

QUESTIONS TO THE MAYOR, CABINET MEMBERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS

To the Portfolio Holder for Sustainable Environment:

1. In the summer of 2023 I contacted officers as a result of residents' complaints regarding bins left out all week in narrow terraced areas. This anti social behaviour causes obstruction and hazards to anyone using the pavement, particularly wheelchair users and those pushing prams & pushchairs. It also makes the area look very untidy.

Around this time The Sentinel ran an article about the City of Stoke-on-Trent issuing fixed penalty notices to habitual offenders. Officers informed me they were setting up a similar scheme and I was asked to identify hot spots, which I did including Kinsey St, West Street and George Street. Fellow councillors inform me this is a problem in other wards.

However, to my knowledge no fixed penalty notices have yet been issued. Could the portfolio holder give us an update please?

Cllr. Jacqueline Brown

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To the Leader of the Council:

2. Deakins Yard (formerly the Sky Building) has been in the news again recently, following the Health & Safety Executive's decision to block the opening of the student flats due to safety concerns. Can the Leader of the Council provide an update on any further developments?

The Labour MP for Newcastle, in media interviews, stated that he wants answers as to why this student flats development was granted permission. Does the Leader agree with me that he should be looking closer to home to find those answers?

Cllr. Andrew Parker

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