

Written Questions received in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 12:

1. Question from Councillor Sean Macleod to the Leader of the Council (Councillor MacCleary)

Can I ask that the Council looks at writing to the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care about the test and trace facility in the local area; residents are trying hard to get tests and are regularly told there are no home tests available and that there are no local testing sites? This apparent world class test and trace system is anything but and it is leaving local residents at risk of a virus that has already claimed the lives of over 41,000 people in the UK and 68 people in the District so far this year.

2. Question from Councillor Milly Manley to the Leader of the Council (Councillor MacCleary)

Does the Leader share the disappointment of local cycling and walking groups at the lack of funding for infrastructure secured by East Sussex County Council in the recent tranche 1 and 2 bids? Could you make it clear exactly what is being implemented in Lewes District through the Emergency Active Travel Funding?

3. Question from Councillor Milly Manley to the Cabinet Member for Recycling, Waste and Open Spaces (Councillor Carr)

As both Councillors and officers are aware, the littered state of the A27 and other trunk roads in the District has been a major cause for concern for well over a year. I am aware that Lewes District Council (LDC) has met with other authorities and contractors to try to improve the situation and has also contacted the Department for Transport (DfT) for assistance in the transferal of cleansing duties to Highways England.

Communication from DfT to campaigners has been far from satisfactory and action on the matter seems slow. While the environmental team at LDC have done great work clearing litter when safe to do so, a far more consistent, joined up, and sustainable approach is needed to see our verges kept in an acceptable condition.

Could the Cabinet member for recycling, waste and open spaces provide the Council with a step by step update on progress made by LDC and any challenges we are still facing in resolving the issue?

4. Question from Councillor Roy Clay to the Cabinet Member for Planning and Infrastructure (Councillor O'Brien)

Many residents are concerned about the Government's proposals for wholesale changes to the planning system, including binding house building targets. Will Lewes District Council be responding to the Government's consultation?