

**Questions for Environment, Climate Emergency and Transport Committee**  
**16 March 2021**

**Question 1 from Sue Noyce**

Although it would be reassuring to know that environmental concerns are instrumental in shaping every aspect of every policy decision taken in Wirral it is clear this is not yet the case. While issues such as cutting green spaces only to encourage wild flower regeneration and not to make places 'tidy', tree regeneration rather than planting, no 'pruning' of bushes with chainsaws, consulting with local conservation groups and explaining these decisions to the public are all important. Local conservation experts consider the spread of rhododendron to be the most pressing issue facing Wirral habitats currently. Could you please advise us of what measures, if any, the council is already taking to check the spread of this invasive species and what actions may be under consideration to take place in the near future?