

Committee: Ordinary Council	Date: 8 th December 2021
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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 Kordlandt submitted two questions.

1. *What is the total carbon footprint of Brentwood Council from all its current operations, including housing, offices and works?*

2. *I note that the Council is preparing an Environmental Strategy aimed at taking the “Council and the Borough” towards Zero Carbon 2040”. How will you ensure that progress is being made? Will there be intermediate targets, scrutiny and control measures? By when do you intend the Council’s own operations to be carbon neutral?*

Ms Ingleby submitted one question.

1. *Kimpton Avenue is seen as a quiet road but it experiences speeding vehicles and is a cut through between Doddinghurst Road and Ongar Road. We would like to know what influence the council has with Essex County Council?*

Highways Dept to address this issue before there is a fatality, more damage to parked cars and theft of vehicles.

We support a traffic calming scheme, cameras and a speed reduction to 15 or 20 miles per hour in our road and in other residential roads.

We have learnt that there is traffic scheme in Chelmsford Road, South Woodford, where speed cameras are installed, residents register their vehicles and anyone not registered and speeding is caught on camera. This may have helped track the thieves that used our road as a cut through following a burglary in the town centre and also a resident's work van stolen (despite having a tracker fitted), both events happened within the last 2 months.

In the meantime, several residents are willing to undertake speed gun training and put monitoring in place as this may be a deterrent in the short term.