

Cabinet – 12 September 2023

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

1) Mr G

Please can i submit the following question for the full council meeting on 12th September.

I will not be able to attend in person to ask the question

My question is as follows and i would request it is read out as written as previous questions submitted have been paraphrased to remove context and clarity

"The published results of the consultation show an overwhelming rejection of the Councils planned restrictions on dogs at Hylands Park with over 60% opposing and less than 40% in favour.

The consultation also makes vague references to "increases in dog related incidents" and cites 33 dog related incidents in the last year, however it does not make clear this was across the whole of Chelmsford and not at Hylands park and does not compare this to previous years to show the increase so is incredibly deceptive.

Can you confirm the 'actual' number of dog related crimes committed at Hylands Park last year that led to an arrest, caution or conviction and the number each year for the previous 5 years to show the increase? I ask for this as the justification for the current proposals appear to be based entirely on hearsay, scaremongering and rumour rather than actual evidence

Can you also confirm, if the motion is passed in defiance of the democratic consultation results, the purpose of wasting tax payer funds on consultations that are ignored, given the previous parking charge consultation at Hylands also showed overwhelming rejection of "ANY" charges and was likewise ignored?"

2) Mr B

Concerning the situation with Saltcoats Park and Compass Gardens

Some time ago Chelmsford City Council 'decommissioned' the toddler play area in Saltcoats Park after improvements were made at the Compass Gardens play area. Originally the area was designated for an enlargement to the parking capacity at Saltcoats to prevent cars parking on the Ferrers Road verges. Residents have expressed much concern that the much-loved facility for their toddlers has been lost, and while there has been more parking provided off Creekview Road this is not in the vicinity of Saltcoats Park.

Could you tell the people of South Woodham Ferrers the total area that was decommissioned in Saltcoats Park i.e. how much land the toddler play area consisted of,

and whether any extra play area was provided in the upgraded Compass Gardens facility to compensate for this loss of play space? (I am not asking about extra play equipment – only area.)

Could you also explain what the new plans for the decommissioned area are and when the area will be usable again? It has been cordoned off for a long period and nothing seems to be happening.

3) Mr W

An FOI by the SWFCTA recently revealed that flytipping in Chelmsford reached its highest for 5 years and this co-incident with the introduction of the booking system 'trial' at Household Recycling Centres in the county. A report commissioned by DeFRA in January found some councils with similar booking systems hav seen more pressure on their district kerbside collections as a result, possibly because people choose to pack their kerbside bins with waste they might otherwise have taken to their local household recycling centre. Nearby Lib Dem Brentwood Council is opposing the booking system for these reasons. What is the CCC position on the introduction of the Essex HWRC booking system? Does it believe that more pressure is being placed on its kerbide recycling service and is it measuring this? And does it think it could be leading to more flytipping, and will it look to recoup those costs from Essex County Council if so?