

QUESTIONS TO CABINET MEMBERS

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Councillor Stuart Collins

PQ015-19 asked by Ralph & Deborah Donovan:

Our [Garden] waste still hasn't been collected [3 York Road South Croydon Surrey CR2 8NR], we would like confirmation that all addresses effected will be reimbursed as this is a service paid for separately?

Since the waste is now nearly two weeks late how can it not have been collected at all?

Also what action is being taken to improve the Web site to make it easier for residents to lodge a complaint? This matter is a major failure.

Since the new bins were introduced the service has been late on numerous occasions for all types of rubbish and recycling.

Many months ago we contacted Chris [Philp MP] who very kindly tried on our behalf to get answers from the council on numerous issues including the cost of the new bins and their unsuitability for many properties, also what was being done to recycle the crates. The only response Chris [Philp MP] got was it was being looked into.

Response

Firstly I'd like to apologise to Mr and Mrs Donovan on behalf of our contractor for the missed collection.

Our new contract has in place a one-working day rectification period for any missed collections that are reported by residents within 2 days of the collection being missed, however, officers have looked into our online system and whilst there is the functionality to report, there have been no reports of any missed garden waste collections reported from this property. Also there have been no reports of any missed waste or recycling collections from this property since the new service was rolled out in September 2018, so I would strongly advise that if you do experience any further issues, that you ensure you report these via My Account so that the contractor can resolve any issues within the contractual timescales.

The cost of the new bins was approximately £2.5M although the saving they will generate in terms of reduced waste disposal costs is estimated to be over £10M. All the old recycling boxes collected were taken to a plastic reprocessor to be recycled.

Councillor Manju Shahul-Hameed

PQ019-19 asked by Corinne Carr:

I'm a regular shopper at Surrey Street market and take my trolley there to buy fruit and vegs.

I am absolutely shocked at the number of plastic bags handed out by merchants. Everything we buy, even in small quantities, is put in plastic bags. I most often turn them down as I'm very conscious about the impact of so many bags on the environment.

Would you please aim to make Surrey Street PLASTIC BAG FREE and replaced them with recyclable bags or paper bags?

We must all do our bit to protect the planet and need to start where we buy our weekly food.

Let me know how you plan to do it.

Response

The Council would like traders to move away from plastic bag usage (and will continue to encourage this to happen) and is acutely aware of the detrimental environmental effects plastic bag usage can cause. In addition, plastic bag provision is expensive for the traders but they do have a continual battle to engage with the public to persuade customers they do not need a bag for every commodity sold.

Traders have had signs on their stalls issued by the Council in an attempt to encourage customers to bring their own bags and indeed there has been a marked increase in the amount of customers bringing their own bags but there needs to be far more. There does appear to be a need for greater education of customers as well.

We will liaise with our colleagues in the Waste & Recycling Team to see if they are able to provide a stall in the market to promote recycling and alternatives to plastic bag usage.

Councillor Manju Shahul-Hameed

PQ025-19 asked by Kristian Matthews:

Will the council commit to working with the Shop Coulsdon group of independent businesses to improve Coulsdon town with the level of support the town centre and the restaurant quarter and other areas of the borough have received, and fixing issues that were highlighted in the 2016 Coulsdon business survey?

Response

The council will be delighted to work with Shop Coulsdon as it does with other groups to support high streets – I will arrange a meeting to take this forward and will also invite Shop Coulsdon to our business collaborative group – a forum of Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) and Business Associations working across the borough.

Councillor Oliver Lewis

PQ022-19 asked by Keith Cooper:

Could someone please let us know what is happening on the prospective Parklife scheme for Ashburton Playing Fields, as it seems to have vanished and as it is proposing to hand over part of the MOL land to a private company, surely it is important local residents know because we already have a flooding problem on the playing fields and any extra development will only exacerbate this, plus if it's a private company surely that is not allowed on MOL land, as it is supposed to be open for all.

Response

Thank you for your question.

The Parklife scheme, being delivered in Croydon in partnership with the Football Foundation, represents an unprecedented opportunity to create a step change in our community football offer, creating modern, accessible and inclusive facilities for the community. As you will be aware, the current proposals are to create two new facilities at Purley Way Playing Fields and Ashburton Playing Fields.

Both playing fields sites are metropolitan open land used for recreation, particularly football, and as such the proposals aim to enhance current provision, in line with MOL policy. In addition, both schemes aim to further enhance their respective locations through improving walking and cycling routes, creating new play spaces, enhancing biodiversity, and providing a café and accessible toilet facilities open to all. At Ashburton Playing Fields, the intention is also to provide a community fitness gym.

If the proposals achieve planning permission and Croydon is successful in its bid to the Football Foundation for majority funding for the scheme, then the council would provide a lease to a third party trust established by the Football Foundation, itself a charity, to manage the facilities. The trust will not be a private company and will operate the facilities for the purposes of delivering community football and the positive community outcomes that result.

Following community engagement late last year, we are still undertaking feasibility and development work on both sites. As soon as this work is completed, we will again advertise the opportunity for local residents to feed back on the proposals, prior to submission of a planning application.

In terms of the flooding issue you mention, our consultant teams includes engineers who are working on what are called sustainable drainage solutions to ensure that the proposed facilities do not create any additional flood water. These can be presented in more detail during community engagement and the technical reports will be submitted with the planning application. It is also worth highlighting that Croydon is also working with Bromley Council on a longer-term project to alleviate flooding in the Chaffinch brook catchment, and the reports developed for the Ashburton Playing Fields site have been provided to the project team.

I hope that answers your points, however if you have any further requests then do let me know.

Councillor Paul Scott

PQ021-19 asked by Mike Baxter:

How many brownfield sites has the council applied for planning permission on?

Response

We have assumed the last 5 years for the request with the absence of a date in the request. Also, we don't hold data on whether the site is Brownfield as defined by the Nation Planning Policy Framework. However, you can search applications on line [\[Click here\]](#), view the site plan and establish whether the site is brownfield under your own research.

Please see the below table on the following pages:

REFVAL	DCAPPTYP	DCSTAT	DATEAPRECV	DATEAPVAL	DTYPNUMBCO	FEEREQ	DEPLEV	DECSN	PROPOSAL	ADDRESS	APPNAME	INVDOC
14/04059/RES	DISC	APP	30/09/2014	29/09/2014	Q18	97		APP	Discharge of conditions 3 and 4 attached to planning permission 13/02297/P for the Alterations; conversion to form 6 one bedroom flats for homeless people	58 Mickleham Way, Croydon, CRO 0PN	Croydon Council	
18/03668/NMA	NMA	APP	24/07/2018	25/07/2018	Q18	34		APP	Alterations. Erection of single storey side extension (Amendment to planning permission 17/00359/HSE - external materials).	143 King Henry's Drive Croydon CRO 0PH	Croydon Council	
17/05606/FUL	FUL	PG	10/11/2017	10/11/2017	Q18	385		PG	Restoration works involving roof tile replacement / stone repairs and brick / stone cleaning	Davidson Lodge Freemason's Road Croydon CRO 6PD	Croydon Council	
17/03371/HSE	HSE	PG	04/07/2017	06/07/2017	Q21	172		PG	Erection of single storey side extension	72 Uvedale Crescent Croydon CRO 0BQ	Croydon Council	
17/03924/HSE	HSE	PG	02/08/2017	04/09/2017	Q21	172		PG	Erection of a single storey rear extension	6 Surridge Gardens Upper Norwood London SE19 3JP	Croydon Council	

17/01331/HSE	HSE	PG	14/03/2017	17/03/2017	Q21	172		PG	Erection of single storey rear extension	42 Norton Gardens Norbury London SW16 4SZ	Croydon Council	
17/01333/HSE	HSE	PG	14/03/2017	29/03/2017	Q21	0		PG	Erection of single storey rear extension	304 Chipstead Valley Road Coulsdon CR5 3BE	Croydon Council	
16/04742/HSE	HSE	WDRN	13/09/2016	19/09/2016	Q21	172		WDRN	+Erection of single storey side extension	51 Thomson Crescent Croydon CR0 3JT	Croydon Council	
17/00359/HSE	HSE	PG	24/01/2017	25/01/2017	Q21	0		PG	Alterations; Erection of single storey side extension	143 King Henry's Drive Croydon CR0 0PH	Croydon Council	
18/01656/HSE	HSE	PG	03/04/2018	19/04/2018	Q21	206		PG	Erection of a single storey rear extension.	29 Coldharbour Road Croydon CR0 4DY	Croydon Council	
18/01923/HSE	HSE	PG	17/04/2018	18/04/2018	Q21	206		PG	Erection of single storey side and rear extension	21 Norton Gardens Norbury London SW16 4SY	Croydon Council	
17/05607/LBC	LBC	GLBC	10/11/2017	10/11/2017	Q23	0		GLBC	Listed Building Consent for restoration works involving roof tile replacement / stone repairs and brick / stone cleaning	Davidson Lodge Freemason's Road Croydon CR0 6PD	Croydon Council	

18/01885/LP	CPOE	CGP	16/04/2018	17/04/2018	Q26	206		CGP	Internal alterations and erection of single storey rear extension	28 Granden Road Norbury London SW16 4ST	Croydon Council	
17/05771/LP	CPOE	CGP	20/11/2017	20/11/2017	Q26	0		CGP	Erection of a single storey rear extension	48 Effingham Road Croydon CR0 3NE	Croydon Council	
15/01026/LP	CPOE	CGP	09/03/2015	13/03/2015	Q26	86		CGP	Erection of a single storey rear extension	98 Stafford Road, Croydon, CR0 4NF	Croydon Council	

Councillor Paul Scott**PQ023-19 asked by Maria Hickey:**

In regard to new housing being built in or near New Addington, please could the Cabinet Member address:

- 1) where are the extra cars meant to park*
- 2) what is in place to combat the congestion this will cause*
- 3) are extra schools/doctors/dentists going to be built*
- 4) what about the environment*
- 5) what about the policing in the area will that be increased*

Response

Development in New Addington, as well as within every place of Croydon, is assessed and managed against the Croydon Local Plan to ensure that the development aligns with the objectives and visions of the Borough. The Croydon Local Plan sets out policies which development must accord with on matters of parking and transport, infrastructure, environment, safety and more. The Croydon Local Plan, and London Plan, also set a Borough-wide housing target that the Council very much work towards achieving sustainably. Between April 2016 and March 2019, New Addington received the second lowest number of new homes out of all the 16 Places (as defined in the Local Plan).

Each development application that is submitted to Croydon Council is assessed against the parking standards that are set out in the Croydon Local Plan at Policy DM30 and in accordance with the London Plan, unless material considerations indicate otherwise. The number of car parking spaces for each residential development are based on maximum standards and are determined by the Public Transport Accessibility Level (PTAL) for that specific site and therefore will vary for developments across New Addington. On average, in and around New Addington, it is expected that new residential development can provide a maximum of 1.5 – 2 car parking spaces per home. The Strategic Transport and Highways teams within Croydon Council carefully assess any impacts of parking overspill that may be caused as a result of development and will often request that planning applications include on-street car parking surveys. They work together with the Development Management team in assessing individual applications on this matter.

The Croydon Local Plan stipulates that the pattern of urban growth will be managed to ensure co-location of facilities in order to reduce the need to travel. Alongside this, Croydon Council has a strategic objective to increase the uptake of active travel - public transport, walking and cycling. This means improving the infrastructure and conditions and includes working with partners such as TfL to review and improve bus and tram routes, capacities and user experience. Croydon is currently working with TfL to review bus routes in the borough, as well as the tram network, to analyse the ways in which services can be improved in a way that would make public transport more attractive than taking short regular trips by private car. New developments are also designed to encourage sustainable travel behaviour and, as a minimum, will be expected to include safe and secure cycle parking and electric vehicle charging infrastructure for any off-street car parking.

As part of Croydon's partial review of the Local Plan, the policies on sustainable transport and parking will be carefully assessed. In the autumn this year we will be welcoming suggestions on how you think they should be performing and the types of programmes you would like to see come forward. If you would like to be kept informed of this consultation, please join our subscriber list [here](#).

In relation to the provision of social infrastructure, yes more schools and healthcare facilities will be planned for. At the beginning of the process of preparing the current Croydon Local Plan the number of schools and healthcare facilities needed according to the distribution of growth across the Borough were calculated. As a result, sites suitable for schools and/or healthcare facilities were identified and designated, they included in Appendix 7 of the Local Plan. As the Local Plan is for a 20 year period, some of these sites are in the process of development and others are due to come forward at a later stage. The development of these sites does rely on the co-operation of the NHS and/or the school provider.

As part of our partial review of the Local Plan, we are currently re-calculating the number of schools and healthcare facilities that will be needed to ensure that we can again, reserve land and designate sites for additional schools and healthcare facilities in locations where it is needed.

Croydon Council very much acknowledges the need for the protection of the environment and already has a number of corporate schemes that all contribute to this – from increasing recycling rates, organising litter-picking events, introducing green infrastructure such as street planters and more. As part of our partial review of the Local Plan, we will be reviewing the environmental policies and aspects of planning that could contribute to either environmental protection and/or the reduction of emissions. This includes improving sustainable transport as mentioned above but also; green infrastructure (added green/blue networks that work towards absorbing CO2 and reducing urban heat); Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems (to make better use of rainwater, natural eco-systems and prevent flooding); protection of green spaces through an additional layer of protection – the Local Green Space designation; and maintaining requirements for high quality design and the use of the most sustainable material in new developments, including applying the building regulations to ensure our built environment is fit for purpose and carbon efficient.

As with the sustainable transport, we will be seeking ideas and opinions on the infrastructure and environmental needs of the Borough in the autumn when we go out for consultation on the Local Plan Partial Review.

In regards to policing, police staffing numbers are primarily a matter for the police who under the tri-Borough structure will task officers to identified hotspots and key issues. However, Croydon Council works in close partnership with the police and regularly co-ordinate the multi-agency response to identified problems.

We are pleased to state that in line with its manifesto commitments the Council leadership has agreed to continue to fund 2 Police Officers who will be dedicated to New Addington for the next three years under the new Partnership Plus Scheme which replaces the Met Patrol Plus.