

### Question 1

Speed Cameras do not slow down motor bikes, lorries buses and anyone who does not care about their car, they create a hindrance for ambulances with critical patients and cause pollution due to the stop start nature of going between them. Average speed cameras slow down more of the traffic, cause no problems for emergency services and allow a constant speed so reduce pollution. So why do Sunderland Council still insist on speed humps everywhere.

**Please see Annex 2a for response and officer contact details.**

### Question 2

My sons school closed due to the fact the car park could not be cleared of snow on all three occasions of snowfall last year. Not once did it manage to stay open when EVERY other school in the whole of Sunderland managed to open on at least two of those occasions. When I questioned this I am only told that schools are autonomous institutions and can do as they please and since other schools in the country (not NOT county) closed they cannot single out one school. Why with the Government preaching EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS, does this not apply to the schools themselves, **Why can't the education department look at how all other schools managed to stay open and implement best practice at all schools to ensure my son does not loose any further education.**

This question is resubmitted as the answer I received did not answer the question I asked in bold above. I do NOT want to know the DCSF policy or what Fatfield school say they have done but want an answer to the question above.

**Please see Annex 2b for response and officer contact details.**

### Question 3

When member of the public are invited to put questions to councillors at meeting why is the protocol for their questions different to the protocol for the councillors? Surely if they have been asked to attend then they should be given the same opportunity.

**Please see Annex 2c for response and officer contact details.**

#### **Question 4**

When the Council changed the Active 8 Card for a Life card for entry to its sports facilities it exchanged an £12 card for an £8 card. After a long process I have had a refund of the difference and an undertaking from the council to return any monies to other members if it is asked for. Since the council now agree this money should be given back has it decided to keep the money instead of returning it to the rightful owners?

**Please see Annex 2d for response and officer contact details.**

#### **Question 5**

During the last period of snow Fatfield Primary School had to close on every occasion due to the car park being deemed unsafe. The council have a fleet of snow ploughs and gritters available. Why can't the education and highways departments work together in order to ensure that the school can remain open and over 200 children not lose 3 days education?

**City Services Directorate to provide response.**

#### **Question 6**

To strongly request NEXUS complete the renovation of the Concord Bus Station by installation of the electronic information system, as in the Galleries Bus Station, in the street Chester le Street, Newcastle's new bus station, with existing lighting the bus information boards, very difficult to read.