

# Reigate and Banstead Borough Council

Meeting of Council 11 February 2021

## Questions by Members

	<b>Question by</b>	<b>To be answered by</b>	<b>Subject</b>
1	Cllr Essex	Executive Member for Investments and Companies, Cllr Archer	Horley Business Park
2	Cllr Ritter	Executive Member for Investments and Companies, Cllr Archer	Proposed Crematorium
3	Cllr McKenna	Executive Member for Corporate Policy and Resources, Cllr Lewanski	Energy Costs
4	Cllr Whinney	Executive Member for Planning Policy and Place Delivery, Cllr Biggs	Cladding

**Councillor Essex** will ask the **Executive Member for Investments and Companies, Councillor Archer** the following question:

**Question 1: Horley Business Park**

Horley Business Park LLP (which comprises Berwick Hill properties Ltd, Mill Hill Properties (Horley) Ltd and Reigate and Banstead Borough Council) commissioned ecological surveys in 2017. The preliminary ecological appraisal was undertaken by Avian Ecology dated 5th July 2017. The Council has stated that it does not hold the survey in answer to a recent FOI request.

Tree felling was then undertaken to clear the majority of the woodland (only perimeter trees now remain) in the south-eastern part of the Horley Business Park site on land owned by Mill Hill Properties (Horley) Ltd. This occurred on Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th November 2020. It was reported that residents were told this was to create the access road to the industrial park. One of the Directors of Mill Hill Properties was reported to be on site directing the Contractor as the trees were felled.

Would the Council please state whether the activities of the Horley Business Park LLP should be made public and reconsider its position, both morally and legally, in continuing to partner with Mill Hill Properties through the Horley Business Park company (or in any other arrangement in the future).

**Councillor Ritter** will ask the **Executive Member for Investments and Companies, Councillor Archer**, the following question:

**Question 2: Proposed Crematorium**

Over 600 residents have signed an e-petition asking the council to reconsider their plans for a crematorium in Woodhatch. This e-petition was accepted and published on the website in December and on reaching 400 plus signatures should “automatically be referred to the Full Council for debate’ (RBBC Petition scheme guidelines) Since deciding that a debate at Full Council might prejudice members of the Planning Committee and taking down the petition, can the council now ensure that all of the residents who signed it are emailed with this explanation along with instructions on how to register their views on the Planning portal before the 18th February 2021 deadline?

**Councillor McKenna** will ask the **Executive Member for Corporate Policy and Resources, Councillor Lewanski** the following question:

**Question 3: Cost of Energy**

Please can you provide a full breakdown, by supplier and fuel type, of the financial cost and carbon impact of the energy and fuel used by Reigate and Banstead Borough Council, in its buildings and vehicle fleet in each of the last three years?

**Councillor Whinney** will ask the **Executive Member for Planning Policy and Place Delivery, Councillor Biggs** the following question:

**Question 4: Cladding**

Following the Grenfell Disaster, it was found that the cladding did not meet fire standards and was flammable, so all buildings with such cladding are dangerous. Most of these are flats but some schools and other buildings are so covered. Many flat owners are leasehold but they can not sell their flats, the cost of removal of cladding is totally unaffordable. Some have “marshals on patrol” to try to ensure the flats are safe but even such costs are unaffordable for many occupants. I am advised that flats with wooden balconies are also included in being unsaleable some such flats are in the area of Beech Drive not far from the Police Station.

There is a grant scheme but completion will take years to achieve. What is the Council’s Policy and can any financial assistance be offered, please?