



CAMDEN COUNCIL ELECTIONS, 5 MAY 2022

QUESTIONS FOR CANDIDATES

**PLEASE FILL IN QUESTIONNAIRE (space expands as necessary)
and EMAIL RESPONSE to: info@brag.org.uk
by 17:00 on Monday 18 April 2022**

What is your name?

SUE VINCENT

Which Camden ward do you wish to represent?

Holborn & Covent Garden

GENERAL

1	Do you live in the ward you wish to represent? If not where? I did, until the boundaries were moved.
2	Do you support involving many more Councillors in all Council decision-making than under the Cabinet / Executive arrangement? Yes, I fully support a committee system of decision making.
3	How would you improve telephone access to Camden's departments and officers? Investigate the current issues first and make improvements accordingly.

HERITAGE

4	How would you promote enforcement of Planning and Conservation policies? Enforcement is the most important aspect of ensuring policies are adhered to. I would ensure sufficient resources are given to enforcement.
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PLANNING / DEVELOPMENT

5	<p>How would you improve scrutiny of Councillors' potential conflicts of interest, especially with regard to planning decisions?</p> <p>Any and all potential conflicts must be declared; to improve scrutiny of planning decisions all Councillor's, including Councillors who are employees of any applicant, must declare their interest.</p>
6	<p>Should Planning Obligation funds (s106) for developments be allocated only after agreement with the local adjacent community?</p> <p>The current application process in H&CG ward works well with the community benefit in any S106 being applied for by the local adjacent community and supported for award by local ward councillors.</p>

TRAFFIC / TRANSPORT

7	<p>Do you think there should be an independent review of the outcomes of Low traffic Neighbourhoods (LTNs) in Camden?</p> <p>Yes</p>
8	<p>Do you support increased pollution monitoring and regular publishing of results for areas of congestion?</p> <p>Yes (although declare an interest as I live adjacent to one of the most polluted streets)</p>
9	<p>How will you reduce the negative impact of road closures and reduced numbers of bus stops on people with mobility issues?</p> <p>Work with local community members to highlight which routes/stops are causing a negative impact, meet with highways and TfL to improve walking distances and better liaise on road closures (acknowledging utilities have 'emergency' processes to close roads with limited powers held by Camden).</p>

CRIME

10	<p>Do you support monitored CCTV and increased police presence in your ward?</p> <p>Yes, and have actively campaigned on this.</p>
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ENVIRONMENT

11	<p>What enforcement measures will you take to reduce littering and fly-tipping in your ward?</p> <p>Re-evaluate the current contract, educate on littering/fly-tipping, increase enforcement officers and fines.</p>
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HOUSING

12	<p>How do you propose to tackle bad housing conditions in Council and private rented accommodation?</p> <p>Lobby for increased funding for sustainable refurbishment of existing homes, scrutinise the external tendering and contract processes with a view to improve costs and ensure the in-house repairs team have adequate staff, skills and resources to tackle housing in poor condition.</p>
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COUNCIL SPENDING

13	<p>Would you support quarterly publishing of disbursements by the Council to third party service providers?</p> <p>Yes</p>
14	<p>Do you support allocation of Council expenditure being decided by a vote of all elected Councillors?</p> <p>This is currently undertaken at annual budget setting meetings.</p>
15	<p>Would you support giving the opinions of local residents and businesses a greater weighting in changes affecting their local area?</p> <p>Yes, although with the caveat that changes to local areas can have far reaching impacts on locals in adjacent areas, so a balance has to be struck, taking in all views and considerations in a wider area.</p>
16	<p>How should the Council better support shops and small businesses in South Camden?</p> <p>Set up a small business forum to advise on how best to support this sector and look at current rent levels on Camden owned land and properties with a view to reduce costs for local start-ups.</p>

**Thank you for answering our questionnaire
Please return by 17:00 on Monday, 18 April 2022
to**

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