

LICENSING COMMITTEE – 23 JUNE 2023

AGENDA ITEM 5 – PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

1. From Mr Colins to the Chair – Councillor Blanchard-Cooper

FULL DETAIL OF THE QUESTIONS TO BE ASKED IS DETAILED BELOW

Note, the Chair will:

- invite questions from members of the public who have submitted in writing their questions in line with the Council's Constitution.
- confirm that Public Question Time allows Members of the public to ask one question at a time and that a maximum of one minute is allowed for each question;
- state that questions will be invited in the order in which they have been received and that if there is time remaining from the 15 minutes allowed for Public Question Time, questioners will be allowed to ask a supplementary question.

QUESTION ONE

From Mr Colins to the Chair of the Licensing Committee

Question

The Old Canal Caravan Site, Lidsey, is a residential Caravan Site licensed by Arun DC. Site licence conditions since 2006 have required provision for foul drainage to be by way of connection to a public sewer or sewage treatment works. However, 5 residential caravans are still connected to a cesspool which has an inadequate capacity, so residents cannot use their toilets, showers, or baths. Please can you explain why Site Licence conditions are not being complied with?

Response

Mr Rogers, thank you for your question.

Firstly, I am sorry to hear that residents are experiencing difficulties with the foul drainage system at this site.

I understand that since your question was submitted officers have provided you with a more detailed response than I am able to here today.

In summary, an enforcement notice has been served on the owners of the site which requires them to undertake a series of actions by given dates.

The requirements of the site owner include that the existing system is emptied sufficiently frequently in the interim, that a competent person assesses the adequacy of the system, that this assessment report is provided to the Council, and that the site owner carries out any improvements needed to the system.

Compliance with the enforcement notice is being monitored frequently by officers visiting the site and communicating with the site owner's representative.

If compliance is not forthcoming, the Council will consider formal enforcement action and undertaking works in default in line with its enforcement policy.

Please be assured that the Council is committed to ensuring residents of the site have safe and suitable amenities and will keep them updated on progress.