

COUNCIL – 6 September 2023

MEMBERS' QUESTIONS ON NOTICE received under Rules 4a.8(b) – 4a.13 of the Council's constitution:

(a) From Councillor Liz Kitchen

To Councillor John Milne, Cabinet Member of Planning & Infrastructure:

"I have been concerned for a while now about the ever-increasing use of bore holes to overcome water neutrality, particularly for larger developments. My question to the Cabinet Member is:

"Before any more larger scale developments are granted, will the Cabinet Member get the assurance from the Environment Agency and the water companies that we are not permanently damaging our ecology by abstracting too much water from the aquifers which are already at a low level and that run dry when we have a prolonged dry spell?"

(b) From Councillor Philip Circus

To Councillor John Milne (replying on behalf of Councillor Jay Mercer, Cabinet Member for Environmental Health, Recycling & Waste):

"Is the Cabinet Member aware that Westminster City Council is working on a scheme whereby its fleet of refuse vehicles will be powered by electricity generated by the energy from waste incinerator to which the Council sends its residual waste?"

"Does he consider this could prove a worthwhile idea to pursue in conjunction with the incinerator being built near the Horsham MBT plant, and would the incinerator have a role to play in providing heat for local homes and businesses as well?"