

# Sunderland City Council

## Questions for Council 20 March 2024

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<b>Subject</b>	<b>Public Question for Council – Wednesday 20 March 2024 – Anti-Social Behaviour in Concord, Albany and the Surrounding Areas</b>		
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Elizabeth Brown, a resident of Sunderland, has submitted the following question.

“What is the council doing about ASB in concord, Albany, and the surrounding areas. Motorbikes and cars robbing shops. Wearing balaclavas so they can't be identified? When are Washington going to get a police presence to combat this.

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Deborah Newton, a resident of Sunderland, has submitted the following question.

“Can the council please take a look at the location Tunstall Hill Nature Reserve it is been destroyed due to scrambler bikers and quad bikes racing across the fields its looking like a ploughed field. Accident waiting to happen where people walk with children and dogs. Can I suggest placing some of the large boulders along the edges of the grassed areas to at least try to reduce access to the fields by bikers and let nature restore the damage that has been caused?”

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Andy Stafford, a resident of Sunderland, has submitted the following question.

“Following the success of the Seaburn seafront regeneration, are there any planned or future events that will attract even more visitors to the area and wider city?”

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Stephanie Pickering, a resident of Sunderland, has submitted the following question.

“It has been proposed that Sunderland Council give members of staff earning less than £50,000 per year an extra days leave.

This is likely to cost the council an extra £266,000 per year (from FOI). Why when the council is stating they must reduce costs do they believe this is acceptable to the public when members of staff with less than 5 years service already receive 26 days holiday PLUS all Bank Holidays & those with over 5 years service receive 31 days holiday PLUS all bank holidays?”

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Brandon Feeley, a resident of Sunderland, has submitted the following question.

“Can you please provide an update on the condition of the road surface on Bonemill Lane, Rickleton?”

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Dennis Carroll, a resident of Sunderland, has submitted the following question.

“In the Sandhill Ward there is a problem with dog faeces on pavements footpaths etc. Goole Road alongside the park is particularly bad.

Basically this is antisocial behaviour!

Across the city, what enforcement action is the council taking?  
How many fixed penalty notice have been issued in the past 12 months?  
How many prosecutions have there been in the past two years?  
Is it not time to proactively enforce the law and prosecute offenders?”

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Steve Donkin, a resident of Sunderland, has submitted the following question.

The roundabout at Holborn & Chester Roads has long been a bottle neck for residents and commuters who suffer long delays at peak times. At such times peak times levels of CO2 are increased this just as young people travel to and from school while drivers often use roads on surrounding estates to avoid the log jam and putting residents at further risk of injury. Can the Council give the residents and wider public a commitment when improvement work on the junction will commence and conclude?

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John Thirlwell, a resident of Sunderland, has submitted the following question.

“Do Sunderland councillors have confidence in the traffic survey work that is undertaken in respect of dangerous junctions? Recent feedback, received following submission of a petition, is based on old data. I live in Cairns Road which is off Newcastle Road and have seen 2 serious collisions here and numerous near misses. When are the council going to do something about this?”

I am grateful for the continued work and support by Cllr Hartnack.

Miguel Smith has submitted the following question.

“Residents on Cairns and Penrith Roads have consistently raised concerns with councillors and the council about the junction their streets share with Newcastle Road.

Will the council agree to work with Highways England and local residents to deliver measures to prevent future accidents?”

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Stephen Lewis Elms, a resident of Sunderland, has submitted the following question.

“Could the Leader comment on what Sunderland hopes to gain by the significant powers and funding the new Mayoral Authority will receive from Government and its trailblazer status?”

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Lynne S Dagg, a resident of Sunderland, has submitted the following question.

“Could the leader comment on the work undertaken by Sunderland Council in securing the advanced autonomous shuttle project. What other projects can we expect in the future as part of the work of the Council in developing Sunderland as a Smart City?”

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Linda Chapman, a resident of Sunderland, has submitted the following question.

“Could the leader comment on whether it was right of the Conservatives to attempt removing funding at the budget meeting from the redevelopment of the Washington F Pit to projects to help them get re-elected? To me this is an important part of Sunderland’s and in particular Washington’s industrial heritage & the winding engine being a working example of great engineering skills. We should ensure the site becomes a community resource and not just a dusty relic?”

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Sophie Clinton, a resident of Sunderland, and also Liz Highmore a resident of Sunderland has submitted the following question.

“Could the Leader of the Council confirm his support for the one million women and girls campaign to ensure that the new Mayoral Authority takes practical and meaningful steps to improve the lives of women and girls in Sunderland and the region? Could he also provide information on what these meaningful steps could be?”

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Nelson Cteja has submitted the following question.

Why did the council buy the Marks and Spencers building for millions of pounds?  
Why don't they let Marks and Spencer stay in the store for free if they own it?

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Megan Keegan, a resident of Sunderland has submitted the following question.

Can the leader reaffirm Sunderland's commitment to being open and tolerant to those fleeing Civil War and persecution?

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