

CABINET – 27 APRIL 2017

PUBLIC QUESTIONS (ITEM 4)

Under Rule 16 of the Executive Procedure Rules, members of the public may question the Executive and Portfolio Holders at meetings. There is a time limit of 15 minutes for the asking and answering of public questions.

1.

Questioner: Graham Darvall

Asked of: Councillor Keith Ferry, Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Business, Planning and Regeneration

Question: “We should like to ask you, and indeed all Councillors, to please consider our request to very slightly re-define the boundary edge of the Pinner Road Conservation Area, so as to exclude our property and more accurately reflect the fact that our house actually clearly visually detracts from the concept of the Conservation Scheme - as after all, we have been for 39 years, simply the first house on the right hand side going up the Hill? Our property most definitely does not enhance the scheme, or fit in with it at all.

We are not asking for entire roads to be removed from the Conservation Area, like you did up at Harrow Weald when you removed Bellfield Avenue, West Drive and West Drive Gardens, no, all we are asking for is for one property to be removed, as it certainly does not have any Architectural interest and any possible historic interest ceased 38 years ago when the property was old off and fenced off and then since significantly modernised and altered as confirmed by your then Head of Planning, Mr. Keith Hubbard, in 1994.

We do not think a fair and informed decision was made to include our property within the Conservation Area when the following facts were incorrect or omitted: Officers had looked at 6 year old outdated Google earth maps and seen a green roof, also Officers had only looked at an out-dated Ordnance Survey map which did not show our 30 year old white UPVC Conservatory on the north facing side of the House. By 1994, the well-respected Head of Planning, Mr Keith Hubbard, had acknowledged that our House was not listed nor locally listed, nor part of the nearby Flats, and we quote Mr. Hubbard: “had been significantly altered and modernised”. E.G. The old green Crittall windows had been replaced by white UPVC Double glazing. White double glazed Patio doors had been installed, and a few years later the roof was changed to orange Terra Cotta tiles - all these modernisations having been planned to differentiate us from the nearby Flats and to match all the other 24 private houses, going up the Hill. May we please respectfully

ask that Councillors note our concerns and earnestly ask for the Boundary line to be very slightly adjusted, and thereby correct the mistakes which have been made, because Councillors were not fully briefed on the relevant paperwork. E.G. Did Officers tell you and show you the letter approving our Terra Cotta Roof?

Did Officers tell you about and show you Keith Hubbard's letter of 1994 emphasising our House was neither listed or locally listed, and it had been built to a different style, and in any case had been significantly altered?

Did Officers tell you and show you the Boundary line would cut our Conservatory in half?

Did you know that The Conservation Officer did not even know we had a Conservatory?

Had you even been told we had a Conservatory? Which by the way had been approved by the Council's Estates and Valuation Officer Mr. David Ball, in writing to us in 1989,

We think the answers to all these questions is NO. Councillors had not been told about Or shown the relevant letters and facts, or this situation would never have arisen.

We feel that Andrew Pearce's letter sums it up exactly, when he states "It seems the Conservation Officer is trying to Conserve something that has long-since gone and no longer exists."

Finally, may we please stress that our property does not enhance the Conservation Area scheme at all, in fact it spoils the scheme as it is like having stuck a modern house in an area of largely unaltered layout since 1933 including The front Boulevarde Gardens, The unaltered Pinner new Cemetery and the unaltered 4 large blocks of Flats.

Our Property spoils the Scheme and sticks out like a sore thumb. Our house is quite simply, just the first house on the right hand side of the road, going up the hill

Here is an opportunity to resolve this situation, and we very much hope you will help us.

Thank you so much."

2.

Questioner: Sarah Mortimer

Asked of: Councillor Christine Robson, Portfolio Holder for Children, Schools and Young People

Question: Re: Pinner Wood School

“Accepting that the ground stabilisation work will be funded by Central Government, where in the meantime are the funds for the September one-site solution coming from?”

3.

Questioner: Ophélie Barbet

Asked of: Councillor Christine Robson, Portfolio Holder for Children, Schools and Young People

Question: Re: Pinner Wood School

"If the Pinner Wood school site cannot be fixed by the ground stabilisation works, what is the plan for the school?"

4.

Questioner: Mark Hypolite

Asked of: Councillor Christine Robson, Portfolio Holder for Children, Schools and Young People

Question: Re: Pinner Wood School

“What sites are you concurrently researching for a PINNER ONE-SITE solution in September?”

5.

Questioner: Meherin Aklas

Asked of: Councillor Simon Brown, Portfolio Holder for Adults and Older People

Question: What is a the average amount of money allocated to a personal budget for a mental health service user in this financial year 2017-2018 and how does the amount compare to the previous 2 financial years?