

Environment Committee 1 February 2021

Questions received, all for the Chair

Question 1

The following question was referred to this Committee from Policy and Resources Committee on 18th December 2020.

“When will Wirral Borough Council stop felling trees, we’ve lost over 6,000 trees?”

Question 2

“Is the Environment Committee able and willing to write to George Eustace asking him to reinstate the ban on neonicotinoids?”

Are they aware and concerned that neonicotinoids are toxic to bees and this lifting of the ban will undermine the hard work Wirral Borough Council and others are doing to protect pollinators.

Globally the number of bee species has already fallen by 25% since 1990. We cannot allow this to continue.

I would also like to know if neonicotinoids (should the ban not be reinstated) are likely to be used by farmers on the Wirral.”

Question 3

“Recently I enquired about whether or not Wirral Borough Council had a policy or provision to discourage motorists waiting in parked cars with the engine running. I was prompted to this as each and every day that I walk my dog I see at least one parked car with its engine idling whilst the occupant is engrossed by their telephone. As I only see about 30 cars throughout my daily journey these are presumably the tip of an iceberg that isn’t melting away.

Can a question be raised concerning enforcement or raising public awareness of existing laws?

Is Wirral Borough Council taking the minimisation of avoidable environmental pollution as a serious matter?”

Question 4

“I am a resident of port sunlight village, in march 2020 the council installed a temporary lamppost outside my house on central road. The temporary lamppost does not conform to the conservational rules of the village and the light is a stark white light which differs from the other lampposts on the street. When will this modern lamppost be replaced with a traditional lamppost that conforms to the conversation rules of the village?”

Question 5

“Over 9000 residents are concerned about the safety of Spital Cross Roads including the phasing of the lights and the very poor condition of the road surface and I am asking this committee to make urgent improvements to prevent any further accidents.”

Question 6

Will the members of the Committee establish a review of road traffic management in Port Sunlight village with the purpose of establishing whether:

- Port Sunlight village would be a suitable candidate for 20mph zoning?
- gateway road signage could be improved?
- effective traffic calming measures could be introduced to reduce speeding & anti-social driving?
- CCTV could be installed on an existing street lighting column to monitor the roundabout?
- there could be changes to road surfaces, for example strips of granite setts?