

**Full Council
14 February 2023**

Questions submitted by Councillors

Question 1 – submitted by Cllr Paul Kimber

The Portland community are clearly very upset and disappointed by the headlines on the 16th of December regarding the future of the Portland hospital, despite the need to get the MIU reopened.

As the Dorset Council knows the Portland community showed their concerns, and reiterated the need for the MIU to reopen, by linking arms around the hospital.

Leading members of the Portland community recently campaigned for COVID vaccination clinic to be held at the Portland hospital. This was very successful, and again the feedback from the Portland community this was very well received.

The Portland hospital development unit has also continually campaigned for the Portland hospital MIU to reopen.

Portland needs a MIU when will this much needed MIU will reopen?

Question 2 submitted by Cllr Matt Hall

As Dorset Council moves towards a new Local Plan, will Cllr Walsh confirm that D.C. will use this time wisely to develop additional Supplementary Planning Documents such as a Householders Guide to Extension Design to enable a better understanding of planning requirements and a more consistent approach to the decision-making process? Such documents are proven to assist Councillors, Town & Parish Councils, Developers, the wider public and Town Planners.

Question 3 submitted by Cllr Matt Hall

As the Kitt Hill situation in Sherborne rapidly approaches its first birthday with no current sign of a solution, can the Portfolio Holder for Highways please confirm what Dorset Council is doing to speed up the much needed and overdue repairs to the property wall that has so negatively impacted residents, businesses, and tourists for far too long.

Question 4 submitted by Cllr Nick Ireland

With so many large commercial roofs across the county, could the respective portfolio holders outline what Dorset Council is doing to promote the system of prior approval for solar panel installations on commercial premises?

Question 5 – submitted by Cllr Howard Legg

Church Street, Upwey, gets flooded regularly following moderate or heavy rainfall. This has been experienced by local residents for decades.

The appropriate local authority, currently Dorset Council, places flood signs on the road, puts cones in place, clears debris and cuts escape channels for the water, all of which have limited effect and follow the occurrence. The latest example of this follow up action occurred in late January. No substantial works are undertaken to either prevent water covering the road or to drain it away before flooding occurs.

When can local residents expect Dorset Council to fulfil its obligations to manage this problem before the road gets flooded and to ensure partners such as the Environment Agency as well as local landowners do what they are obligated to do?