

QUESTIONS TO THE MAYOR, CABINET MEMBERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS

To the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Town Centres and Growth:

1. Given the safety concerns raised about Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RACC). Can the Portfolio Holder update the council on the status of Council owned buildings in the borough?

I was pleased see that Sir Thomas Boughey Academy in my Ward took proactive remedial action to replace RAAC panels which were present in some roof constructions at the school. This was before the recent government announcement of a list of schools across the country containing RACC and a funding package for remediation. Does the Portfolio holder agree with me that Sir Thomas Boughey Academy should receive retrospect funding from the government to compensate them for the work already carried out?

Cllr Ian Wilkes

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To the Leader of the Council

2. On the 14th of September a category 2 non compliance breach was issued to WQ relating to issues with temporary capping across the site. This followed an unannounced inspection on the 19th June by the Environment Agency. The EA found that there had been a failure to install temporary clay capping to the flanks of Phases 1,2,3 & 4 and concluded that `there could be a significant impact on quality of life if not addressed promptly and adequately.` WQL issued a statement saying they did not accept these findings and will challenge them directly with the E.A.

Does the Leader of the Council share my concern that WQL may be falling back into the attitude of `denial` and the habit of disputing the findings of regulators?

Cllr Jacqueline Brown

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