

## Public Questions

	Question	
1.	<p>What is the council's commitment to suicide prevention and training within Bury? <u>Rebecca Jackson</u></p>	E O'Brien
	<p>I'd like to thank Rebecca for her question and to pay tribute to her advocacy for this issue in Bury with colleagues at the Big Fandango</p> <p>Bury council is fully committed to the suicide prevention agenda and ensuring appropriate training is available across Bury. Bury council facilitates and co-ordinates the Bury Suicide Prevention Group (BSPG) which has been established since 2017. This is a multi-agency partnership which the Big Fandango is a key member. The group has a co-designed local plan which is updated annually, the plan is developed using local data and insight along with national evidence, it also aligns with regional and national objectives.</p> <p>Training is a core element of Bury's suicide prevention plan and as such Bury council works closely with organisations such as the Big Fandango who have been commissioned to provide suicide prevention training to a range of partners and schools over recent years.</p> <p>In collaboration with the Big Fandango, Bury council also supports the annual suicide prevention vigil which takes place each year on world suicide prevention day. This is a key event to promote and raise awareness of suicide and the support and training that we have locally, which concludes with a vigil at Burys suicide memorial stone which is located on castle leisure gardens.</p> <p>In addition, the Bury Council art museum has hosted the 'Speak Their Name – memorial quilt' which is a quilt made up of 54 unique squares each one lovingly created by someone bereaved by suicide, which was pulled together by the Big Fandango. Again the hosting of the quilt provided opportunities to further raise awareness of suicide prevention and the support available within Bury.</p> <p>Suicide is serious public health issue nationally and locally, in Bury we still see around 20 suicides per year.</p> <p>Bury council continues to work closely with a range of partners to address this serious issue and I would be happy to visit Rebecca and the Big Fandango as soon as possible to discuss this further.</p>	
2.	<p>In relation to the two planning applications for a change of use from residential care home to House in Multiple Occupancy (HMO) references : 70354 &amp; 70343.</p> <p>Currently 227 comments have been made over the two applications. On the planning portal it states these applications are delegated decisions.</p>	E O'Brien

	<p>Due to the strong local feeling on these applications, could the council please reconsider this being a delegated decision and hear both applications at a planning control meeting in order for local residents to share their views and to allow elected representatives to have the final decision on the applications? Andrew Luxton</p>	
	<p>The Council's scheme of delegation requires any non householder application, where there are three or more objections, to be presented to Committee if Planning Officers are minded to make a recommendation to approve the application. If officers are minded to refuse the application, then the Constitution permits delegation to refuse it without it going to the Planning Control Committee. Planning Officers are still considering the applications and have yet to formulate a recommendation at this time. However, rest assured, that the process outlined in the Council's Constitution will be followed.</p>	

Received after the deadline no supplementary question at the meeting – member of the public has been informed

<p>3.</p>	<p>The Community and the businesses on Walmersley Road are hugely disappointed about the New proposal of Double Red Lines on Walmersley Road.</p> <p>During the Consultation period the majority opposed the proposal. Bury Council who claims to be listening and Let us do it should listen to its Community who you serve.</p> <p>Our Question is can you please re consider the proposal as there is a precedent already set at Rochdale Road ( busiest road ) where part time parking is allowed and this could be copied on this instant Walmersley Road is much wider road than Rochdale road. <u>Liaqat Ali</u></p>	<p>A Quinn</p>
	<p>Following the consultation exercise, the Walmersley Road Red Route scheme has been revised, reducing the length of the proposed Red Route by more than 50%. Originally the scheme covered the section of Walmersley Road between Moorgate and St. Mark's Square, but this has now been reduced to only cover the section of Walmersley Road between Moorgate and Birch Street.</p> <p>Walmersley Road is part of the A56, which is the most heavily trafficked road in the borough, not Rochdale Road.</p> <p>The Red Route scheme is worthy of introduction despite the objections received because of the wider benefits it will help achieve. These benefits include:</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Improved journey times for vehicles including buses;</li><li>• Improved safety for pedestrians, cyclist and general traffic; and</li><li>• Environmental benefits, such as reduced traffic noise and cleaner air</li></ul> <p>The introduction of Red Routes supports the Greater Manchester Mayor's commitment to reduce congestion, improve air quality and reduce casualties on the highway.</p>	
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