

Public Questions for Council Wednesday 24 March 2021

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From	Assistant Director of Law and Governance	Date	16.03.21
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Subject	Public Question for Council – Wednesday 24 March 2021 – Making Sunderland a Cycling City		
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Carol Johnson, a resident of Sunderland, has submitted the following question to be put to the Council meeting on 24 March 2021.

“I was very interested to read about the LCWIP in the Sunderland Low Carbon plan. We gave up using a car in 2009 because of the environment crisis and cycle to get around but find the roads dangerous as many Sunderland car/van/lorry and bus drivers are aggressive towards cyclists. It has always been my desire for Sunderland to become a cycling city. Please can you tell me how walking and cycling will be promoted and how you will make cycling safer?”

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Adrian Johnson, a resident of Sunderland, has submitted the following question to be put to the Council meeting on 24 March 2021.

“I am deeply concerned about the climate emergency and how this may impact on our city's ability to provide food security for its residents. Please can the Leader of the Council describe those actions or intended actions of Sunderland City Council seeking to inform and engage residents in its Community Wealth Building Strategy, with particular reference to how local authority owned land can be managed in such ways that it produces food for the community?”

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Alan Liddle, a resident of Sunderland, has submitted the following question to be put to the Council meeting on 24 March 2021.

“Please can you look into the removal of the upturned boat, it has been now approx. 4 years now there on the river? at south hylton we have one of the most beautiful rivers in the country with great wildlife along the whole river wear corridor our river/town was the biggest shipbuilding place in the world once, lets promote this with pride and not destroy it, thank you for your time?”

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Barry Curran, a resident of Sunderland, has submitted the following question to be put to the Council meeting on 24 March 2021.

“ The residents of Cairns Road, Fulwell are concerned about speeding traffic along their road. Some vehicles are not slowing down when entering from Newcastle Road, a 40mph road.

Could the Council on behalf of the residents take positive steps to help reduce the speed of these vehicles. The road already has chicanes and speed humps but I feel more stringent measures need to be introduced?”

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David Newey, a resident of Sunderland, has submitted the following question to be put to the Council meeting on 24 March 2021.

“As we emerge from lockdown, the residents of Sunderland will look forward to visiting the amazing new facilities and businesses that have been created on Roker seafront. How will the council continue to ensure this is done in a safe and secure way, and support this new enterprise to thrive?”

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Tracy Dodds, a resident of Sunderland, has submitted the following question to be put to the Council meeting on 24 March 2021.

“Can the leader give an update on the progress on the micro household recycling centre for Coalfields residents?”

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Mitchell Oley, a resident of Sunderland, has submitted the following question to be put to the Council meeting on 24 March 2021.

“Seriously struggling financially since I'm not eligible for any grants from council or government being a self employed driving instructor, why isn't there help for people like me?”

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Stephen Cuthbert, a resident of Sunderland, has submitted the following question to be put to the Council meeting on 24 March 2021.

“Can the Leader of the Council confirm that, in the event a tenant pulls out of the new City Hall, the Council is responsible for paying their share of rental income until another tenant can be found?”

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Simon Ayre, a resident of Sunderland, has submitted the following question to be put to the Council meeting on 24 March 2021.

“The announcement that house building is to commence on the vast area of land off Suffolk Street and Mowbray Road is welcome. But as this land has remained vacant over decades, any progress is actually long overdue and what is especially disappointing is that it has been a prime area for the construction of affordable properties to buy and/or to rent.

This delay has taken place under the watch of a Labour Council, so could the Portfolio Holder apologise to the people of Sunderland who for far too long have been deprived of an opportunity to live in affordable housing near the city centre?”

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Sam Johnston, a resident of Sunderland, has submitted the following question to be put to the Council meeting on 24 March 2021.

“Al fresco dining has become far more popular during the COVID-19 pandemic.

What will the Council do to help businesses who wish to continue operating in this way even when public health restrictions have been lifted?”

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David Grainger, a resident of Sunderland, has submitted the following question to be put to the Council meeting on 24 March 2021.

“I am concerned about the erosion of the coastal dunes at South Bents due to trampling by the increased number of people using the beach for exercise and dog walking. The dunes are an important but fragile coastal ecosystem and once destroyed are unlikely to regenerate. Perhaps fencing or, at least, signage to make people aware of the situation, could be put in place by the Council? Thank you”

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Natasha Lawson, a resident of Sunderland, has submitted the following question to be put to the Council meeting on 24 March 2021.

“Can the Leader assure the residents of Sunderland, that Sunderland Council will not have a 2.6 million pound briefing room in its new City Hall like the Conservative Government have at 9 Downing Street”

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Lyall Reed, a resident of Sunderland, has submitted the following question to be put to the Council meeting on 24 March 2021.

“Following the announcement of the NHS’ decision to invest in a new Eye Infirmary on the Vaux Site, could the Leader of the Council clarify plans for the proposed CPMS at the current Eye Infirmary site”

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Laura Murrell, a resident of Sunderland, has submitted the following question to be put to the Council meeting on 24 March 2021.

“The vaccination programme in Sunderland is proceeding very well. However, vaccination alone is not a silver bullet and must be undertaken at the same time as keeping the levels of infection as low as possible.

Children in all age groups returned to school on March 8th 2021 and there have been reports that several schools in Sunderland have had pupils who tested positive for coronavirus.

The Lateral Flow Device (rapid) testing being undertaken in schools and latterly by pupils at home is not very accurate at detecting positive cases of Covid in asymptomatic people, only having about a 50% success rate.

I would, therefore, like to ask: do those pupils testing positive then go on to have a second PCR test to make the results less likely to be false positive and, therefore, more likely to be correct and what measures are being taken to support their families and ensure that they do self-isolate, in order to overcome the disincentive to test at home if a family cannot comply with this requirement”

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Pam Wortley, a resident of Sunderland, has submitted the following question to be put to the Council meeting on 24 March 2021.

“At its last meeting on 27th January, Sunderland Council approved a motion, on the COVID-19 Vaccination Program, which included the following statement “....the immunisation campaign should be embedded into the local primary care and public health teams, and must work in tandem with an effective test and trace system. The Council calls on the Government to fix the malfunctioning “test and trace” system or give local authorities the power and funding to coordinate test and trace themselves”.

There is a “Local O Scheme” being trialled in Lambeth which means that positive cases are handed straight to local contact tracing teams, with no delay at all. Is it possible for Sunderland Council to undertake a similar scheme and provide an effective test and trace system for Sunderland residents”

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