularly monitored.

**COUNCIL MEETING 18/01/23**  
**PUBLIC QUESTION NO. 27**

Question asked by: Josue Lucas Mitte

Relevant Directorate: Housing, Regeneration and Public Realm

Member to reply: Councillor Sophie Davis

**Question**

Could you confirm when (and if) you will be able to provide the data for the average times families spent in temporary/emergency accommodation per financial year since 2015/16?

**Reply**

We cannot unfortunately provide the data for the average amount of time households have spent in total in temporary accommodation. Whilst living in temporary accommodation, it is likely that a household will move tenancies whilst they are awaiting a permanent home. Our system can provide data on individual tenancy start and end dates, but cannot currently provide an overall report of the total length of time spent in TA when households have moved property.

In order to best answer the question, we have produced data showing the average length of time a household has been in a tenancy in the financial year, however this is not an estimate of how long someone going into Temporary Accommodation might expect to wait until they are rehoused into permanent accommodation.

FY Ending	Average Days
2015	272
2016	276
2017	301
2018	359
2019	379
2020	381
2021	472
2022	511
2023	718

**COUNCIL MEETING 18/01/23**  
**PUBLIC QUESTION NO. 28**

Question asked by: Josue Lucas Mitte

Relevant Directorate: Housing, Regeneration and Public Realm

Member to reply: Councillor Louise Krupski

**Question**

The Council was due to open a consultation regarding the planters on Silverdale Road in December for six weeks. I live in John Baird Court, directly in front of the planters, yet have not received any information regarding how to take part in this. Considering how families are now left in temporary accommodation for years if not over a decade, we will be affected by changes to the area for a long time, so could you confirm that residents at John Baird Court (SE26 4SY) will be eligible to participate, and how they may do so.

**Reply**

The Council launched a consultation on the physical modal filters on Silverdale, Bishopsthorpe Road and Glenbow Road on Friday 9 December, which is open until Sunday 22 January.

Residents have been invited to engage in the consultation in a number of different ways; postcards were delivered to addresses in the distribution areas (which includes John Baird Court) during week commencing 12 December; posters have been put up in the area with a QR code to the consultation; hard copies of the consultation are available to complete at Sydenham Community Library, the Sydenham Centre, the Sydenham Winter Warm Welcome Hubs at the Grove Centre and Here for Good; and the consultation has been shared on social media via the Council's channels.

If you have not received a postcard to your address, you may either complete a hard copy of the consultation at any of the locations noted above or online by visiting [www.lewisham.gov.uk/SilverdaleBishopsthorpeRoad](http://www.lewisham.gov.uk/SilverdaleBishopsthorpeRoad).

**COUNCIL MEETING 18/01/23**  
**PUBLIC QUESTION NO. 29**

Question asked by: Karen Pratt

Relevant Directorate: Housing, Regeneration and Public Realm

Member to reply: Councillor Louise Krupski

**Question**

Why was no one in Lee Green informed in writing of the dates when school streets would be implemented?

On what basis do some people get a warning letter when they drive into a School Street by mistake and others receive a PCN on their first offence?

Is this a money-making exercise?

**Reply**

The Council advertised the commencement of the School Streets schemes by the erection of clear enforcement signs. Each School Street location is carefully consulted with the representatives of the respective school and upon agreement, the designs are considered and then implemented. Full information on commencement of the Lee Green area as well other sites are available on the Council website here: Lewisham Council - Our School Streets programme

The Council issued warning notices to contravening vehicles for a two-week period following the commencement of CCTV enforcement. After this two-week period any driver contravening the restriction was issued with a Penalty Charge Notice (PCN). For clarity, the Council was under no obligation to undertake such an information exercise but decided this is good practice to assist and warn motorists in changing behaviour.

The schemes are purely designed to protect children during school times and to improve road safety and air quality. Motorists will not receive PCNs for entering the School Streets scheme outside school term times or outside the hours of operation which are specified on the signs.

Lewisham Council - Our School Streets programme

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**COUNCIL MEETING 18/01/23**  
**PUBLIC QUESTION NO. 30**

Question asked by: Mark Del

Relevant Directorate: Housing, Regeneration and Public Realm

Member to reply: Councillor Louise Krupski

**Question**

Cllr Krupski said that monitoring has shown that no significant detrimental effects have been created outside this area. We take it she is referring to boundary Rds? like Lee Rd. Can she explain from where she is produced her base data that would support this theory, as up until very recently boundary Rds where not included in any data gathering, reports, or consultations?

**Reply**

Please find the information you seek in the following documents which we provided at the last Full Council meeting. These links have been checked and do work. You are advised to use an alternative device if you are having difficulties opening these links.

<https://councilmeetings.lewisham.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=139&MId=6495&Ver=4>

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**COUNCIL MEETING 18/01/23**  
**PUBLIC QUESTION NO. 31**

Question asked by: Mark Del

Relevant Directorate: Housing, Regeneration and Public Realm

Member to reply: Councillor Louise Krupski

**Question**

The link Cllr Krupski supplied for the report from September 2022 didn't work. Can she supply a copy of the report that can be accessed please?

**Reply**

Please find the information you seek in the following documents which we provided at the last Full Council meeting. These links have been checked and do work. You are advised to use an alternative device if you are having difficulties opening these links.

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**COUNCIL MEETING 18/01/23**  
**PUBLIC QUESTION NO. 32**

Question asked by: Mike Newman

Relevant Directorate: Housing, Regeneration and Public Realm

Member to reply: Councillor Louise Krupski

**Question**

Now that the data that was used to decide on Lewisham's LTNs has shown to be flawed when will the council be reviewing the policy and consulting with the electorate? Additionally the unclear signage is causing great distress. Some of the planters have been moved aside. Drivers do not understand signs and sometimes receiving heavy fines.

**Reply**

The Council do not agree with your view and used data from TfL and the Council's own surveys to assess the LTN.

The signs are clear, legally correct and meet national standards and are commonly used throughout the country. Licenced drivers are legally obliged to understand all the national signs that could be used on Britain's highways as per the Highway Code.

Some of the modal filters / planters have been repositioned to assist with the Council decision to improve permeability for emergency vehicles, including ambulances, whilst still acting as a deterrent through the use of camera enforcement.

**COUNCIL MEETING 18/01/23**  
**PUBLIC QUESTION NO. 33**

Question asked by: Mike Newman

Relevant Directorate: Community Services

Member to reply: Councillor Juliet Campbell

**Question**

There was a meeting in early November with the Blackheath ward. We were promised minutes of the discussions but none have been received yet. When will they be made available?

**Reply**

A meeting of the Blackheath Ward Assembly took place on 10th November 2022. We apologise that the promised minutes have not as yet been published. Although the minutes have been drafted, there has been a delay due to the need to collate responses to some of the detailed questions raised at the meeting.

**COUNCIL MEETING 18/01/23**  
**PUBLIC QUESTION NO. 34**

Question asked by: Eve Newman

Relevant Directorate: Community Services

Member to reply: Councillor Louise Krupski

**Question**

It is Council policy to replace trees in the borough. One was damaged and then removed at the Blackheath village end of Lee Park. When will it be replaced?

**Reply**

Although we would like to have a like for like replacement policy this is not practically or operationally possible in many circumstances. It is not always as simple as reusing a tree pit, there are multifaceted factors that need to be taken into consideration such as potential diseases which caused the death of the previous tree. Residents who would be interested in having a tree planted in their area can find useful information by following the links below:

Also on the website is the link:

<https://lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/environment/trees/how-to-get-new-trees-planted>

This contains a link to register an interest and a link to the:

<https://www.streettreesforliving.org/website>

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**COUNCIL MEETING 18/01/23**  
**PUBLIC QUESTION NO. 35**

Question asked by: Rosalyn Burbidge

Relevant Directorate: Housing, Regeneration and Public Realm

Member to reply: Councillor Louise Krupski

**Question**

The road surface of Baring Road has completely broken up in many places. Interim repairs have failed. The road carries high numbers of emergency, public transport and industrial vehicles as well as standard road traffic, and its state causes noise pollution, house vibrations and considerable distress to residents . The Council has made a great deal of money from CCTV enforced traffic management measures in the Borough, which it can spend on road improvements. When does the Council plan to fully resurface Baring Road"

**Reply**

The Council assesses the conditions of all streets annually in order to prioritise any repairs and resurfacing required. The Council's budgets are limited and can only address some of these roads based upon locations that are considered the most in need.

Certain roads, such as borough principal roads, including Baring Road, are funded directly by Transport for London (TfL). This is the case across all of London. The Council submitted a funding application for Baring Road in 2022 but, as of yet, funding by TfL has not been allocated. The Council will continue to seek funding from TfL to undertake the maintenance repairs.

**COUNCIL MEETING 18/01/23**  
**PUBLIC QUESTION NO. 36**

Question asked by: Annie Kirby

Relevant Directorate: Housing, Regeneration and Public Realm

Member to reply: Councillor Louise Krupski

**Question**

The Council repeatedly claim the Lee Green LTN reduces pollution and congestion. Are you working directly with medical professionals and GPs in the Lee ward and boundary wards (Hither Green, Grove Park, Lewisham Central and Blackheath) in monitoring asthma rates in both adults and children, since the trial LTN was implemented?

If not, when will you start doing this?

**Reply**

The Council liaise with the Lewisham NHS Trust who monitor asthma levels in the borough. As such, Lewisham continues to work with health professionals who support the Council's objectives to encourage active travel in the borough, which is an aim of the LTN and contributes to both improved air quality and increased physical activity.

**COUNCIL MEETING 18/01/23**  
**PUBLIC QUESTION NO. 37**

Question asked by: Annie Kirby

Relevant Directorate: Community Services

Member to reply: Councillor Juliet Campbell

**Question**

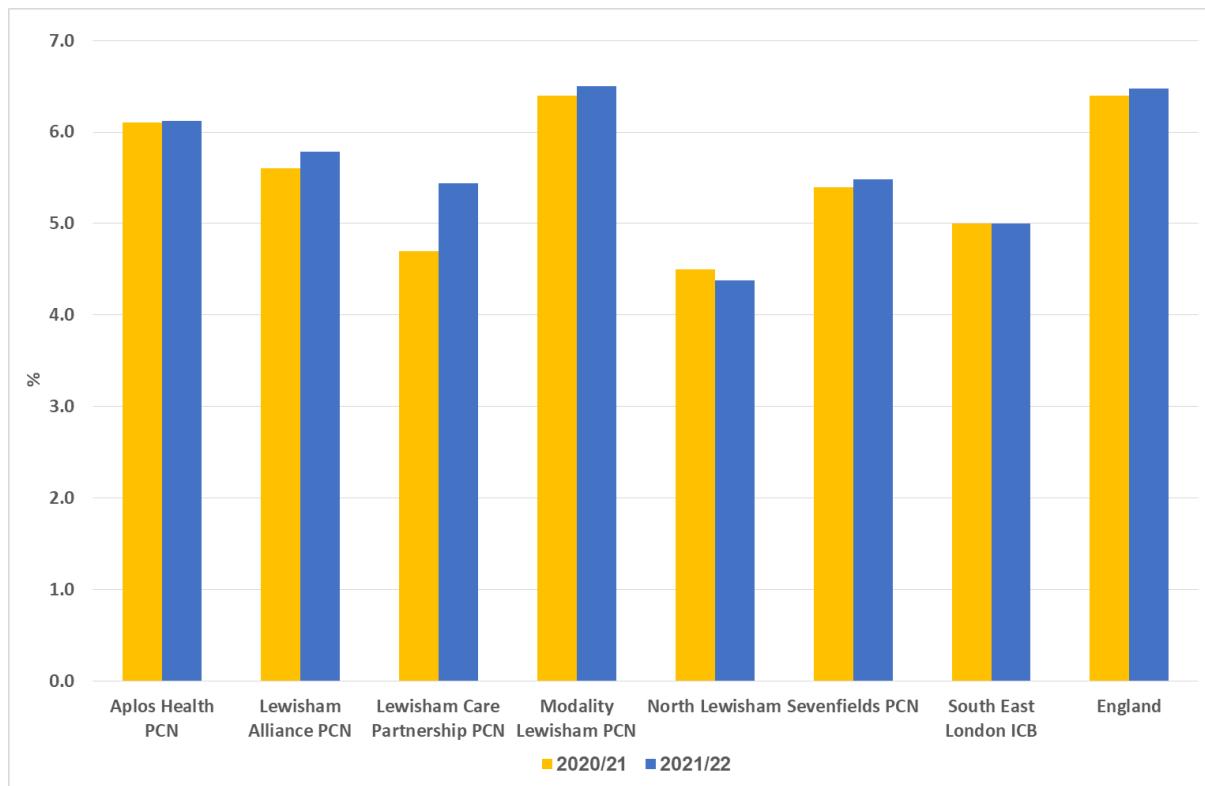
Have the rates of childhood asthma in Lee, and its 4 neighbouring wards, increased or decreased since July 2020 (and the implementation of the Lee Green LTN)?

**Reply**

Nationally available data concerning asthma prevalence (i.e. the percentage of patients with asthma) collated by the Office for Health Inequalities and Disparities (OHID) is for all those aged 6 years and over and is presented at both GP and Primary Care Network (PCN) level, rather than by electoral ward. It is therefore not possible to use this data to determine whether rates of childhood asthma in Lee Green have increased or decreased since July 2020. We have however presented below the prevalence of asthma in both children and adults aged 6 years and over by PCN.

Following the publication of the NHS Long Term Plan in 2019, Lewisham's GP practices have been organised into six Primary Care Networks (PCNs). The PCNs nearest and surrounding Lee Green are Lewisham Alliance, Lewisham Care Partnership and Sevenfields. The diagnosed asthma prevalence for GP registered patients aged over 6 years by PCN can be seen in Chart 1 below. Between the 2020/21 and 21/22 data periods, diagnosed asthma prevalence increased in GP registered patients in all PCNs in Lewisham, except North Lewisham. Increases in asthma prevalence have also been seen across England during this time period.

*Chart 1: Asthma Prevalence (%) by Lewisham PCN for those aged 6+*



(Source: OHID Fingertips)

**COUNCIL MEETING 18/01/23**  
**PUBLIC QUESTION NO. 38**

Question asked by: Joanne King

Relevant Directorate: Community Services

Member to reply: Councillor James-J Walsh

**Question**

Lewisham Library is still closed, the alert on the Council website says this is due to unforeseen circumstances.

What are these circumstances that have caused the closure of the library and when will it reopen? Also what preventative measures have the Council now taken to prevent a recurrence of these circumstances or any similar.

**Reply**

The library was closed due to a failure in the heating system which has now been repaired. A new system has been installed which should prevent a recurrence of this same issue again.

The library reopened on Monday 9th January.

**COUNCIL MEETING 18/01/23**  
**PUBLIC QUESTION NO. 39**

Question asked by: Laura Davis

Relevant Directorate: Housing, Regeneration and Public Realm

Member to reply: Councillor Louise Krupski

**Question**

In answer Decembers residents questions Cllr Krupski mention at the end of her answer (Question 79 23rd Nov 22) other influencing factors that cause traffic in the area; however, these have always been there, they are nothing new, and yet the traffic on Lee Rd has visibly increased since the introduction of the LTN. She herself acknowledged at the end of the assembly meeting on 10/11/22, to me in person, that the council understood when they implemented the LTN that traffic would be displaced, and that some roads would be negatively impacted more than others. How dose she intend to deal with this displaced traffic, in order to bring traffic on Lee Road under control?

**Reply**

The monitoring exercise undertaken throughout the lifetime of the LTN does not indicate any material detrimental effect on surrounding roads. This has been further corroborated by TfL who have monitored traffic flows in this area.

Lee Road is a classified B road which is designed to move traffic from A roads towards local destinations.

**COUNCIL MEETING 18/01/23**  
**PUBLIC QUESTION NO. 40**

Question asked by: Laura Davis

Relevant Directorate: Housing, Regeneration and Public Realm

Member to reply: Councillor Louise Krupski

**Question**

It took over 18 months and a great deal of badgering of the council for the residents of Lee Rd to get a pollution monitor installed on our Rd. With that in mind, Can the council tell us how many other boundary Rd have had pollution monitors installed? and which Rds these are?

**Reply**

The Council measures air quality at many sites across Lewisham, including on roads close to the boundary of the borough, so-called 'boundary sites'. The eight boundary sites where roadside air quality monitors are installed are Downham Way, Evelyn Street, Goffers Road, Lee Road, Leyland Road, Plough Way, Sparta Street, Woodville Close, and Woodyates Road.

The location of all air quality monitoring sites across Lewisham can be found via the links below:

<https://lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/environment/air-pollution/check-air-quality-levels>  
[https://www.londonair.org.uk/london/asp/publicbulletin.asp?la\\_id=23](https://www.londonair.org.uk/london/asp/publicbulletin.asp?la_id=23)

**COUNCIL MEETING 18/01/23**  
**PUBLIC QUESTION NO. 41**

Question asked by: Lee Powell

Relevant Directorate: Housing, Regeneration and Public Realm

Member to reply: Councillor Brenda Dacres

**Question**

What percentage of Catford Regeneration Partnership Ltd tenants are up to date with both their rent and service charge payments; and how much is now owed in unpaid rent and service charges?

**Reply**

The past couple of years have been very challenging for the Company and its tenants mainly due to the impact of COVID. Until last year, a general nervousness of the public to engage in big public activities such as exercise classes, going to the cinema and in some cases a preference to shop online rather than at the local supermarket, have all contributed to a reduced footfall in the centre and therefore the viability of some tenants' businesses.

A direct consequence of COVID on the operations of the Company is that rent and service charge payments fell significantly over the past two years leading to an increase in arrears and debt owed to the company. The current rent and service charge arrears owed to the Company is approximately £860k with circa 40% of tenants up to date with payments.

A significant part of the rent and service charge arrears is owed by a few entities and discussions are progressing to secure settlements. The company has also agreed payment plans with a number of the tenants giving them time to clear their arrears. This has been very successful and most are on a payment plan due to finish in 2024.

**COUNCIL MEETING 18/01/23**  
**PUBLIC QUESTION NO. 42**

Question asked by: Sian Hill

Relevant Directorate: Housing, Regeneration and Public Realm

Member to reply: Councillor Louise Krupski

**Question**

What the main drivers for the LTNs now are and what the success criteria are? Residents were originally told that the LTNs that were introduced in 2020 (such as the Lee Green one) were introduced for COVID reasons, but once that had died down, the LTNs were apparently retained to deal with the "Climate Emergency", and now they are required to address road safety (but only inside the LTN). How does the Council measure success if the reasons for retaining the LTN keep changing? Also, what were the criteria under each of COVID, "Climate Emergency" and road safety and have these been met?

**Reply**

All the information relating to the background and history to the LTN, including its aims and objectives, are contained in the relevant reports on the Council's website. Please see the two links below:

<https://councilmeetings.lewisham.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=139&MId=6495&Ver=4>

<https://councilmeetings.lewisham.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=139&MId=7912&Ver=4>

The overall objectives of the scheme have not changed throughout this time, which essentially are to encourage more people to walk and cycle, whilst at the same time improving air quality and public health, reducing noise pollution and making roads safer. Details on the schemes performance against these measures is contained in the monitoring reports found through the attached links.

**COUNCIL MEETING 18/01/23**  
**PUBLIC QUESTION NO. 43**

Question asked by: Sian Hill

Relevant Directorate: Housing, Regeneration and Public Realm

Member to reply: Councillor Louise Krupski

**Question**

At the Assembly meeting on 10 November 2022 residents were informed that the school “safer street” scheme due to be introduced for Lee Church Street at the entrance to St Margaret’s School, which was supposed to be introduced in November 2022, had been postponed until 2023. Can the Council please commit to a firm date this year for this scheme to be introduced in Lee Church Street?

**Reply**

The Council has obtained funding to deliver this School Street and is in the process of confirming potential implementation dates with Transport for London, as this scheme is on the boundary with their road network. The Council will update the school and local residents once a date has been confirmed.

**COUNCIL MEETING 18/01/23**  
**PUBLIC QUESTION NO. 44**

Question asked by: Kate Richardson

Relevant Directorate: Housing, Regeneration and Public Realm

Member to reply: Councillor Louise Krupski

**Question**

What percentages of car parking fines are paid to the Council by the operators in the Borough for example the Car Park in Holbeach Rd and the Car Park in The Downham Leisure Centre?

**Reply**

All Penalty Charge Notice payments received in relation to Council owned car parks are paid directly to Lewisham Council and therefore we receive 100% of the fines.

**COUNCIL MEETING 18/01/23**  
**PUBLIC QUESTION NO. 45**

Question asked by: Kate Richardson

Relevant Directorate: Housing, Regeneration and Public Realm

Member to reply: Councillor Louise Krupski

**Question**

In the recent Parking Consultation document the Culverley Green Area, which forms a substantive part of Catford South Ward and virtually borders Catford Town Centre, has now been designated as part of “Bellingham”. This unexpected designation is amplified by the fact a large part of the Corbett Estate to the east, remains designated as part of Catford South (Ward). The rationale for this rather odd interpretation of geographical location would seem unclear as parking pressures in our area are fundamentally different from those to the south of the borough and, we believe, on a par with the area bordering the town centre to the west, in a priority area for more immediate.

**Reply**

The Sustainable Transport and Parking Improvements Programme was approved by the Council’s Mayor and Cabinet last year and will take a phased approach to the consultation and implementation of sustainable transport measures and parking changes. The naming of the areas are identifiers on the plan within the report and appropriate titles will be considered prior to resident engagement.

We have taken an evidence-led approach to the order of the programme based on parking stress data, with the Deptford and Catford areas selected for phase 1 as significant parking stress was identified in these areas. Going forward, parking stress across the borough will be reviewed and the order of the programme will be adjusted to respond to this. We have noted your concerns about parking stress on Culverley Road.

**COUNCIL MEETING 18/01/23**  
**PUBLIC QUESTION NO. 46**

Question withdrawn.

**COUNCIL MEETING 18/01/23**  
**PUBLIC QUESTION NO. 47**

Question asked by: Joan Sakkas

Relevant Directorate: Housing, Regeneration and Public Realm

Member to reply: Councillor Louise Krupski

**Question**

What discussions are taking place regarding changes to Lee Road to help alleviate with the increased volume of traffic and pollution on the road including Blackheath village and its constant HGV cut throughs. Can you please let me know what is being proposed and whether we the residents on Lee Road are to be consulted?

**Reply**

According to data from TfL, traffic flows along Lee Road in recent months have been generally stable and similar to pre-pandemic levels in 2019. Flows and congestion can however be adversely impacted by utility works and incidents on the wider highway network, such as closures at Blackwall Tunnel.

The Council will be undertaking a feasibility study later this year to assess options to improve capacity at the junction of Lee Road and Lee Terrace along with a further study to identify potential locations for environmental weight restrictions to control the routing of HGVs. Blackheath village will be one of the areas considered as part of the study.

Should any measures relating to this matter be proposed and funding be identified, residents whom may be affected will be consulted in line with Council procedures.

**COUNCIL MEETING 18/01/23**  
**PUBLIC QUESTION NO. 48**

Question asked by: Joan Sakkas

Relevant Directorate: Housing, Regeneration and Public Realm

Member to reply: Councillor Louise Krupski

**Question**

What current stats does LBL hold regarding car ownership in the LTNs ? One would assume that these stats have changed (reduced) since the LTN was adopted in the area? can you please confirm?

**Reply**

The information currently available indicates that the percentage of households that possessed a vehicle in Lewisham in 2021 was 47.7%. These figures are based upon census data. The data is available on a ward-by-ward basis but is not available in any geographical form that relates to the LTN area.

A change in car ownership requires a change in cultural approach to travel. As with all tasks in encouraging a cultural change in approach by residents this is expected to take time and possibly over a number of years.

To assist, the Council is providing additional complementary measures within the LTN and surrounding areas including more trees, additional electric vehicle charging points, bike hangars, cycle stands, new seating and improved pedestrian crossing points. These are aimed at encouraging residents to take up more sustainable forms of travel and reduce car trips while increasing amenity in the local area.

**COUNCIL MEETING 18/01/23**  
**PUBLIC QUESTION NO. 49**

Question asked by: Shaheen Khan

Relevant Directorate: Housing, Regeneration and Public Realm

Member to reply: Councillor Louise Krupski

**Question**

In addition to passive measures such as waiting for the population to switch to electric vehicles, what active measures are the council taking to mitigate against the increased risk of child and adult morbidity and mortality caused to Lewisham residents by the increased air traffic pollution that has resulted from the council's implementation of LTNs? The question relates specifically to risks to those residing in, travelling through, studying in, and working in the areas adjacent to the LTNs where the council have taken active measures to increase the volume of traffic in order to reduce traffic in the LTNs

**Reply**

The data does not support your statement of increased poor air quality due to the LTN.

The monitoring data for the LTN, including for air quality, is contained in the relevant reports on the Council's website. To access the reports please follow the links below:  
<https://councilmeetings.lewisham.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=139&MId=6495&Ver=4>

<https://councilmeetings.lewisham.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=139&MId=7912&Ver=4>

The reports also provide details of the provision of additional complementary measures being introduced within the LTN and surrounding areas including more trees, additional electric vehicle charging points, bike hangars, cycle stands, new seating and improved pedestrian crossing points. These are aimed at encouraging residents to take up more sustainable forms of travel and reduce car trips while increasing amenity in the local area.

**COUNCIL MEETING 18/01/23**  
**PUBLIC QUESTION NO. 50**

Question asked by: Shaheen Khan

Relevant Directorate: Community Services

Member to reply: Councillor Louise Krupski

**Question**

Are all council members satisfied that they have fully discharged their individual and collective responsibilities to protect the babies and children in the borough travelling to and from nurseries and schools from the harmful effects of air pollution which we know to be in breach of standards?

**Reply**

We are confident that all matters that we can influence by legislation are in place and will continue to be pursued to improve air quality in Lewisham. The advice and education around improving Air Quality continues to be driven by our Environmental Health and Public Health services. We are also further working with other partners such as TFL around vehicle generated pollution. We are working through our Planning and Housing services to deliver, advice, guidance and regulation around domestic boilers, uptake in alternative heat sources in new homes and requiring improved insulation to both new builds and refurbished properties across the borough. All of these factors affect the air we breathe both roadside, during travel and in our homes, schools and workplaces.

Our extensive monitoring shows steady improvements made around Air Quality across the borough and in particular those measured by roadside monitors. Whilst we meet aggregated current UK/EU limits, Lewisham are working towards achievement of more stringent (although not statutory) WHO limits. This is a position the council took in early 2020 and will continue to push for these limits to be statutory.

Our Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP) details these measures and more information can be found on our website. <https://lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/environment/air-pollution/read-our-air-quality-action-plan-and-other-reports>

**COUNCIL MEETING 18/01/23**  
**PUBLIC QUESTION NO. 51**

Question asked by: Billy Shah

Relevant Directorate: Housing, Regeneration and Public Realm

Member to reply: Councillor Kim Powell

**Question**

In 2020 the Mayor pledged to hold an annual count of independent shops and business and BAME owned businesses, with the count happening for the next 20 years. Did the annual count take place in 2022 and what are the plans for 2023?

**Reply**

The first survey and headcount was conducted in 2021 with the results published in October 2021. It was planned that this would be repeated in autumn 2022. However it has taken longer than anticipated to mobilise the fieldwork and it was also felt that doing the survey in the lead-in to Christmas would make it difficult for businesses to take part. Therefore the fieldwork is now taking place in January 2023. Once again the work will be conducted by London South Bank University and the full findings and report will be made available in the spring.

**COUNCIL MEETING 18/01/23**  
**PUBLIC QUESTION NO. 52**

Question asked by: Diana Cashin

Relevant Directorate: Housing, Regeneration and Public Realm

Member to reply: Councillor Louise Krupski

**Question**

In the Ofcom communication services consumer omnibus Digital exclusion analysis it states 18% of UK adults do not have the use of a smartphone and among the over 70s this figure rises to 61%

In for example making parking digital only in central Catford and Beckenham Place Park what consideration was given on the impact of digital exclusion on these groups and what if anything does the Council propose to do to mitigate this?

**Reply**

The Council has introduced cashless parking payment solutions to all parts of the borough and moved away from use of Pay and Display machines, which are an unsustainable and uneconomical way of taking payment for parking charges. For example, they can provide a target for vandalism or theft and they cost the Council a significant amount of money to provide and operate.

The Council have taken into consideration that not all customers own a smartphone or mobile telephone device or desire to use cashless payments. In order to help these customers, PayPoints in shop locations allow for customers to pay via cash in a safe and convenient way.

**COUNCIL MEETING 18/01/23**  
**PUBLIC QUESTION NO. 53**

Question asked by: Diana Cashin

Relevant Directorate: Housing, Regeneration and Public Realm

Member to reply: Councillor Louise Krupski

**Question**

In the report to Council on 7th December 2022 to Mayor and Cabinet on sustainable transport and parking it is stated that car ownership in Lewisham has reduced to 47%. Presumably this was calculated ward by ward -- could you please give the figure for Catford South?

**Reply**

The information currently available indicates that the percentage of households that possessed a vehicle across Lewisham in 2021 was a whole is 47.7%. These figures are based upon census data.

Please find below the data for Catford South as of 2021:

No car: 34.1%

One car or van: 45.1%

Two cars or vans: 16.3%

**COUNCIL MEETING 18/01/23**  
**PUBLIC QUESTION NO. 54**

Question asked by: Ben Maguire

Relevant Directorate: Chief Executive

Member to reply: Councillor Amanda De Ryk

**Question**

On what basis has the Council decided to limit questions to 2 per resident and which consultation if any was carried out before making this decision? The decision appears to fly in the face of a democratic process and increasing transparency.

**Reply**

At the Constitution Working Party (CWP) meeting when the report was considered, the Monitoring Officer was in attendance to clarify legal requirements, where members do and do not have options and, when required, gave a professional view on effectiveness of each provision in terms of good governance. The recommendations agreed by Council in November were unanimously agreed by the CWP.

The Council is committed to transparency. That is why there are multiple channels for residents to contact Councillors and the Mayor including via email, Councillor surgeries and Meet the Mayor sessions.

**COUNCIL MEETING 18/01/23**  
**PUBLIC QUESTION NO. 55**

Question asked by: Ben Maguire

Relevant Directorate: Housing, Regeneration and Public Realm

Member to reply: Councillor Louise Krupski

**Question**

Can the Council explain what the success criteria for the LTN is based on and how this is monitored going forwards? As residents were originally told it was for COVID, then it was to address the "Climate Emergency", now we are being told it's to address road safety (But only inside the LTN). Given that recent surveys have showed minority support even from those people living within the LTNs what is the measure of success?

**Reply**

All the information relating to the background and history to the LTN, including its aims and objectives, are contained in the relevant reports on the Council's website. Please see the two links below:

<https://councilmeetings.lewisham.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=139&MId=6495&Ver=4>

<https://councilmeetings.lewisham.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=139&MId=7912&Ver=4>

The overall objectives or success criteria of the scheme have not changed throughout this time, which essentially are to encourage more people to walk and cycle, whilst at the same time improving air quality and public health, reducing noise pollution and making roads safer. Details on the schemes performance against these measures is contained in the monitoring reports found through the attached links.

**COUNCIL MEETING 18/01/23**  
**PUBLIC QUESTION NO. 56**

Question asked by: Eric Kentley

Relevant Directorate: Corporate Resources

Member to reply: Councillor Amanda De Ryk

**Question**

Does the Council have a requirement for enquiries from members of the public to council departments and specific officers to be answered within a given period and if so what is this period and how is it monitored and enforced?

**Reply**

The Corporate targets for answering enquiries from members of the public to the Council are as follows:

- Answer 80% of telephone calls (Corporate, measured by 8x8 VCC system)
- See 95% of customers who arrive on time for an appointment within 10 minutes (Corporate, measured by QMatic system)
- 90% Attempted call-backs (Customer Service Centre Only, measured by 8x8 VCC system)
- 80% Attempted call-backs within two hours (Customer Service Centre Only, measured by 8x8 VCC system)
- Respond to letters within 10 days (monitored by service area)

**COUNCIL MEETING 18/01/23**  
**PUBLIC QUESTION NO. 57**

Question asked by: Dan Kirby

Relevant Directorate: Housing, Regeneration and Public Realm

Member to reply: Councillor Louise Krupski

**Question**

What is the total amount of PCNs generated for the following locations, within the following dates

January 2021 - December 2021

January 2022 - December 2022

Dermody Road

Ennersdale Road

Dallinger Road

Holme Lacey Road

Upwood Road

**Reply**

What is the total amount of PCNs generated for the following locations, within the following dates

January 2021 - December 2021

January 2022 - December 2022

Dermody Road

Ennersdale Road

Dallinger Road

Holme Lacey Road

Upwood Road

**Reply**

The total amount of PCNs generated are shown in the tables below:

**January 2021 - December 2021**

Street Name	Number of PCN's
Dallinger Road	36
Dermody Road	63130
Ennersdale Road	173
Ennersdale Road	22
Ennersdale Road x Nightingale Grove	1,748
Holme Lacey Road	59
Upwood Road	21
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>65,189</b>

**January 2022 - December 2022**

Street Name	Number of PCN's
Dallinger Road	403
Dermody Road	35,768
Ennersdale Road	102
Ennersdale Road	16
Ennersdale Road x Nightingale Grove	1,313
Pascoe Road junction with Ennersdale Road	1,697
Holme Lacey Road	204
Holme Lacey Road x Manor Lane - Eastbound	72
Holme Lacey Road x Manor Lane - Westbound	28
Upwood Road	762
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>40,406</b>

**COUNCIL MEETING 18/01/23**  
**PUBLIC QUESTION NO. 58**

Question asked by: Dan Kirby

Relevant Directorate: Housing, Regeneration and Public Realm

Member to reply: Councillor Louise Krupski

**Question**

What is the total amount of PCNs generated in the following school street filters since they began operating. Please break down month by month:

St. Winifred's School

Trinity Primary School

**Reply**

The total amount of PCNs generated up to end of December 2022 is shown in the tables below:

St. Winifred's School	
<b>Month</b>	<b>No. of PCN's Issued</b>
Nov-22	819
Dec-22	697

Trinity Primary School	
<b>Month</b>	<b>No. of PCN's Issued</b>
Sep-22	2
Oct-22	2185
Nov-22	1746
Dec-22	898