

COUNCIL

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Questions from Members

Question 3: from Councillor Claudia Fisher

It's wonderful to have the Chanctonbury Leisure Centre in Storrington host this HDC Full Council meeting in celebration of 50 years of Horsham District Council, which was created by the amalgamation of Horsham Urban Council with Chanctonbury and Horsham Rural Councils. As one of three members for Storrington and Washington, we are delighted to welcome members from other areas and Council staff to Storrington.

Thank you for the thought and for all those who must have worked hard to make this happen.

This question isn't meant as a criticism, but to counter any possible impression that the focus of HDC is disproportionately on Horsham Town, will this Council consider holding at least two Full Council meetings each year in the South of the District?

This would give residents in the South of the District better opportunity to attend council meetings and to ask questions should they wish to. For residents without private transport, attending Horsham in the evening may be challenging. For example, the last bus from Horsham to Storrington leaves before the start of the Council meeting at 6pm. It would be possible to travel by train, but the return train fare from Pulborough to Horsham plus the return bus fare from Storrington to Pulborough Station would be just over £20 per person and likely to deter those with a lower income and the buses to and from Storrington are somewhat infrequent. Thank you.