

COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 15 - QUESTIONS BY THE PUBLIC

1. Question from Jennifer Harding

In view of Parliament's declaration of a Climate Change Emergency on 1st May, 2019, and the further declarations by other cities such as Bath, London, and Edinburgh of their own CCE's, I am very interested to know if our District Council has any plans to take the lead with a local Climate Change Emergency plan alongside the current Cleaner, Safer, Greener initiative.

Specifically, I want to understand what NSDC's view is on what the vital role of both maintaining and expanding existing green spaces, woodlands and protecting mature trees – particularly such as those at the Newark Library gardens – plays in actively reducing levels of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere. Could there be a programme of planting new trees whilst simultaneously increasing the range of recycling of plastics, adding air pollution monitors on main roads near schools and hospital, given the proximity of the A1M, A46 and A17 to our town and investing in more public transport to reduce vehicle movements?

Reply to be given from Councillor D. Lloyd – Leader of the Council

2. Question from John Samye

Why are you allowing so many healthy trees to be cut down in Newark when the government says we are in a climate change emergency, and the UN says we only have 11 years to limit climate change catastrophe? Shouldn't you be keeping trees, protecting more trees and planting new trees?

Reply to be given from Councillor D. Lloyd – Leader of the Council

3. Question from Wendy Baird

What is the Council's Environmental policy and where can I get a copy?

Reply from Councillor D. Lloyd – Leader of the Council