

WBC - 20 February

Item 3 Questions from members of the public

Question 1 Ms Eloise Hawkins to the Executive Member for Regeneration

Thank you for allowing me this opportunity to address Full Council.

Worthing has very little for older children/teens which is probably one of the reasons why a small amount of youths choose to cause trouble on the streets, because they are bored. Union Place is perfect for a large complex to be built; a trampoline park, ice rink, indoor water park etc. it has lots of positives for the local area, as it will attract people to Worthing for holidays and days out, causing people to spend money in local businesses and shops. Being sandwiched between the amazing South Downs and south coast, this would mean there is always something to do in Worthing whatever the weather.

Although I am aware that there is a plan for shops to be built, there are many empty shops in Worthing that need to be filled before any more are built. One of the main problems today is childhood obesity. This would be a perfect way for people to exercise whilst having fun and with very little pressure.

The nearest complex like this is, I believe, Guildford Spectrum which is hard to get to for those who don't drive. Out Of Bounds is local but also difficult to get to without a car. My point is that Union Place is so easy to access with parking nearby, bus access, Worthing railway station being a 10 minute walk away. It is so a good location if the ice was Olympic sized. It would attract ice hockey players, the perfect place for competitions to be held bringing even more people to Worthing. I am also aware that Union Place has recently been bought back by the Borough Council

My question for Council tonight is to ask:- Will you please encourage the developers to think about using this area for recreation for young adults and families so that Worthing will become well regarded and an even better place to live?

Question 2 J Saville to the Leader

In October 2013 Councillor John Rogers proposed a motion that Worthing should promote cycling and that to do so it needed to create safer roads for cyclists to use. This was passed unanimously.

Much has happened since then and there has been a notable change in the demographic; despite the short time period. One consequence of this has been the huge increase in cyclists using pavements, particularly adolescent school children.

My question is to ask if cycling on the pavement has been the Council's answer to John Rogers motion that the town needed to create safer roads for cyclists or, if not, what the council has done, or is intending to do, in order to bring Adur and Worthing in line with other towns in the country with regard to safer roads for cyclists and, I should add, pedestrians?"

Question 3

From Samuel Theodoridi to the Executive Member for Health and Wellbeing

Could the relevant executive member please remind me of the various costs of the introduction of the PSPOs back in 2016, and give an update on the number of prosecutions resulting from their implementation?

Question 4

From Jane Rennie to the Ex Member for the Environment

Last week I undertook a survey of the beach between George V Avenue and Sea Lane. I walked 100 paces and encountered 13 piles of dog mess on the shingle. I was previously told that this is dealt with by the dog warden but no-one I questioned has ever seen him/her. And apparently there is only one in the whole of Worthing! What is the council's plan for tackling this problem effectively.

Question 5 from Lynette Bickers to the Ex Member for Customer Services

Given the recent high profile given by local and national media and press regarding homelessness and rough sleeping and the current very cold weather, can the Cabinet Member advise us of current levels of both homelessness and rough sleepers ?