



# **LIST OF MEMBER QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

Member questions and answers for the Council Meeting of the London Borough of Lewisham to be held on Wednesday 22 November 2023.

**MEMBER QUESTION NO. 1**  
**22 November 2023**

Question asked by: Cllr John Paschoud

Relevant Directorate: Place

Member to reply: Councillor Louise Krupski

**Question**

What data has been collected, at what locations and dates, to show changes in:

- traffic volumes
- vehicle-generated pollution
- road safety

in all roads affected negatively or positively by traffic diverted by the barriers installed in Bishopsthorpe Road and Silverdale in 2020?

What proposals have been drafted, so far, to ameliorate the severe negative impacts of the barriers, and traffic diverted by them, on Mayow Road, Queenswood Road and other affected residential roads in Perry Vale ward, and what is the planned timetable for decisions on and possible implementation of these measures?

**Reply**

The modal filters on Bishopsthorpe Road and Silverdale have been made permanent in order to retain the safer environments created for walking and cycling. Results from the public consultation held December 2022-January 2023 shows that respondents felt the filters had had a positive impact on walking and cycling, road safety and a reduction in unnecessary car journeys.

The conversion of the modal filters enables access for emergency services and blue badge holders, and reduces the operational costs related to maintenance and vandalism.

We recognise that local residents and councillors are concerned about congestion in both Sydenham and Perry Vale, and a number of schemes are in progress to address this. Plans are being developed to improve traffic management and road safety at the junction of Sydenham Road and Mayow Road, including changes to the traffic lights system, with the aim of reducing traffic and congestion on the surrounding roads. Proposals for improvement works at this junction will be shared with residents, ward councillors and other local stakeholders later this year.

In Perry Vale, a new zebra crossing is being designed for Perry Rise and there is ongoing investigation into a number of projects for the Bell Green area.

These programmes are designed to improve road safety for pedestrians and cyclists and reduce congestion across the wider area.

There are annual reviews of air quality data across the borough which is undertaken by Environmental Health, looking at a range of monitors across our network. This information is published on the Council's website here: <https://lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/environment/air-pollution/check-air-quality-levels>. Having reviewed the air quality data on Mayor Road and Dacres Road there are positive improvements seen since 2019: a 21.3% reduction in NO2 at Mayow Road (L13), a 21.9% reduction at Mayow Road (SSDT\_40) and a 14.3% reduction at Dacres Road (SSDT\_38).

Officers have not undertaken any additional monitoring of the area. As noted, the filters were introduced quickly in response to the Government's requests that measures were put in place to create more space for walking and cycling at a time when social distancing was required. This meant that the normal preparatory work could not be undertaken and so there is pre-scheme data to compare to. Any traffic monitoring commissioned for this year would not be able to indicate the impact of the two modal filters.

It is important that we recognise the impacts of driving on road safety, congestion and air quality and take measures to reduce these impacts. Creating environments that encourage more journeys to be made by walking, cycling and public transport will have a positive effect. There are a range of projects that are being delivered in the area which, when combined, will enable this.

**MEMBER QUESTION NO. 2**  
**22 November 2023**

Question asked by: Cllr Laura Cunningham

Relevant Directorate: Place

Member to reply: Councillor Brenda Dacres

**Question**

Can you provide an update on the planned Lewisham Homes development on the Place Ladywell site in Ladywell Ward?

**Reply**

On 24 October 2023 we received planning approval for the redevelopment of the former Ladywell Leisure Centre (Rear of Place Ladywell), Lewisham High Street, SE13.

The project is 100% affordable housing and provides 102 new homes – a mixture of council homes and shared ownership properties. The scheme is included as part of the wider Building for Lewisham programme and is therefore part of M&C paper in December 2023. Following this the project team will be looking to procure a main contractor with a programmed start on site for the end of 2024 / early 2025.

The construction will comprise of four residential blocks ranging from 3 to 7 storeys, the construction of a single-storey building comprising storage and electrical substations and the construction of replacement cycle and refuse stores for Place Ladywell together with the re-provision of existing car parking on Longbridge Way and the creation of new public realm including children's play space, cycle parking, car parking and associated works.

**MEMBER QUESTION NO. 3**  
**22 November 2023**

Question asked by: Cllr Liam Shrivastava

Relevant Directorate: Children and Young People

Member to reply: Councillor Chris Barnham

**Question**

How many children in the borough are in receipt of pupil premium grants? Can you provide an equalities data breakdown for this eg ethnicity, disability, gender, SEND etc. Can you also provide any information on geographic location of those receiving grants.

**Reply**

The pupil premium grant is funding allocated to state-funded schools in order to improve educational outcomes for disadvantaged pupils. In Lewisham, the total number of pupils attracting pupil premium (as at September 2023) was 11,138.

This number is likely to grow as a result of innovative work by Lewisham Council officers across several Council departments. Data analysis across education, IT, revenues, benefits and communications teams identified more than 500 Lewisham families who appeared to be eligible for free school meals but who had not applied. If eligible families don't register, schools miss out on pupil premium funding for that child. A serious blow to school budgets. We told those parents that we would apply on their behalf and gave them the option to opt out of the process. With only three families opting out, the increase in registrations should deliver £1.2 million extra pupil premium funding to Lewisham schools in 2024-25. That's money not only to provide a healthy meal for hundreds more children every day, but funding for extra staff, equipment, and support in their schools.

We don't have a full breakdown of equalities data relating to Pupil Premium Grants as this is not data derived from the School Census. By its very nature, however, Pupil Premium funding supports the education of children from the most disadvantaged families.