

Environment Committee Public Questions/Comments– 11 January 2018

Qn No	Item Number	Raised by	Question Raised	Answer
1	12	Mary O'Connor	In item 12, "Committee Forward Work Programme" for the next (14 March) Environment Committee Meeting, there is, "Committee to comment and approve the Copthall Master Plan". This has not yet appeared on engage.barnet as a public consultation. Will there be a public consultation for the Copthall Master Plan and if so, when, if not, why not when this is a Regional Park in the Green Belt?	Following the March Environment Committee meeting the council will follow it standard consultation process for the Copthall Master Plan
2	9	Mary O'Connor	In item 9, appendix E of appendix A of "Draft Corporate Plan 2018/19 Addendum" is "commencing the improvement works to Victoria Park". Victoria Park is charity 4053515. The Charity Commission have a publication "Councillor's Guide: to a Council's role as charity trustee" where it states that "responsibility for decision-making and oversight rests with the councillors". When did the trustees (the whole council) last have a meeting as trustees of Victoria Park and did they approve the spending of any trust money?	<p>The sale of the Victoria Park Lodge was considered in November 2014 at Full Council (item 14)</p> <p><a href="http://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=162&amp;MId=7815&amp;Ver=4">http://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=162&amp;MId=7815&amp;Ver=4</a></p> <p>The report did not outline any spending of the trust money and no decision was made in respect to this.</p>
3	9	Mary O'Connor	In item 9, "Draft Corporate Plan 2018/19 Addendum" Barnet Council is going to have "a number of hubs and touchdown points across the borough". Will any of these be in Parks and Open Spaces? If so, where? Will existing buildings be modified for this use or will new buildings be built?	No parks or open spaces have been identified to be used as sites for hubs or touchdown points.

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4	9	Mary O'Connor	<p>In item 9, "Draft Corporate Plan 2018/19 Addendum" why is the target for "Percentage of residents who are satisfied with quality of pavements" only 37%?</p> <p>Pedestrian activity is environmentally friendly, healthy and the cheapest form of travel that well over 90% of the population can participate in. The present design favours vehicles at every cross-over before pedestrians. Can this committee investigate options to raise residents' satisfaction of pavements by designing pavements to be more pedestrian friendly?</p>	<p>The Council recognises the importance of walking as a significant mode of transport for the borough. For this reason we have established dedicated footway improvement service who have been making substantial improvements to Barnet's footway asset over the last six months. The 37% target is an incremental step towards Barnet achieving a London average percentage in 2019/2020.</p>
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