



FULL COUNCIL, Wednesday 25 November

## MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

1) **To the Leader of the Council, Councillor Roger Ramsey**

**From Cllr Ray Morgon**

Would the Leader of the Council confirm what specific discussions have taken place with NELSA and others in devolving more powers to Havering.

2) **To the Cabinet Member for Culture, Councillor Melvin Wallace**

**From Cllr Stephanie Nunn**

Would the Cabinet Member confirm the current book fund for this year, and confirm how the council decides what books to purchase and how.

3) **To the Cabinet Member for the Environment, Councillor Robert Benham**

**From Cllr Reg Whitney**

Would the Cabinet Member confirm what parking enforcement activities take place at the weekend.

4) **To the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Services, Councillor Wendy Brice-Thompson**

**From Cllr John Wood**

To ensure that only genuine users are able to use Blue Badges, would the Cabinet Member confirm what steps the council is taking to ensure that misuse of blue badges is not taking place in Havering.

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**5) To the Cabinet Member for Housing, Councillor Damian White**

**From Cllr June Alexander**

Would the Cabinet Member confirm if he agrees that charging council tenants for mobile CCTV that all non-council tenants benefits from is unfair.

**6) To the Cabinet Member for the Environment, Councillor Robert Benham**

**From Cllr Barry Mugglestone**

Since the introduction of increased parking charges in April, would the Cabinet Member confirm the income received compared to each of the previous three financial years.

**7) To the Cabinet Member for the Environment, Councillor Robert Benham**

**From Cllr Jody Ganly**

Would the Cabinet Member confirm what actions have been taken by Havering Council and other organisations on each of the rivers that run through Havering in the past 12 months.

**8) To the Cabinet Member for Housing Company Development and oneSource Management, Councillor Ron Ower**

**From Cllr Graham Williamson**

You will be aware of the concern over Havering's relatively high Mayoral housing target of 1,170 dwellings per year, which will have a negative impact on our existing infrastructure, amenity and services. Our target is well in excess of other similar outer-boroughs e.g. 363 for Sutton, 446 for Bexley and 599 for Hillingdon etc. Furthermore, If you remove such borough's Greenbelt land and weight the targets accordingly you will find that most of those boroughs should have targets actually in excess of ours.

These targets are the result of what the Council has identified to the GLA as potential sites for development in 2004, 2006, and 2013. Clearly Councillors, who were not part of this process, should now have oversight of these sites to understand whether officers have, unlike many similar boroughs, been over-zealous in identifying land for development and in particular whether the Green Belt Mardkye Farm has been submitted to the GLA as a potential development site.

I have requested to see the submitted list but have so far been denied access. Does the Cabinet Member agree that Councillors need this information to perform their oversight

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and scrutiny duty and in the interests of transparency will he now authorise publication of this vital housing target information so it can be examined by Members and the Environment committee?

**9) To the Cabinet Member for Children and Learning, Councillor Meg Davis**

**From Cllr David Durant**

Despite promises to reduce immigration the Government are promoting a New Labour open door policy as part of their long term economic plan. At the same time they have banned councils from building new schools and this means existing schools need to be expanded to meet growing demand.

In the circumstances expansion of existing schools is unavoidable, but a zealous approach that ignores local opinion by creating East London super-size primary schools in Havering should be avoided as they will set a precedent for the whole borough.

Thus to help protect the suburban character of our borough, educational standards and local amenity will the Conservative Group rule out supporting the creation of 4<sup>th</sup> form entry super-size primary schools of 840+ pupils in Havering?

**10) To the Cabinet Member for Regulatory Services & Community Safety, Councillor Osman Dervish**

**From Cllr Jeff Tucker**

The last Council meeting passed a Conservative amendment calling on the Metropolitan Police Commissioner and the London Mayor to provide the Havering Borough Commander with the resources needed to implement the New Policing Model. Please provide the date and details of the messages sent and responses received.

**11) To the Cabinet Member for Regulatory Services & Community Safety, Councillor Osman Dervish**

**From Cllr Keith Darvill**

When is it anticipated that the Article 4 Direction and the proposed Licensing Scheme Relating to Homes of Multiple Occupation will be implemented and how many properties is it estimated will have to apply for a Licence?

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**12)To the Cabinet Member for Regulatory Services & Community Safety,  
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**From Cllr Ian De Wulverton**

Earlier this month a KFC opened at Gallows Corner, since then it has caused chaos for drivers coming off the roundabout heading up the A12. What traffic impact studies were made prior to granting planning consent?

**13)To the Cabinet Member for Housing, Councillor Damian White**

**From Cllr John Glanville**

What impact does the council foresee on the availability of social housing in Havering, if and when the legislation extending the right to buy to housing associations comes into effect?

**14)To the Cabinet Member for oneSource, Councillor Ron Ower**

**From Cllr Lawrence Webb**

If as is likely that the TTIP will be agreed in the EU parliament what risk impact assessments have the council undertaken on how this could affect decisions around planning and procurement?

**15)To the Cabinet Member for Regulatory Services & Community Safety,  
Councillor Osman Dervish**

**From Cllr Philip Martin**

The Council are making a substantial financial investment in the Dover's Corner development to ensure that the target of affordable homes is met. If the recent exposure of the performance of the company Persimmon on the TV programme Watchdog is to be believed there is a risk that the poor standard of construction reported from its many sites over the UK could be repeated in this major development in South Hornchurch. What safeguards are being put in place to ensure this does not happen in the Dover's Corner site?