

Questions from Councillors requiring a written response

CQ10

This question received a written response because Councillor Michael Edwards was unable to attend the Council meeting to ask the question.

Question asked by Councillor Michael Edwards of the Leader of the Council at the meeting of the City Council to be held on 11 July 2022

Is the Leader able to inform me as to what actions have been taken in Nottingham to reduce speed on our roads?

Councillor David Mellen replied as follows:

The actual speed of any vehicle is the choice of the driver and Nottingham City Council encourages all drivers to be considerate of other road users and those that live and use the area by choosing an appropriate speed, within the speed limit, on all road and at all times.

To help reduce the speeds Nottingham City Council:

- Has installed traffic calming on many residential roads where there was evidence of an ongoing road safety problem.
- Introduced 20mph speed limits around schools and on residential roads in the neighbourhoods, where there was the support of local citizens, and will be reducing the speed limit within the City Centre over the next few months.
- Regularly reviews the speed limits on the main roads to ensure that they are appropriate for an urban environment.
- Was the first place in the world to use average speed cameras and now has an extensive network of such cameras managing the speeds on main roads.
- Works with our partners at the Police to ensure that other roads with evidence of an ongoing road safety problem as a result of speeding traffic are visited regularly by the mobile speed enforcement teams and that the local policing teams are able to arrange for them to visit any road where the local citizens have concerns.

The Road Safety team continues to monitor the situation throughout the City. Roads with the highest number and severity of incidents are prioritised for investigation and improvements, such as road humps, road narrowing or pedestrian crossing improvements, which all help manage vehicle speeds. Road safety remains priority and we will continue to work with our partners such as the Police to ensure that road users stick to appropriate speed limits on all roads.

Thank you.

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WQ1

Written question asked by Councillor Andrew Rule of the Portfolio Holder for Leisure, Culture and Planning at the meeting of the City Council to be held on 11 July 2022

On 13 June 2019 the Council announced, via the My Nottingham website, that it had been awarded the sum of £1.5million from the National Lottery Heritage Fund to “secure the future of The People’s Hall”. Given that the intended third party company declined the grant due to the conditions attached to it and no work has been completed on The People’s Hall, can the Portfolio Holder confirm whether this grant was returned to the National Lottery Heritage Fund?

Councillor Pavlos Kotsonis replied as follows:

Thank you for the question. I just need to clarify the way in which this type of funding is managed by the National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF). The City Council was offered a grant of £1.5m to help support the business case for the restoration of the listed building and conversion into a business centre. The grant was not paid to the City Council as this type of grant project requires any monies to be claimed from NLHF as a project progresses through delivery. Despite multiple attempts, it did not prove possible to find a viable scheme that did not have unacceptable levels of risk to the City Council. Therefore, as the project was not able to be taken forward, no grant was claimed from NLHF so no monies needed to be returned.