

Council Supplementary Agenda



8. Public Questions

The Chair will receive questions from the public gallery in accordance with council procedure rules.

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The following question was received from Catherine Bradler and put to Councillor Roche, Cabinet Member for Streets and Environment:

I would like to request a site meeting with Cllr Roche/relevant officers to agree ways for traffic management on Southern Avenue. It has become notorious rat run to avoid traffic lights at bottom of South Norwood Hill.

- Cars break the speed limit, drive reckless along street causing risk to local residents. It's only a matter of time someone is killed.
- Vibration from heavy vehicles causing structural damage.

Councillors have visited Southern Avenue, they agree the situation is unacceptable and something needs to be done, but no action has happened!

Please commit to a site meeting, to discuss ways to this serious safety issue.

Catherine Bradler received the following in response:

Thank you for your question, Catherine. I'm sorry to hear about the frustration you and your neighbours have experienced from poor driver behaviour and excessive speeding in your local area.

The council, under the previous administration, introduced a temporary healthy neighbourhood scheme enforced by planters in May 2020, which subsequently had to be removed in February 2021, following informal public consultation exercise and decision made by the then Cabinet Member. We, the new administration, are still considering the next steps for the LTN programme.

Officers are currently working with neighbouring boroughs, the Greater London Authority, Transport for London and relevant partners but as yet we are not in a position to bring this scheme forward nor are we able to confirm a likely timeframe.

I would be happy to arrange a site visit to meet with you and other residents with the relevant officers to discuss potential solutions to the serious safety issues you have described.

In the meantime, I have asked officers to contact the Police's Road Safety Engineering Unit and ask for enforcement to be carried out in your local area.