

COUNCIL, 24 SEPTEMBER 2020 : WRITTEN QUESTIONS

STRATEGIC PLANNING AND TRANSPORT
(COUNCILLOR CARO WILD)

W1	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR OWEN</u></p> <p>Y Groes is the original heart of the Grade II listed Rhiwbina garden village, which is of historical and cultural significance to the development of Cardiff as the Capital City of Wales. Residents of Y Groes, Rhiwbina, have experienced great difficulty in parking, access to their properties and damage to the area for some time. They are very concerned that the aesthetics of the Garden Village are being destroyed by large vehicles struggling to navigate this overcrowded square. Therefore, local residents strongly support the introduction of a controlled parking zone in Y Groes. Will the Cabinet Member meet with me and the Chairman of Rhiwbina Garden Village Conservation Group in Y Groes, to see the problems first hand, and to explore how they might be dealt with?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>I would be happy to meet with you and the Chairman of Rhiwbina Garden Village Conservation Group in Y Groes to discuss the matters you have raised and to explore possible solutions.</p>
W2	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR DRISCOLL</u></p> <p>This month will see parking charges on council owned car parks increase significantly across the city. I am pleased that Llandaff has been recognised as having unique circumstances which has been reflected in these increased charges. However, since Covid-19 measures have been introduced in schools, parking on school sites has quite rightly been curtailed. At the Cathedral School in Llandaff, parents who could normally drive onto campus to drop off and collect students, can no longer do so. This is also the case for Llandaff City CIW Primary where staff are unable to park on site. This has led to a significant pressure on available space for parking in the Village. Staff at the schools and Health workers in the Surgery are having no option but to park long term in the car park and pay these additional charges. Will you recognise that Covid-19 is already having a detrimental effect on staff at our schools, surgeries and tourism, and will you postpone the increase in charges until this awful disease is under some control?</p>

Reply

The increase in charges was scheduled to be implemented in 2019 and we cannot justify any further delays to these proposals. The car park in Llandaff Village already has a period of free parking (2 hours), which can be used for dropping off/picking up and for short visits to the area. This has enabled a frequent and successful turnover of parking spaces. A small increase in charges will have no impact on visits of less than 2 hours.

I know you have been a vociferous campaigner for better air quality in Llandaff and beyond. If we are serious about improving local air quality, we should not in all honesty continue to allow cheap and easy car parking, especially for commuters.