

<b>Committee:</b> Ordinary Council	<b>Date:</b> 23 <sup>rd</sup> June 2021
<b>Subject:</b> Public Questions	<b>Wards Affected:</b> 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.

Kathryn Coffin has submitted two questions:

### **Question 1**

Many Brentwood residents who have spent more time at home than normal during the last year will have realised how much waste they generate and made an effort to recycle more. What is the council doing to increase the types of items that can be included in the kerbside recycling collections, e.g. Tetrapaks, tissue paper and carrier bags?

While Tetrapaks can currently be taken to a recycling centre, this is not an option for residents without cars. Has the council given any thought to providing recycling bins for other lightweight items in a town centre location, or at supermarkets, if a kerbside collection is not possible?

### **Question 2**

Please could the council explain why it is not maintaining the green at the junction of Wharf Road and Rollason Way, given that the council adopted this land a couple of years ago? The grass has not been cut this year and is now waist height.

The green is an important resource for flat residents on Rollason Way, who are currently unable to make use of it due to its poorly-maintained state. In addition, the overgrown state of the green presents a fire risk and is preventing residents from being able to properly clean up their dog mess. I understand that councillors have been requesting action from the council on this for two years now. I have tried contacting the council online and been told it is 'already reported/in progress', but the grass has still not been cut.