

COUNTY COUNCIL – 23RD JULY 2019

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No.	Question from:	Question to:	Question
1.	Dave Fox Extinction Rebellion	Councillor S Count Leader of the Council	I am a Cambridge resident, cyclist, shopper (and sometime driver). Congestion and pollution in the city centre therefore affects me directly. An officially-sanctioned car-free day would provide temporary relief, but more importantly it could show the way towards long-term pedestrianisation integrated with disabled access and public transport, part of the low-carbon future we must create.
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2.	Question from:	Question to:	Question
	Alison New Castle Resident	Councillor I Bates Chairman of Economy and Environment Committee	<p>The Civil War Earthworks situated on the Shire Hall site are an important part of Cambridge and Cambridgeshire heritage and have global significance. The Earthworks date from 1643, built by the supporters of Parliament and Oliver Cromwell, MP for Cambridge. Those parts remaining ‘bear all the signs of seventeenth century fortifications’.¹ During the Civil War (1642-1651) Cambridge was ‘of great strategic importance’ and was the headquarters of the parliamentary forces. The fortifications of which the Earthworks remain were ‘built by a garrison of some 300 men’.²</p> <p>The Earthworks were originally open to public view. Unfortunately, they are presently boarded-up with fencing obstructing from view this important Cambridgeshire heritage.</p> <p>Many residents of Cambridge and Cambridgeshire, as well as archaeologists,</p>

¹ WM Palmer, *Cambridge Castle*, Oleander Press, 1976, with revised bibliography by Michael Petty, pp, 32, 33.

² David Barrowclough, *Cambridge*, The History Press, 2015.

			<p>historians, scholars and visitors are concerned about the lack of access and the danger that disposal of Shire Hall presents to this important monument.</p> <p>Therefore:</p> <p>What steps is the County Council taking, in concrete, specific, and measurable terms, to ensure that this vital heritage is preserved in perpetuity?</p> <p>Additionally, what measures will the County Council take to ensure that archaeologists, historians, scholars and the public have access and that the site will be secured so that this access complies with health and safety requirements and will remain in perpetuity?</p>
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