

COUNCIL MEETING – 21 JULY 2020

QUESTIONS FROM ELECTORS UNDER PROCEDURE RULE 9

1. From Sharon O'Reilly to Councillor Anderson

“Why weren't any of the Residence on the perimeter roads of Ryvers Primary School Kidderminster area of Langley informed that Ryvers School have been running Airport Parking over all school Holidays?”

Reply

Thank you for your question. Ryvers School has been an Academy School for some time. This means they are free to generate funds with lettings and operate the site as they wish. There is no requirement that they inform the Council's Education Department of out of hours operations on the site, in fact the school just needs permission of its governing body to do so, they do however need to abide by planning regulations.

I asked our highways team to inspect the site and they found cars parked in their own car park but officers can't be clear if that is related to airport parking or whose vehicles they are. It would seem there are a standard amount of vehicles parked on the highway around the school vicinity and therefore there doesn't appear to be any airport parking taking place on the highway.

I have also asked our planning enforcement team to investigate the claim – as planning permission would be required if the school was operating an airport parking operation within its site.

Once officers have completed their investigation I will ask that they inform you of the outcome.

2. From Douglas Winton to Councillor Anderson

“What charitable and covid based activities did Councillor Anderson take part in as a councillor, independently or with organisations like SCVS, during the covid crisis?”

Reply

I don't comment on or seek to publicise , Charitable donations or Community initiatives I take part in as an individual. Labour councillors have , as a Group, donated £1,000 to Slough Foodbank and I have continued to carry out my duties during the emergency apart from the period when I was self-isolating.

3. From Steven Gillingwater to Councillor Anderson

“Could the Cabinet member responsible for Transport outline the Council’s strategy for transport focusing on what improvements are being made for the disabled residents and what plans are being made to help with air quality which impacts the disabled community heavily?”

Reply

In terms of air quality we have introduced the bus lanes to capture the air quality improvements since lockdown, to support all our vulnerable residents as well those without disabilities we have not identified an air quality project that is specifically targeted toward disabled people but if you have evidence of specific scheme targeted at disabled group that will help them then I would be interested to hear from him, and ask that you do email me over the details for our highways team to look into.