

QUESTIONS TO COUNCIL – 26 MAY 2021

(2) COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS

a) Question from Councillor E Fordham to Councillor B Lewis, Cabinet Member for Strategic Leadership, Culture, Tourism and Climate Change

Of the trees that are due to be planted as part of our commitment to tackle climate change, how many will be fruit trees and how many community orchards will be created in Derbyshire with such planting?

b) Question from Councillor E Fordham to Councillor B Lewis, Cabinet Member for Strategic Leadership, Culture, Tourism and Climate Change

What measures will the Council take to review links with its sister city in Yangon District, Shanghai, given the on-going repression of the Yughur people which includes forced re-education, forced labour, forced sterilisation and imprisonment?

c) Question from Councillor R George to Councillor K Athwal, Cabinet Member for Highways Assets and Transport

I was pleased to see that the Conservatives' manifesto stated that they "commit to working with residents and partners to improve road safety throughout Derbyshire."

That has not been my experience and that of communities in Whaley Bridge for the last four years. Even road safety improvements recommended by formal risk assessments to protect our School Crossing Patrol staff at Whaley Bridge and Furness Vale have been refused in recent months.

Our School Crossing Patrol staff have to practically take their lives into their own hands to protect our children and families on dangerous roads, and even they are being refused recommended road safety measures.

This experience is mirrored by communities across Derbyshire who request road safety improvements and find assessments are not being done, even in areas of multiple accidents, or their concerns are dismissed.

How will this administration improve on the very poor experience of communities in Whaley Bridge who have requested road safety reviews and improvements and been refused?