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In accordance with the Council's Constitution, a member of the public resident within the Borough may ask a maximum of two questions relating to the business of the Council providing notice has been received by 10.00am two working days before the relevant meeting.

In light of the current restrictions due to the pandemic, members of the public are not allowed to enter the Town Hall therefore may attend Council meetings and put their questions remotely. Alternatively, they may request that their questions are put to the relevant Member by the Deputy Mayor at an Ordinary Council meeting.

Every question asked pursuant to rule 11.1 of the Constitution shall be put and answered without discussion but the Member to whom the question has been put may decline to answer. An answer may take the form of a direct oral answer at the Council meeting or where there has been insufficient time to research an answer, a written answer will be sent to the questioner. Time for all questions from members of the public shall be restricted to 15 minutes in total. At the expiration of that period of time, any questions which have not been asked shall be answered in writing and the answer placed with the minutes.

Ms Susan Kortlandt had submitted two questions:

1. I note with regret that the Government has not renewed the "Everybody In" scheme for rough sleepers during the winter. With lockdown in force, freezing weather and rates of infection at record highs, no-one should be forced to sleep in the open now.

How will the Council ensure that everyone in the Borough has a place to stay indoors?

2. At the last Council Meeting, I was very pleased to hear that agreement had been reached for a mobile 'phone mast for EE and Three to be placed on Masfield Court. Unfortunately, there is no evidence of work actually taking place as yet.

After more than six months without a reliable mobile signal, please can the Leader give me a date when I may expect to be reconnected to a mast, and what progress has been made regarding the mast for Vodafone and O2?