

Response to Written Questions

Cllr Isilar-Gosling to Cllr Arkell

1. We have been informed by WERA that the Lawn Tennis Association are planning to install gate access to the tennis courts in Priory Park, against the wishes of the Friends group. Given the history of these courts, including the council having to u-turn on plans to introduce charges a couple of years ago, would you agree that parks should be open to all, and shutting off key areas should be against council policy?

Response

It is correct that the Council has accepted a grant from the Lawn Tennis Association for upgrade works at several sites across Haringey.

At all sites, this includes the introduction of a new code lock gate which is linked to the online booking system and, where applicable, controls the floodlights. The installation of the code lock gates is a condition of the funding.

The Friends of Priory Park have been involved in the consultation and engagement since the inception of the project in September 2022. On many occasions, they have attended meetings with officers and Ward Councillors.

The Council and other partners in parks have been successfully using these same gates across the borough for a number of years and they do not prevent access to legitimate users of the tennis courts, but instead stop the unauthorised use of the tennis courts for other activities. .

This system also helps make sure that the court residents have booked is available when they arrive and that they can play tennis at the time they've planned to.

During the consultation process, several hundred people were engaged and there was strong support for the introduction of the gates to the tennis courts.

Cllr Barnes to Cllr Hakata

2. Does the council intend to work with TfL to undertake any works at the junction of Aylmer and Great North Roads around the crossings, flooding or safety measures for the road outside the parade of shops to ensure that this busy and speedy traffic area is safer for pedestrians and the local Highgate Primary School pupils?

Response

A meeting took place on 23rd January 2023 with Cllr Dawn Barnes, London Assembly Member Caroline Pidgeon, a Haringey council officer and Transport for London (TfL) to discuss road safety in the vicinity of Aylmer Road.

The issues concerning flooding and road safety by the Aylmer Rd/North Hill signalised junction were due to be reviewed by TfL, as this location is on the TLRN (TfL Road Network). We have not yet received an update but will contact TfL again to pursue this.

Haringey would like to see the junction at Aylmer Rd and the Great North Rd redesigned around walking and cycling to make it much safer for local residents.

On the sections of the road network that the council is responsible for, we are prioritising introducing crossings where there are high numbers of casualties and our intentions for 2023/24 are set out in the Road Danger Reduction Investment Plan Cabinet report, as presented on 18th April 2023:
<https://www.minutes.haringey.gov.uk/documents/s138680/Appendix%20B.pdf>

Cllr Cawley-Harrison to Cllr Hakata

3. Consultations for Crouch End CPZs, safety measures on Shepherds Hill and Ferme Park Road and the crossing on Wolseley Road were completed months ago and we still don't have the results. Why not?

Response

The associated reports for all the Road Danger Reduction Investment Plan schemes are planned for Cabinet Member decisions in August 2023, following completion of a full assessment and consideration of the consultation responses.

For the Crouch End A & B CPZ review, analysis of the public engagement has now been finalised. We are completing the senior management and Cabinet Member briefing notes for each of the reviews that detail resident responses and proposed recommendations.

These will be presented to the Cabinet Member for discussion, before being shared with Ward Councillors. Officers will be sure to provide an update as soon as they are able to do so.

Cllr Rossetti to Cllr Hakata

4. How is Haringey planning to solve the longstanding issue of traffic gridlock on Crescent Road and Palace Gate Road?

Response

We understand the pressures at Crescent Road and Palace Gate Road and are exploring ways of resolving the traffic issues currently being experienced.

To date, we have introduced 3 LTNs - Bounds Green, St Ann's and Bruce Grove/West Green. These three LTNs are in an 18-month trial period and it will not be until towards March 2024 that the Council will reach a decision on whether to revoke, amend or make permanent the associated experimental traffic management orders.

Those decisions will inevitably influence what other traffic measures are implemented across the borough.

Cllr da Costa to Cllr das Neves

5. Following the Healthwatch Haringey report which revealed that homeless people and migrants were being denied access to doctors in the borough due to a lack of ID, what is the council doing to work with GP surgeries to ensure that things improve going forwards?

Response

Haringey is a member of the Safe Surgeries Initiative which includes a commitment to prevent patients who don't have ID being turned away from GPs. Haringey's Public Health team worked with Healthwatch in 2022 to support the establishment of a GP registration project through shared engagement, data and insights. Healthwatch wrote to all GPs to provide information on becoming a Safe Surgery and to inform practices of people's registration rights. This letter was signed by the Intergrated Care Board, Haringey GP Federation, Haringey Council, Haringey Welcome, and Doctors of the World.

Over the past year the partnership has also worked closely with Healthwatch to increase understanding and awareness within general practice to support our most vulnerable residents with GP practice registration. This has included: training sessions with practice managers (24th November 2022, 23rd February 2023, 29th June 2023); GP education sessions on migrant health (18th May 2023) and encouragement to more practices to become Safe Surgeries. We have been able to showcase and share best practice from those surgeries that have fully recognised that there is no regulatory requirement to provide identity, address, immigration status or an NHS number in order to register.

We are committed to continuing this process of raising understanding and awareness of barriers to access.

Cllr Connor to Cllr Hakata

6. Are there plans to consult on CPZ on Woodside Avenue, where residents are concerned about a loss of parking due to the redevelopment of the old Cranwood site?

Response

Woodside Avenue is not on the approved parking investment plan/programme for 2023/2024.

To date, there have been no recorded requests by residents asking for changes to the current free parking arrangements. The new parking policy sets out the requirements for a new area to be investigated or engaged. Details can be found under the 'Scheme Development' section: New Parking Policy

A new parking request section has been added to the Council's website (here: Problems Parking?), where residents can log requests for new parking arrangements and should help residents who:

- regularly cannot find a parking space where they live
- want a change to a CPZ
- want managed parking on their road
- have problems with inconsiderate parking like cars parked in front of their driveway or on the pavement

Any submitted requests are recorded in our register and will be referenced to assist officers identify problems and areas where controlled parking is supported and possible inclusion in future parking investment programmes to undertake engagement and further investigation.

Cllr Emery to Cllr Arkell

7. Tottenham Green Leisure Centre is still only partially open to the public, but those with memberships are still expected to pay the full amount in fees. How is the council working with Fusion to resolve this situation?

Response

It is very disappointing that Tottenham Green Leisure Centre is not fully open and won't be for many months.

In the meantime, Fusion Lifestyle has extended its Haringey Memberships so they can be used at their Enfield centres and, of course, memberships can also be used at Park Road and Broadwater Farm. The Council is meeting regularly with Fusion to ensure good progress is made every week to move closer to the reopening of the leisure centre fully.

I am visiting Tottenham Green as the Cabinet Member on 17th July to see the situation for myself.

Due to the damage caused by the flooding, the repair works are complex and extensive. Fusion and the Council are working at speed to get the pools back open again and we will keep residents updated at regular intervals.