

# Appendix 1: Commentator questions

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This appendix lists the questions asked by jury members to commentators during the sessions. Please note that in the list below some of the sessions have only a few questions listed. This is because some of the question-and-answer sessions took place in small groups when it was often not possible to make a record of those.

## Session one: February 25<sup>th</sup>: Commentator slot one

**Dr Iarla Kilbane Dawe**, Co-author and Lead Researcher for Defra/Local Government Association guidance on air pollution & Air Quality lead for Waterman Group

**Shannon Katiyo**, Director of Public Health for Richmond-upon-Thames,

### **Questions asked:**

1. Why is this being treated as such an urgent issue now? Hasn't it always been a problem?
2. How come the problem is so much worse in cities like London where there isn't that much manufacturing taking place these days?
3. Are some tyres better than others? Is that an area we can incentivise change?
4. What are the primary sources of air pollution in Wandsworth and how do they rank in terms of input?
5. Is there other data about health and quality of life (mental health etc.) impacts of air pollution?
6. Why are government and council not communicating more about causes and effects and urgency of air pollution, and educating about solutions?
7. What is the Government position on this; where is the investment in solutions for this problem?
8. Why the public health urgency now? Why has the pollution problem not been debated before?

9. In Wandsworth what pollutants are highest and most worrying for health? PM2.5, NOx and how much are we over the limit?
10. Could we have more details on why most pollution comes from the city - is it the traffic, population, industry in the city?
11. Is there a type of mask you can wear to protect yourself?
12. Are we trying to fix what has already happened or what lies ahead? Is the issue we are trying to tackle reducing the source or reducing our exposure to it?
13. What is the balance between making changes locally and changes that need to be made nationally or wider?
14. Are the cardiovascular effects of air pollution directly causing increased mortality - is life expectancy lower in areas with higher pollution? Or is it always a contributing factor.
15. Are facemasks helpful? How can individuals protect themselves?
16. Which sources of air pollutants should we address first? Are some pollutants worse than others for health and some for climate?

### **Questions NOT asked:**

#### **For Shannon:**

- What is being taught in schools to bring more awareness to this topic?
- How does Public Health England monitor deaths by pollution (scientifically)?
- Should the Council offer carfree/cycle to work? Asking people to carshare? Is the council active in encouraging its employees to do so?
- Why don't we monitor side roads off of main roads to assess pollution hot spots?
- Is there a correlation between housing density and pollution?

- What is the source of Wandsworth's most problematic/abundant pollution? Are cars passing through versus local cars a big problem?
- Were health impacts of air pollution less during covid lock downs? (mask wearing and less transport)
- Do we have the data? Where are the hotspots? (*Answered in later presentation*)
- What would the practicalities be to test people for air pollution exposure/symptoms? Would this enable more interventions?

- Is air pollution worse at street level? Are we talking about air pollution at street level?
- How big an air quality issue are home heating boilers?
- How dangerous is the underground re particulate/nox/gaseous pollutants vs road travel?

#### **For Iarla:**

- What are the top 3 pollutants in Wandsworth? and the %age?
- Intercountry relations - what's the relationship and can we use information to copy their best practices?
- Companies and corporate cooking - is it being monitored, is it being measured?
- What is the biggest pollutant - which is having the biggest impact - we would like a ranking.
- What is the biggest contributor to the tiny tiny particles?
- What are the sources that are the biggest contributors? (to help prioritise solutions)
- How much does migratory pollution affect us in the UK?
- What is the north doing that the south isn't? (referring to map of air quality)
- What is the potential for measures to be taken across boroughs?
- What would need to happen to re-plan the streets? (include trees, embankments, large pavements and dedicated cycle lanes not near a main road)
- What collaboration goes on between boroughs, areas and countries - because air quality is not local and doesn't have a border?

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#### **David Tidley, Wandsworth Council**

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- How do we consider people that use different than many modes of travel rather than just one form of travel?

- Difficult to travel by public transport eg visit a friend 20 minutes drive rather than public transport one hour
- 20MPH- is the council aware of the problems it is causing- road rage of builders and deliverers. why not speed cameras? A police matter?
- Action plan - How achievable are these actions within the timeframes?
- Phase out petrol vehicles by 2030. EV costs are very high
- Cycle lanes are they reviewed regularly?
- Why 20mph on a main street?

#### Questions asked to Lightning Talks Presenters

##### Ruth Pates, Mums for Lungs

- Hard to decide between punitive versus reinforcement actions- what works best?
- The green screens you showed, where they financed by the school or yourselves? Is there a science behind it that they can improve the air?
- It was mentioned in the last session that green spaces don't help clean the air as much as we think. what do you think?
- Can Wandsworth learn from Westminster council? To have resident parking areas only, no option for other people to buy a parking ticket.
- But what happens outside schools? When people wait in cars (in idle).
- EV can be a solution?
- In terms of PM 2.5 – what is the difference between diesel and gas?
- Would there be a question of displacement if parents were not allowed to go?
- Does the programme 'walk to school' still exist?

##### Ben Mango & Colleagues, Extinction Rebellion

- Sustainability is seen as an inconvenience or less comfortable lifestyle- how do you tackle and shift that perception?

- LTNs Lead to traffic that blocks the elderly from getting to hospital / appointments?
- XR known for particular tactics- how do you see the effectiveness of direct action versus enforcement versus incentives?
- Is XR Able to interact with the council via official means? Do you have power to influence the council?
- What do you think of the policies they are bringing in in Holland regarding introducing 0 fossil fuel deliveries in the city? Could Wandsworth be a leader?
- How easy is it to implement new ideas-why are we not seeing action on old or recurring ideas?
- Why can't all companies advertise that they are delivering in electric vehicles etc?
- In Putney our roads are not safe to cycle
- What do you mean by re imagining parking spaces?
- Regarding the relative impact of your different recommendations- what do you think is more impactful for example will trees really reduce air pollution
- In other countries or cities with better use of public transport, the public transport is subsidised. How do we push TfL to work better and be more affordable or green when it is partially privatised?

Graham Petersen (Trade Union)

- Tooting bec underground station- pollution where does it come from?
- Tooting market- is anything being done to improve workers conditions there?
- What can the council do about conditions in Tooting market and the underground?
- Does the UK have any legislation in place and who has the power to enforce any of this?
- Lots of kitchens have popped up since covered- what is being done to address these?

- How can we encourage employers to change what they do? Legislation?
- What is the best way to bring about change from a union perspective?
- How much does the measuring equipment cost? Is it practical for the council to provide equipment for all employers?
- I can smell some gas sometimes when I'm out walking what can be done about this?
- I'm put off going to Tooting bec what can we do? Banners and posters outside Tooting bec?
- Any successes?
- If you live on a High Street you will be exposed to a lot of pollution?
- Is it being taken seriously enough?
- Is there an issue with non unionised workers being especially affected?
- Air pollution inside is important to consider
- What specific policy should be implemented?

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3. The target seemed to be an ambitious- will there be a revisiting of these? Why not frame targets as a percentage of people living in Wandsworth?
4. Highly connected areas and low connected areas mean it's difficult to cross the borough so I end up not using public transport. What's the solution?
5. How do we consider people that use different than many modes of travel rather than just one form of travel?
6. Difficult to travel by public transport eg visit a friend 20 minutes drive rather than public transport one hour
7. 20MPH- is the council aware of the problems it is causing- road rage of builders and deliverers. why not speed cameras? A police matter?
8. Action plan - How achievable are these actions within the timeframes?
9. Phase out petrol vehicles by 2030. EV costs are very high
10. Cycle lanes are they reviewed regularly?
11. Why 20mph on a main street?
12. Questions asked to Lightning Talks Presenters
13. Ruth Pates, Mums for Lungs
14. Hard to decide between punitive versus reinforcement actions- what works best?
15. The green screens you showed, where they financed by the school or yourselves? Is there a science behind it that they can improve the air?

16. It was mentioned in the last session that green spaces don't help clean the air as much as we think. what do you think?
17. Can Wandsworth learn from Westminster council? To have resident parking areas only, no option for other people to buy a parking ticket.
18. But what happens outside schools? When people wait in cars (in idle).
19. EV can be a solution?
20. In terms of PM 2.5 – what is the difference between diesel and gas?
21. Would there be a question of displacement if parents were not allowed to go?
22. Does the programme 'walk to school' still exist?

**Ben Mango & Colleagues, Extinction Rebellion**

1. Sustainability is seen as an inconvenience or less comfortable lifestyle- how do you tackle and shift that perception?
2. LTNs Lead to traffic that blocks the elderly from getting to hospital / appointments?
3. XR known for particular tactics- how do you see the effectiveness of direct action versus enforcement versus incentives?
4. Is XR Able to interact with the council via official means? Do you have power to influence the council?
5. What do you think of the policies they are bringing in in Holland regarding introducing 0 fossil fuel deliveries in the city? Could Wandsworth be a leader?
6. How easy is it to implement new ideas-why are we not seeing action on old or recurring ideas?
7. Why can't all companies advertise that they are delivering in electric vehicles etc?
8. In Putney our roads are not safe to cycle
9. What do you mean by re imagining parking spaces?
10. Regarding the relative impact of your different recommendations- what do you think is more impactful for example will trees really reduce air pollution

11. In other countries or cities with better use of public transport, the public transport is subsidised. How do we push TfL to work better and be more affordable or green when it is partially privatised?

**Graham Petersen (Trade Union)**

1. Tooting bec underground station- pollution where does it come from?
2. Tooting market- is anything being done to improve workers conditions there?
3. What can the council do about conditions in Tooting market and the underground?
4. Does the UK have any legislation in place and who has the power to enforce any of this?
5. Lots of kitchens have popped up since covered- what is being done to address these?
6. How can we encourage employers to change what they do? Legislation?
7. What is the best way to bring about change from a union perspective?
8. How much does the measuring equipment cost? Is it practical for the council to provide equipment for all employers?
9. I can smell some gas sometimes when I'm out walking what can be done about this?
10. I'm put off going to Tooting bec what can we do? Banners and posters outside Tooting bec?
11. Any successes?
12. If you live on a High Street you will be exposed to a lot of pollution?
13. Is it being taken seriously enough?
14. Is there an issue with non unionised workers being especially affected?
15. Air pollution inside is important to consider
16. What specific policy should be implemented?

## Session three: March 25<sup>th</sup>: commentator slot one

**Questions to Andrew Haggart** (Wandsworth Council) Policy & Review Manager and Climate Change Lead), **Cllr Judi Gasser**, **Cllr Jamie Colclough**.- answered in person

1. What is the process for policy impact assessment in Wandsworth?
2. Likely to be opposition to any plans. How will the council deal with this? (e.g vested interest)
3. What are the biggest opposition arguments to taking action on air pollution?
4. Traffic calming measures e.g put traffic on main roads, but negative impact on people who live/work there. What can we do to prevent those outcomes?
5. Experiences of bold experiments in other cities - have been successful eg. Copenhagen - they have software and data. Do you use an integrated software?
6. How did the council respond to the concerns in the walking/cycling strategy? Did it influence the strategy?
7. We are creatures of habit. How much do we consider that we don't like change?
8. I'm concerned that we'll make a suggestion and then it will be ignored. Have you learnt from poor consultation experience?
9. How do you measure those who don't respond to a consultation - supportive/not supportive / neutral? There's a danger of a vocal minority?
10. To get people on board should we be talking about air pollution and health or climate change?
11. How much influence does the local authority have on national policy?
12. Should we have big signs outside schools showing pollution levels?

**Questions for David Smith "Little Ninja" - answered in person**

1. Are your monitors still out there? e.g. at the bus stop?
2. Did you get your money back for buying the equipment?
3. What is your opinion on reparations to the BAME community?
4. What are your recommendations regarding busy highstreets? (Cycling routes, bus stops etc)
5. You spoke about school streets, what about nurseries?
6. What were the barriers after the initial discussions you had with big organisations/government?
7. What is your take on 20 mile an hour speed limit?
8. The social justice issue, Traffic controls have increased congestions on major routes dramatically. What can we say or do for the people being affected the most?
9. What do you do for those high traffic / high polluted roads? What do you suggest?
10. Is it down to local authority or TFL to enforce rules?
11. It's interesting that LTN is now on your side.
12. How to communicate to people that you won't get somewhere any quicker if you idle?
13. What about all-around injustice? e.g. I'm a mum, I cannot do it, but what about the people that CAN make changes but won't?

**Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders - Sukky Choongh**

Questions answered and circulated after the session:

1. Is there anything that can be done to make EVs more affordable? (concern that many cannot afford to buy them)

2. What are the taxes on public E-charging relative to petrol and diesel? Is the tax (possibly 20%?) on public charging acting as a disincentive on EVs vs petrol/diesel?
3. Why is the tax so high?
4. Is there any plan to reduce those taxes that affect EVs & public charging?
5. What incentives are being put in place around EVs?
6. Can Sukky's organisation lobby government?
7. Does she think the EV targets are achievable?
8. Do you know the relative sales of vans vs cargo bikes (& any other alternatives??)?

### **One Wandsworth - Poppy Welch**

Questions answered and circulated after the session

1. You mentioned that people might not want to cycle – is this because of health type reasons or is it because it is not practical for reasons of infrastructure and safety – e.g. people not wanting to cycle on main roads. Is there any research looking into this?
2. Did your protest about LTNs have any effects? When did you get involved and were you successful in overturning it?
3. Are low traffic neighbourhoods imposed or is there consultation on them?
4. I wonder if your group has ever contacted Uber Eat and Deliveroo about why these companies don't use low-emission vehicles like Just Eat?