

## **COUNCIL MEETING**

**26 JANUARY 2022**

### **ITEM 5 ON SUMMONS**

#### **QUESTIONS FROM MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC UNDER STANDING ORDER 12**

##### **Question from Steve Ringham, a local resident:**

I recently surveyed residents in Addlestone for their views on local issues. The number one issue, reported by 60%+ of respondents in the School Lane area, was actually a raft of issues caused by parents dropping off, and collecting their children around the Jubilee High School in School Lane. Complaints include

- Inconsiderate / problem parking - blocking junctions creating hazards to pedestrians and nuisance to residents from blocked private drives
- Excessive engine idling - creating air quality and environmental issues
- Bad / inconsiderate driving - causing congestion and excessive emissions
- Litter

What power does the Council have to address these issues to improve the situation for residents, in terms of safety, air quality, neighbourhood quality of life and respect to property?

##### **Question from Deb Long, a local resident:**

Runnymede council recently issued for tender a contract for £5.8m to "replace existing aged gas fired central heating boilers and to upgrade existing central heating systems to tenanted domestic properties within its ownership ... in the Borough of Runnymede, Surrey." But UK housing stock is the least energy-efficient in Europe so that better boilers are only part of the solution to reducing housing emissions as well as costs. A third of Runnymede's own social housing stock is rated E or F.

So many council tenants in Runnymede, as well as private residents in the borough and elsewhere in much of the country, are experiencing rapidly-rising energy costs on top of general cost-of-living inflation. Given that more efficient heating is only part of the solution to lower bills and lower emissions, what else is the council doing to improve the energy efficiency of it's housing stock?

##### **Question from Aileen Owen Davies, a local resident:**

I would like to know what changes you are making to the council procedures and protocols which will enable you to make better progress in combatting climate change. We are now in a Climate Crisis situation caused in large part by the lack of action during the past years. The urgency is becoming greater as Global Warming accelerates faster.

