



ADDITIONAL / TO FOLLOW AGENDA ITEMS

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NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL CITY COUNCIL

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PQ1

COPY OF QUESTION TO BE ASKED BY M.R. OF THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR JOBS GROWTH AND TRANSPORT AT THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON MONDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2015

The traffic on Arlestone Drive outside Fernwood Schools at school drop off and pick up times is massively problematic. There are too many cars and too many children and no enforcement of yellow lines. How do the council propose to keep our children safe if the school increases in size, as is proposed?

PQ2

COPY OF QUESTION TO BE ASKED BY S.B. OF THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR JOBS GROWTH AND TRANSPORT AT THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON MONDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2015

I am aware that Nottingham City Council has had a long term commitment to dissuading people from using their cars unnecessarily, through the raising of parking fees and improving our NCT service (which I feel is excellent), and other measures such as the tram/park and ride systems. Part of this commitment, alongside, no doubt a push to improve the health of citizens, is the more recent support in cycling and cyclist. May I say, I totally support these approaches and ideologies (though I did wonder about the tram system), but as a pedestrian and someone who chooses to exercise by walking, ideally in country parks and the embankment where I can enjoy the beauty of nature, I have a problem with some cyclist.

Largely speaking, the offenders are those who, I would guess, may compete and use cycling as a hard form of exercise (almost like the most extreme forms of gym use), who see pedestrians as an obstacle to aggressively get round or move out of the way. These individuals never use a bell to warn pedestrians that they are approaching, and have no problem with startling people or even brushing by them, to ensure that their route and speed is not affected. Any response of protest is treated with disdain and an equally aggressive response.

May I say, you may think I am making too much of this. However, when you know that I know someone who was killed by one of these fanatical cyclist, perhaps you will take this more seriously. They frighten me and others I walk with, and they are also an embarrassment to more considerate cyclist-one who used his bell, slowed down as he approached us, and said "I'm not one of those who would mow you down". Like myself and the people I walk with, the cyclist's attitude was that there is room for all to enjoy their pastime safely with a bit of acceptance that paths shared by pedestrians as well as cyclists are for all. I have even heard parents, out cycling with their young children and teaching their children to be considerate and a safe cyclist around pedestrians express the view that these fanatics undermine what they are trying to instil in their children, particularly as they get older.

May I say, for people like myself, this is a serious issue. Our enjoyment of the footpaths is being ruined by a constant nervousness about the prospect of encountering cyclists, and if a cyclist approaches, whether they will share the path and accept we have a right to be there too, or scowl at our presence (and us), and make it clear that we get out of the way (often with no forewarning) or they will cycle through us. These fanatics are dangerous. If they wish to test out their speed and skills, there are facilities where they can do this without endangering or ruining the enjoyment of others.

Increasingly, people are cycling on pavements in and out of towns - even in indoor shopping malls. When is something going to be done? It is getting to the point where being a pedestrian cannot walk with ease anywhere; and, as a driver, I know how much they pose a danger to themselves (though any decent driver fears hitting someone without the protection of a car around them) by not sticking to rules of the road. At the most extreme, I have seen cyclist riding down the wrong side of Parliament Street in the rush hour.

I am sure there is a code of practice for safe cycling, as with any other form of transport. However, these people know that such a code is difficult to police, and I am sure the Council promotion of cycling as an activity and mode of transport in the Nottingham area increases the more irresponsible cyclist to feel on top of the world and get away with anything.

I am sure, as a Council, this is not the spirit in which you are supporting cycling-any more than it is "admired" by the responsible and considerate cyclist I and my friends encounter as we, quietly, attempt to continue to enjoy our healthy pastime. I am sure it is only a matter of time before another fatality/serious injury (if it has not already occurred) happens again. I am sure that, as a Council, this is not what you intended to support. However, I would like to know what you as a Council who has shown support to cycling, is prepared to do about the rest of us, who want to safely and considerately enjoy walking/shopping and generally go about our business in Nottingham safely?

The fact that some of the crazy cyclist (as opposed to the fanatical keep fit lot) put themselves in danger on roads is a matter from them; however, when they decide to ride on pavements, that becomes a matter for others. With consideration and respect for the rights of all to share space, there is no problem. However, this is not the view shared by all, and as a Council who has, and increasingly is, supporting cycling, I would like to know what you are prepared to do for the rest of us?

CQ1

COPY OF QUESTION TO BE ASKED BY COUNCILLOR GEORGINA CULLEY OF THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR ENERGY AND SUSTAINABILITY AT THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON MONDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2015

What impact on this Council's finances and future services will the introduction and continuance of Robin Hood Energy have?

CQ2

COPY OF QUESTION TO BE ASKED BY COUNCILLOR GEORGINA CULLEY OF THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR SCHOOLS AT THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON MONDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2015

Given the poor performance of our schools in the league tables, does the Portfolio Holder recognise the need for our junior and infant schools under this Council's control to significantly improve their standards in order to improve their children's chances in secondary school?

CQ3

COPY OF QUESTION TO BE ASKED BY COUNCILLOR ANDREW RULE OF THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR ADULTS, HEALTH AND THE COMMUNITY SECTOR AT THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON MONDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2015

In light of the objective in the Adults, Health and Community Plan for the forthcoming year to "make life better for the 35,000 older persons in the City enabling choice and confidence in the care they receive" would the Portfolio Holder update the Chamber on the outcome of the recent consultation regarding the closure of the Laura Chambers Lodge and what decision has been made on the suggestion that rather than closing Laura Chambers outright it incorporates a unit catering for needs of those with adult learning difficulties alongside the excellent care it currently delivers for those who currently reside in it and in doing so avoiding the resulting upheaval for current residents and their families in finding alternative care elsewhere if it is closed outright?

CQ4

COPY OF QUESTION TO BE ASKED BY COUNCILLOR GUL NAWAZ KHAN OF THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR PLANNING AND HOUSING AT THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON MONDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2015

Will the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Housing please tell us of the implications of forcibly selling High Value council properties as proposed by the Government?

CQ5

COPY OF QUESTION TO BE ASKED BY COUNCILLOR ROSEMARY HEALY OF THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR SCHOOLS AT THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON MONDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2015

Despite the backdrop of Government education policy can the Portfolio Holder for Schools tell us what the Council is doing to improve education outcomes for children in Nottingham?

CQ6

COPY OF QUESTION TO BE ASKED BY COUNCILLOR GINNY KLEIN OF THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR ADULTS, HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SECTOR AT THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON MONDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2015

Could the Portfolio Holder for Adults, Health and Community Sector comment on the proposed in year cut to the Public Health Grant?