

Committee: Ordinary Council	Date: 10 th March 2021
Subject: Public Questions	Wards Affected: All
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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.

Mr Gary MacDonnell had submitted two questions:

1. Following the recent case of Ella Kissi Debrah which found, for the first time, that air pollution was a cause of death, what plans does the Council have to deal with air pollution in the Borough? Are there any plans to start providing real time information on air quality in Brentwood?
2. There appears to be a major discrepancy in how Brentwood has done nothing to improve the surrounds of stations and welcome the arrival of Crossrail in the Borough when contrasted with the developments happening to stations in the west - particularly Maidenhead. Does the Council have any plans to make improvements and to try and use Crossrail as a driver for growth in ways that others have done?