

READING BOROUGH COUNCIL

STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENT, PLANNING & TRANSPORT COMMITTEE - 5 APRIL 2016

QUESTION NO. 1 in accordance with Standing Order No.36

Sarah-Jane Lock to ask the Chair of the Strategic Environment, Planning & Transport Committee:

Cycling to Redlands Primary School

How can the council help in providing the necessary facilities to support existing and encourage more cycling to Redlands Primary School?

REPLY by the Chair of the Strategic Environment, Planning & Transport Committee (Councillor David Absolom):

I invite Councillor Page, the Lead Councillor for Strategic Environment, Planning and Transport to make the response on my behalf.

REPLY by the Lead Councillor for Strategic Environment, Planning & Transport (Councillor Page):

I thank Ms Lock for her question.

Following on from the success of the travel planning workshop held last summer for our expanding schools, officers are in the process of preparing a repeat event later this summer for all other schools to attend.

Each school should have a travel plan which is the recognised mechanism for identifying the travel needs of everyone using the school and its facilities. The travel plan will identify what resources are available, what the school can achieve on its own and where help is required and what we can do to assist.

We appreciate that there has been a request for safe and secure cycle storage at Redlands Primary school which is a challenge for a school with only limited space. Only by working together - the Council, school governors, teachers, parents and also fully engaging with the pupils - will we be able to achieve such a facility, as the travel planning workshop of last year has helped with the expanding schools.