



Portsmouth CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

QUESTIONS BY THE PUBLIC AT COUNCIL MEETINGS UNDER STANDING ORDER NO 25

CITY COUNCIL MEETING – 13 OCTOBER 2021

QUESTION NO 1

FROM: KEN BAILEY

The people of Portsmouth have been patiently waiting for the last 7 years for the formal recognition of a public right of way around Town Quay at the Camber in Old Portsmouth. This issue today still remains unresolved.

Considering the following:

- Between 2011 and 2021 PCC did not have a Definitive Map of the public rights of way in the city that it is required to hold by law.
- As the Surveying Authority PCC investigated and assessed an application in 2016 for an existing public right of way at the Camber, Old Portsmouth to be added to the Definitive Map – which resulted in PCC losing a subsequent appeal on this matter.
- PCC did not comply with national guidance in respect of consultations prior to publishing a Definitive Map Modification Order for this Camber right of way in February 2019, despite having taken a year to action this Secretary of State's directive.

- It took 6 months for PCC to acknowledge the submission of a large number of formal representations and objections by the public to the Definitive Map Modification Order which were received over two years ago.
- The Cabinet Member for Traffic and Transportation has not acknowledged or replied to questions raised in May 2018 regarding how PCC might identify and learn lessons in how to improve its Public Rights of Way administration performance.

Do you, as the responsible councillors, agree that this situation is unacceptable and will you:

- Provide the date by which submission of the DMMO to the Secretary of State for confirmation will urgently occur?
- Subsequently ensure the failings in timely resolution of this case are formally investigated so that lessons are learned?

QUESTION NO 2

FROM: MR LES CUMMINGS

"Why are there CCTV cameras outside both mosques in Portsmouth and who is paying for them?"

QUESTION NO 3

FROM: MR ALAN BURGESS

In 2019 Portsmouth City Council took the step of declaring a climate emergency and setting a target of zero carbon emissions in Portsmouth by 2030.

It is true that PCC authored the Climate Emergency Strategy, with a forward by the leader of the council and the cabinet member

responsible for the environment and climate change, in which they say:

"We will provide a further report in mid-2020, following a critical appraisal by Local Partnerships early in the year, which will include a costed action plan supported through the 2020/21 budget."

"When will the promised costed action plan be delivered?
When will the Carbon Trust be commissioned to produce a carbon audit and emissions reduction plan?"