

# Reigate and Banstead Borough Council

Meeting of Council 16 January 2020

## Questions by Members

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1	Councillor S. Kulka	Councillor N. Bramhall, Executive Member for Neighbourhood Services	Parking Income
2	Councillor H. Brown	Councillor N. Bramhall, Executive Member for Neighbourhood Services	Water Fountains
3	Councillor R. Ritter	Councillor R. Biggs, Executive Member for Planning Policy	Permitted Development
4	Councillor J. Essex	Councillor R. Biggs, Executive Member for Planning Policy	Doctor and School Provision
5	Councillor S. Fenton	Councillor E. Humphreys Executive Member for Place and Economic Prosperity	Gatwick Airport

**Councillor S. Kulka** will ask the **Executive Member for Neighbourhood Services, Councillor N. Bramhall** the following question:

**Question 1: Parking Income**

Recent media coverage of the profits from off and on-street parking made by Councils have raised questions from residents. Could the Executive Member please clarify how much profit has been made by our Council over the past year and what has benefited from the parking related income?

**Councillor H. Brown** will ask the **Executive Member for Neighbourhood Services, Councillor N. Bramhall** the following question:

**Question 2: Water Fountains**

Water fountains are popping up in towns and cities in the UK, promoting health and helping to reduce buying of plastic bottles. Can Reigate and Banstead Borough Council pledge to have a modern water fountain in the Borough, preferably in the two centres of Reigate and Redhill?

**Councillor R. Ritter** will ask the **Executive Member for Planning Policy, Councillor R. Biggs** the following question:

**Question 3: Permitted Development**

Reigate and Banstead's new housing strategy clearly recognises the need to increase the number of affordable homes in the Borough and especially social rented homes. However, there are now two major residential developments underway in Redhill, at Quadrant House and Furniss House, converting offices to residential units under Permitted Development Rights (PDR) which don't have to comply with normal planning conditions regarding nationally described space standards, affordability, contributions to CIL funding, amenity or energy efficiency standards.

Given that these PDR conversions bypass the normal planning system which means bypassing many of the standards that exist to protect housing quality and that far from curtailing PDR the government have recently consulted on extending it to other types of change of use and 'upward extensions,' will the council be lobbying the new government to change the rules and end this dangerous policy?

**Councillor J. Essex** will ask the **Executive Member for Planning Policy, Councillor R. Biggs** the following question:

**Question 4: Doctor and School Provision**

Whilst the Local Plan makes an allowance for the number of doctors and school places across the Borough, how is this updated to make sure there are enough doctors and school places provided in the areas where the most houses are being built. In particular, please confirm what details of new doctors' places are required to be provided by the Council to reflect the recent current and planned developments in Redhill town centre, Watercolour and Horley so those living there can be supported by a local surgery?

**Councillor S. Fenton** will ask the **Executive Member for Place and Economic Prosperity, Councillor E. Humphreys** the following question:

**Question 5: Gatwick Airport**

Under the Planning Act 2008, the proposed growth of the main runway at Gatwick Airport must be considered as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) as it will add about 55,000 extra flights a year, increasing passenger numbers by significantly more than the 10 million increase identified in the 2008 Act as requiring scrutiny.

Will the Council ask the Secretary of State for Transport to ensure this main runway growth - which is in addition to plans to use the emergency runway as a second runway - is fully examined on the grounds of climate emergency, lack of road and rail access, decline in air quality, lack of affordable housing, healthcare, schools, amenities and significant increase in aircraft noise?

Background:

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2008/29>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/aviation-strategy-making-best-use-of-existing-runways>