

WELWYN HATFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING – 12th March 2025

QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Notice of the following questions has been received in accordance with the Council's Constitution

1. Question to the Executive Member for Environment from Paul Spicer

"How can it be reasonable that an exception was made for Greenfields, when Ashcombe's situation is at least as bad? Greenfields has unhindered footways to all properties, yet the footways in Ashcombe service just four of the eighteen properties, meaning access to the remaining 14 properties, is only possible by using the road, whether that be for able-bodied pedestrians, parents with pushchairs or residents in wheelchairs.?"

2. Question to the Executive Member for Environment from Lorna & Brett Tomes

"The blocks of flats on Haymeads and Harwood Hill were initially designated for elderly residents, so no designated parking was provided. After being re-zoned to include both council and private residents, no additional parking was created to accommodate the change. This has led to significant parking issues in our area. With the prohibition of parking on verges or footpaths reducing available spaces, will the council be creating more suitable parking spaces in the area? If this is not the case, what the reasons are for not doing so?"

3. Question to the Executive Member for Environment from John Saunders

"As was always going to be the case the introduction of parking restrictions in Haymeads is already causing issues with no road parking available after 5pm. As mentioned before, this is causing anxiety and stress for neighbours something which the council seem to want to ignore. Who wants to be driving home from work or visiting elsewhere worrying if they are going to be able to park when they get there?"

I'd like to ask if anybody, other than Tony Kingsbury, have taken the time to visit Haymeads and looked at the ratio of spaces to properties and looked at what might be able to be done to increase the amount of spaces? Surely there must be options for grass protection grids and adjustment of current hardstands to ease the problem?"

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