

COUNCIL

TUESDAY, 8TH FEBRUARY, 2022

At 7.00 pm

in the

HOLIDAY INN, MANOR LANE, MAIDENHEAD, SL6 2RA,

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

PART I

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a) Mark Loader of Oldfield ward will ask the following question of Councillor Coppinger, Cabinet Member for Planning, Environmental Services and Maidenhead:

A recent Environment Agency document states we live in an area of serious water stress. The council are planning large housing developments. The population growth will result in more demand for water as will the impacts of climate change. In a drought will we have enough water in the Borough without the need for extreme measures?

b) John Sewell of Boyn Hill ward will ask the following question of Councillor Coppinger, Cabinet Member for Planning, Environmental Services and Maidenhead:

The council's environment strategy states access to greenspace is vital for mental and physical wellbeing. However - in response to the housing need for 712 new homes each year there are already hundreds of new flats in the town centre. Surely it's vital for our growing community to protect all the greenspace and amenity potential of the golf course?

c) Paul Strzelecki of Bisham and Cookham ward will ask the following question of Councillor Clark, Cabinet Member for Transport, Infrastructure, and Digital Connectivity:

The report finds BLP traffic impact at Cookham Bridge and the narrow Pound "would not be severe". My detailed analysis, shared, with cabinet and relevant officers, shows a 540% increase in delay times to less than walking pace. RBWM presented 13%! No responses and refusals to meet on the topic. Will you state I was wrong and Cookham traffic sustainable?

d) Andrew Hill of Boyn Hill ward will ask the following question of Councillor Coppinger, Cabinet Member for Planning, Environmental Services and Maidenhead:

Does the Council agree with the Inspector's final report (ID-34, 153-161) that under the NPPF the loss of the golf club "...will not result in an actual loss of open space useable by members of the public", and what steps were taken within the BLP allocations to ensure compensatory leisure and sporting sites for this net loss?

e) Andrew Hill of Boyn Hill ward will ask the following question of Councillor Coppinger, Cabinet Member for Planning, Environmental Services and Maidenhead:

The Council's note to the Inspector (RBWM 074, para 29) says it is factually incorrect that the golf club renegotiation will delay delivery of houses in 2023/24.

Given the new contract when did RBWM advise the Inspector of changes to years 9-13 of the housing trajectory (RBWM note 073b), and what are the new numbers for that table?

f) Ivan McCullough of Riverside ward will ask the following question of Councillor Stimson, Cabinet Member for Climate Change, Sustainability, Parks and Countryside:

Within the Borough Local Plan, allocation AL27 is designated as a "2.29 hectare pocket park" and the site specification stresses its role in flood attenuation, its importance for biodiversity and its educational and leisure potential.

Can the lead member give us more details of her plans to fulfil this vision?

g) Phoebe Ibison of Riverside ward will ask the following question of Councillor Stimson, Cabinet Member for Climate Change, Sustainability, Parks and Countryside:

There are thousands of mature trees on Maidenhead Golf Course, which have supported our local ecosystem for decades. How can the council justify cutting down so many trees when we face a Climate Emergency and we have the sixth mass extinction on our hands? The Environment Strategy states the importance of protecting our natural environment, so why aren't you?

h) Fiona Allen of Oldfield ward will ask the following question of Councillor Coppinger, Cabinet Member for Planning, Environmental Services and Maidenhead:

Climate change is already bringing us more heavy rainstorms and flood events. Building on the greenspace will make our community even more vulnerable to devastating flooding. Why aren't you taking steps to help protect our community by building on brownfield sites instead?

i) Ceri Glen of Furze Platt ward will ask the following question of Councillor Coppinger, Cabinet Member for Planning, Environmental Services and Maidenhead:

Houses in the Aldebury area, adjacent to site AL25, are in flood zone 3. Residents report significant flooding in February 1990, December 2000, 2012, January 2003, & from January to March 2014. What do you say to residents who fear things will get worse, when building on flood plains, despite prevention schemes, only leads to an increase in flooding?

j) Ceri Glen of Furze Platt ward will ask the following question of Councillor Coppinger, Cabinet Member for Planning, Environmental Services and Maidenhead:

Will the Council fund independent consultants to advise residents about our legal rights, planning law and environmental laws, to counter all the Council paid consultants and staff who do not represent residents or our well-being and who are working towards the councils' objectives regardless of resident's objections and wishes?

k) Jean Sutherland of Furze Platt ward will ask the following question of Councillor Coppinger, Cabinet Member for Planning, Environmental Services and Maidenhead:

According to the September Cabinet report “Demand for School Places”, a surplus of school places of 5% in September 2021 could increase to 14% by September 2024. The only area of slight concern is in south-east Maidenhead. So why are you building a primary school in the north of Maidenhead where we already have three primary schools close by?

l) Paul Strzelecki of Bisham and Cookham ward will ask the following question of Councillor Coppinger, Cabinet Member for Planning, Environmental Services and Maidenhead:

“Duty to cooperate” is a plan legal requirement. An agreed strategic issue in the MOU with Wycombe council of Feb 17 is traffic bottlenecks at Cookham Bridge. Do you believe during the plan making phase that there was sufficient and ongoing cooperation on this issue, what were the specific outcomes and why weren’t they included in examination evidence?

m) Graham Owens of Pinkneys Green ward will ask the following question of Councillor Coppinger, Cabinet Member for Planning, Environmental Services and Maidenhead:

The Plan incorporates our Climate and Environment Strategy. However, RBWM scored a very disappointing 48% in the 325 Councils assessed by the independent Climate Emergency UK, in marked contrast to Wokingham (79%) and Reading (74%). Now that Sustainability is one of three top priorities in our 2021/6 Corporate Plan, how and when will we align this Strategy with our priorities?

n) Thomas Wigley of Clewer East ward will ask the following question of Councillor Coppinger, Cabinet Member for Planning, Environmental Services and Maidenhead:

What assurances can RBWM provide for its residents that it will objectively and properly assess Air Quality Impact reports submitted by Developers as part of their planning application submissions to RBWM. Does it have enough qualified resources?

o) George Shaw of Oldfield ward will ask the following question of Councillor Coppinger, Cabinet Member for Planning, Environmental Services and Maidenhead:

The Borough Local Plan being considered this evening cites a significant number of Supplementary Planning Documents, most of which are not yet adopted.

Please could the Lead Member give a progress update on each of these emerging SPDs, including anticipated adoption timetables, and comment on any risks to decision making whilst these are not in place?

p) Sarah Bowden of Boyn Hill ward will ask the following question of Councillor Johnson, Leader of the Council:

In October 2019, you said the plan was not perfect for 2019 but once adopted, the council would seek to make amendments relating to biodiversity and sustainable development. Two years later, the clock is ticking. Has this time been spent wisely preparing the Climate and Environment SPD strengthening the Sustainability Position Statement and when will this be tabled for adoption?

q) Dave Scarbrough of Belmont ward will ask the following question of Councillor McWilliams Cabinet Member for Housing, Sport & Leisure, and Community Engagement:

The proposed plan results in a 22.5% increase in emissions and lacks details of mitigation measures; no areas are set aside for nature-based solutions or renewable energy provision. How are you going to ensure the housing planned doesn't make net-zero by 2050 an impossible task and more importantly mitigate against the worst-case scenarios that will impact people across the globe?

r) Daniel Seris of Furze Platt ward will ask the following question of Councillor Coppinger, Cabinet Member for Planning, Environmental Services and Maidenhead:

The report commissioned to assess the risk of flooding, conclusions were based on flooding caused by the rain, not rising water from the ground. As flooding is coming from the ground in Spencer's farm, how do you plan to fix this and make sure it doesn't affect future residents? Are further studies going to take place to assess this issue?

s) Daniel Seris of Furze Platt ward will ask the following question of Councillor Coppinger, Cabinet Member for Planning, Environmental Services and Maidenhead:

Spencer's Farm currently has a lot of deer, foxes and other animals that usually eat and live there. Has the impact to those animals' habitats been considered? If so, how and by who?

t) Ian Lester of Furze Platt ward will ask the following question of Councillor Coppinger, Cabinet Member for Planning, Environmental Services and Maidenhead:

How confident are you that the already busy junction of Aldebury Road and Cookham Road can cope with additional traffic linked to 330 new homes and a primary school?

u) Ian Lester of Furze Platt ward will ask the following question of Councillor Coppinger, Cabinet Member for Planning, Environmental Services and Maidenhead:

As local residents we all enjoy watching the wildlife that roam Site AL25 - I especially like seeing the herd of deer. Should we build 330 homes on this land what will happen to the wildlife that live on this land?

v) Mark Smith of Furze Platt ward will ask the following question of Councillor Coppinger, Cabinet Member for Planning, Environmental Services and Maidenhead:

There are two areas of the field, outside of the river flood zone, that flood due to the rising of the ground water table and not "ponding" as was suggested at a previous meeting. What evidence is there that it possible to prevent flooding from Ground water rising on the site?

w) Caroline Lester of Furze Platt ward will ask the following question of Councillor Coppinger, Cabinet Member for Planning, Environmental Services and Maidenhead:

Parking and transportation – how will the local area cope with the influx of vehicles from an additional 330 homes – not only resident vehicles, but deliveries – which have increased significantly with people working from home and shopping online, the train bridge already has a weight limit – how will we manage congestion around the Cookham road?

x) Caroline Lester of Furze Platt ward will ask the following question of Councillor Coppinger, Cabinet Member for Planning, Environmental Services and Maidenhead:

What plans are in place to mitigate the effects on the local infrastructure – 330 additional homes (some 600-800 + residents) will put a huge strain on our local infrastructure – Doctors surgeries, dentistry etc which already have waiting lists.

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