

QUESTIONS TO CABINET MEMBERS

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CQ117-18 from Councillor Lynne Hale

Councillor Alison Butler

Please provide an update regarding the Brick by Brick Development Programme.

Please itemise:

1. Each site with planning consent and
2. Sites lodged with the Planning Department awaiting a decision under the following headings:
 - Phase Scheme name Total units
 - Affordable units
 - % affordable Estimated start on site Estimated completion

Reply

Please see the below table.

Sites with Planning Consent

Phase	Scheme Name	Total Units	Affordable Units	% Affordable	Estimated Main Works SOS	Estimated Completion
2	Rushden and Ravensdale	30	0	0%	Dec-17	Feb-19
2	Homefield House	24	0	0%	Jan-18	Jun-19
3	Auckland Rise	57	19	33%	Dec-17	Mar-19
2	Cheriton House	27	27	100%	Jan-18	Jun-19
3	Tollers	40	18	45%	Feb-18	Feb-20
2	Marston Way	12	0	0%	Apr-18	Sep-19
n/a	Avenue Road	12	7	58%	Jul-19	May-20
1	Kingsdown	34	6	18%	Jun-18	Jul-19
2	Eagle Hill	8	0	0%	Dec-18	Dec-19
n/a	Edridge Road/Coombe Road	9	0	0%	Mar-19	Feb-20
1	Chertsey Crescent	7	7	100%	Apr-19	Mar-20
2	Academy Gardens	9	0	0%	Oct-18	TBC
1	Hermitage Road	9	0	0%	Dec-18	Oct-19
1	Oxford Road	9	0	0%	May-19	Mar-20
1	Uvedale Crescent	6	6	100%	Apr-19	Mar-20
2	Warbank Crescent	36	36	100%	May-19	Jun-20
1	Northbrook Road	11	0	0%	Sep-18	Sep-19
1	Malton House	9	5	56%	Sep-18	TBC
2	Tollgate	42	15	36%	Sep-18	Dec-19
1	Regina Road	19	19	100%	Sep-18	Sep-19
n/a	Coulsdon Community Centre	33	16	48%	Aug-20	Mar-22

n/a	CALAT, Coulsdon	0	0	0%	Jun-19	Jun-20
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3	Heathfield Gardens	20	0	0%	Jan-19	Dec-19
3	Station Road	14	0	0%	Sep-18	Aug-19
3	Longheath	53	53	100%	Jun-18	Nov-19
3	Tirrell Road	9	9	100%	Apr-19	Mar-20
3	Ashby walk	9	0	0%	Apr-19	Mar-20
3	Windmill Road	6	6	100%	Apr-19	Mar-20
1	King Henry's Drive	7	7	100%	Apr-19	Mar-20
3	Anne's Place & Drummond Road	28	0	0%	Jan-19	Mar-20
n/a	Wandle Road car park	128	68	53%	Jan-19	Sep-20
n/a	Lion Green Road car park	157	79	50%	Feb-19	Feb-21
2	Drovers Road	9	9	100%	TBC	TBC
2	Thorneloe Gardens	10	0	0%	TBC	TBC
2	Coldharbour Road	8	8	100%	TBC	TBC

n/a	Shrublands Estate	26	26	100%	TBC	TBC
	Warminster Road garages	6	0	0%	Jun-19	May-20
	Belgrave and Grosvenor	103	52	50%	Apr-19	Feb-21
Sites in Planning Awaiting Decision						
	Sanderstead Road car park	14	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC

CQ097-18 from Councillor Stuart Millson**Councillor Stuart Collins**

The biggest frustration residents have raised regarding the introduction of the new recycling system is replacing the existing recycling boxes with two new wheelie bins. No other Council in the South London Waste partnership has chosen to use wheelie bins for both plastics/metals/glass and paper/card.

Why did the Council choose a unique and unproven approach to the new system without any prior consultation with residents?

Reply

The contract with the South London Waste Partnership was predicated on harmonising collection methodologies between the four boroughs and all are separating the same streams of waste and recycling. This is what has led to savings of over £5M per year for Croydon. We have made a bold decision to reduce the size of the landfill bins and increase the capacity for recycling because we are committed to increasing the recycling rate to over 50% and making Croydon one of the cleanest, greenest boroughs in London. We can currently recycle over 73% of our waste and yet only recycle 38% - one of the key reasons for this is that 60% of the total waste capacity is dedicated to landfill which sends the message that it's ok not to recycle, which in turn costs the council millions in disposal fees. By giving people more capacity to recycle and less capacity for landfill we can redress this trend and make it easy for people to recycle.

Another reason for the wheeled bins is to improve the street cleansing operation. The mixed recycling is currently collected by our contractor decanting it into transfer bins and then emptying it into the truck. The reality of this operation is that it involves double handling, is inefficient and results in waste being strewn all over the pavement following collections. From feedback from residents, we know that in many cases, the 55L boxes were insufficient for the amount of recycling they produced which

either meant they either threw any excess into landfill, ordered more boxes, or overfilled the ones they had, with any excess being blown down the streets, causing a big littering problem. Many of the boxes were in a really bad state and were becoming an eye sore and did not have lids to contain the waste.

The bins will last far longer than the boxes and while they cost more in the short term, because they will need replacing far less often, should be better value for money in the longer term as well as better for the environment.

PQ079-18 from Michelle SR**Councillor Simon Hall**

I would like to know how the council can justify a 6% pay increase when it needs to find £20 million plus in savings over the next four years and having spent over £1 million on a recycling project opposed by many residents.

Reply

The Medium Term Financial Strategy does indeed indicate the level of savings that the Council needs to find, following the 75% cuts to government funding we have suffered.

The pay rise to Councillors reflects increases of 5% in a full year, with individual rises of 2% to 4.5% (excluding a new post and a re-evaluation of certain posts). This is in the context of a decade of freezes in councillors' remuneration, at a time when the population of the borough is growing and the workload of councillors is increasing.

The new recycling system is part of the South London Waste Partnership contract which is saving in excess of £5M per year for the council tax payers of Croydon, so this capital expenditure on bins will be offset by savings in landfill as I have detailed previously.