

QUESTIONS TO THE MAYOR, CABINET MEMBERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS

To the Deputy Leader of the Council:

1. It was encouraging to see the report that went to Health Scrutiny Committee and was publicised on the Council website about the reduction in crime and anti-social behaviour in the town centre. This helps to counter some of the negative comments that sometimes surround the Town Centre

Can the Deputy Leader please highlight some of the initiatives that have been implemented to bring about this reduction?

Cllr Andrew Parker

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To the Leader of the Council

2. I am sure the Leader is familiar with German U Boat (SM U118) that washed onto Hastings' beach on 15 April 1919. But, for others, two coastguard officials, showed visitors around the submarine daily over several months. Visitors complained about the smell of 'rotting food'. The two officials died in December 1919 and February 1920, respectively: not due to 'rotting food' but due to their prolonged exposure to low levels of chlorine gas. Visitors had no lasting effects. Here we are dealing with Hydrogen Sulphide: but the principle is the same, given Hydrogen Sulphide is poisonous. Therefore, will the Leader, in pressing for a Public Inquiry, insist the relevant authorities consider the long-term health risks, of our residents', our Council Tax payers, prolonged exposure to the stink from Walley's Quarry?

Cllr Robert Bettley-Smith

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To the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Town Centre's and Growth

3. The subway that connects Liverpool Road has been closed since the start of the Development of the new car park on the Ryecroft development site.

Residents young and old living to the north of the town Centre especially in my ward Cross Heath are crossing over a busy dual carriage way to gain access to our Town Centre. Alternatively they have to walk 500 metres to cross by the bottom of West Brampton or walk down the north side of the A34 cross Knutton Lane go under the subway to Bridge Street and walk up the steep bank to the town Centre. Our residents, many of them elderly, have expressed some frustration because when they walk to the Town Centre to shop and support local businesses or meet up with friends there are forced to make a long detour or cross over a dangerous dual-carriageway. In addition the fencing around the site has created a blind bend for drivers when joining Ryecroft from Liverpool Road. Making the junction very dangerous.

Please can the portfolio holder please advise on when is the Liverpool Road/Ryecroft subway going to be re-opened for pedestrians to access the

Town Centre safely, and secondly, please can a communication be put on the website to update residents of on-going works.

Cllr John Williams
