



FULL COUNCIL, Wednesday 21 January 2026

MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

Asylum Seekers' Accommodation

1) **To the Cabinet Member for Climate Change and Housing Need (Natasha Summers)**

From Councillor Dilip Patel

Following the Government's recent announcement that asylum seekers may be accommodated in Local Authority housing on a voluntary basis, can the Cabinet Member confirm whether London Borough of Havering has been approached by the Home Office or intends to participate in this scheme, and explain what assessment has been made of the impact on local housing waiting lists, temporary accommodation and homelessness services?

CCTV- Romford Town Centre

2) **To the Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Barry Mugglestone)**

From Councillor Jane Keane

Could the Cabinet Member please advise what use has been made of the Council's CCTV system to prevent the repeated vandalism of its Romford Town Centre street furniture and misuse of town centre parking amenities which is resulting in many adverse impacts including detracting from the character and visual appeal of the Town Centre, lost revenue for the council whilst it is cutting services, lost customer parking for traders, loss of residents' parking amenities, and generally making some residents in the area feel unsafe?

Penalty Charge Notices

3) **To the Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Barry Mufflestone)**

From Councillor Darren Wise

Could the Cabinet Member confirm the frequency and accuracy of real-time updates including the MI Permit data to the handheld devices that the Civil Parking Enforcement Officers use when issuing penalty charge notices.

Planned Provision for the Traveller Community

4) **To the Leader of the Council (Councillor Ray Morgan)**

From Councillor Keith Prince

The large unauthorised traveller development in Church Lane, Noak Hill, has angered many Havering residents, who feel that the traveller community continue to game the planning system.

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Can the Leader confirm how many of the existing sites which were identified by the Council in 2019, to provide planned provision for pitches and plots to meet the needs of Travellers and Travelling Show people are full, or have been developed beyond their permitted capacity?

Parking in Hornchurch

**5) To the Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Barry Mugglestone)
From Councillor Judith Holt**

Now the revised parking costs of £1.00 for two hours and £2.00 for up to three hours are being trialled in the Fentiman Way and Appleton Way Car Parks in Hornchurch Town Centre to help support local businesses, will the Administration instigate the free 30 minutes parking for all the parking bays in Hornchurch beside shops for the same reason - including the bays outside the shops in Park Lane?

Speed Restrictions in Wennington Road

**6) To the Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Barry Mufflestone)
From Councillor Trevor McKeever**

Residents have reported that many vehicles travelling on Wennington Road in Rainham exceed the 20MPH restriction. What additional road safety measures can the Administration undertake to improve compliance and increase safety?

Repairs to Potholes

**7) To the Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Barry Mufflestone)
From Councillor Martin Goode**

Can the Cabinet Member please confirm the percentage of repairs to potholes that have to be re-addressed for further repairs within a one year period.

Visitor Parking Permits

**8) To the Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Barry Mufflestone)
From Councillor Judith Holt**

Will the Administration consider asking MiPermit to adapt Visitor Parking Permits from four-hour to smaller time increments, to save wastage for users?

Planning Contraventions- Romford Town Centre

**9) To the Cabinet Member for Regeneration (Councillor Graham Williamson)
From Councillor Jane Keane**

For the last couple of months there has been an increase in domestic rubbish dumped in South Street Romford. In at least one block of flats (Equitable House, 88- 100 South St, RM1 1RX) the facilities for tenants to store their waste and

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recycling to the rear of the building has been withdrawn, in contravention of the planning condition number three attached to P1599.17. Can the Cabinet Member update Members on how officers are working to address issues of this nature?

Gallows Corner

**10) To the Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Barry Mufflestone)
From Councillor Christine Vickery**

Given that the works at Gallows Corner are likely to continue at least until the end of Spring 2026, will the Administration reconsider its determination to continue enforcement of yellow box junctions affected by the traffic diversions (e.g. junction of Ardleigh Green Road)?

Housing Allocations

**11) To the Cabinet Member for Climate Change and Housing Need (Councillor Natasha Summers)
From Councillor Keith Darvill**

How is the Council working to address the backlog of new and renewed Housing applications?

North Street/Como Street Sub-Way, Romford

**12) To the Cabinet Member for Regeneration (Councillor Graham Williamson)
From Councillor David Taylor**

Previous Council targets to infill the North Street / Como St subway have stated that work would begin in 2025. Can the Cabinet Member provide an update on the Liveable Neighbourhoods Scheme, making sure to include information on start dates for the work on the subways?

Temporary Homes on the Waterloo Estate

**13) To the Cabinet Member for Regeneration (Councillor Graham Williamson)
From Councillor David Taylor**

Can the Cabinet Member for Regeneration please provide an update on the placing and occupation of the proposed temporary homes on the Waterloo Estate?

Road Safety- Lower Mawneys

**14) To the Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Barry Mufflestone)
From Councillor Viddy Persaud**

Can the Council commit to a traffic monitoring exercise in the Lower Mawneys area, specifically the roads adjacent to Mawney Road, which are used as rat-runs for people avoiding traffic on Mawney Road?

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Parking Enforcement

**15) To the Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Barry Muqglestone)
From Councillor Nisha Patel**

Given the regular occurrence of parking enforcement complaints across the Borough, where residents say they have entered their number plate into the machine but still been fined, what steps are the council taking to ensure that the registration process is clear and understood?