

INFRASTRUCTURE AND DEVELOPMENT SELECT COMMITTEE
17 November 2021
Public & Local Member Questions

Agenda item 5	Public Question Time
5.1	<p>Question from Douglas Pearl</p> <p>Regarding a bus lane @ Ketts Hill, Yes I agree that would be good. But we have 2 roads in the NR13 area that need addressing</p> <p>1/ Dussendale turning into Thorpe End, could do with a proper traffic Island</p> <p>2/ X Roads from Little Plumstead, near the Brick Kiln PH Needs a traffic island, I am reliably informed by someone who lives near this X roads, that many years ago an Island was proposed, as it is difficult to get across sometimes on the road leading to Salhouse & Wroxham</p>
	<p>Response by Cllr Barry Stone, Chair of Infrastructure and Development Committee</p> <p>Thank you for your comments regarding traffic islands being needed at locations in Dussindale and Little Plumstead.</p> <p>The location between Dussindale and Thorpe End on Plumstead Road, is subject to a developer-led improvement scheme. A roundabout has planning permission, but the junction form is yet to be confirmed prior to construction. Proposals include a form of pedestrian or traffic island.</p> <p>Regarding the crossroads in Little Plumstead, in April 2012, a lower 30mph speed limit, reinforced by a Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) facing eastbound traffic, was introduced as part of a local safety scheme. In 2016/17, the location was studied for a significant junction improvement scheme. This has not progressed as land would be required from some adjoining landowners and due to the scheme size and potential cost, a partnership form of funding would be needed. Considering these factors, the delivery of any scheme at this location would need to be weighed against other locations where highway improvements are sought.</p>

<p>Agenda item 6</p>	<p>Local Member Issues / Questions</p>
<p>6.1</p>	<p>Question from Cllr Maxine Webb</p> <p>Following my question to this committee in July 2021 I am pleased to see work progressing on the use of Glyphosate-based herbicides by the Council.</p> <p>Item 13 on the agenda proposes that this policy will be wholly officer led in its formation.</p> <p>I am confident that committee members will have positive and helpful contributions to inform the fundamental principles driving this policy when the agenda item is debated.</p> <p>Can the committee consider amending the timeline to include consultation with the Environmental Oversight Group to ensure Members are fully engaged throughout formulation of this policy and seek assurance that it will comply with the Council's Pollinator Action Plan?</p> <p>Response from Cllr Barry Stone, Chair of Infrastructure and Development Committee</p> <p>As set out in the report, it is proposed that the Officer Working Group, drawn from various departments across NCC, will meet to conduct an investigation on the extent of use of glyphosate-based herbicides on NCC land and by third parties and contractors on land owned or leased from NCC. The Officer Working Group will investigate alternative measures to control weed growth, will draft the Policy, and will set out a timetable to extend The Policy to include measures to minimise use by NCC of all herbicides.</p> <p>In order to have a new Policy in place for the start of the next financial year 2022/23 the timeline is as set out in the report. The Officer Working Group will, however, make every effort to engage with Members as part of the process, including through the Environmental Oversight Group.</p>