

Cabinet – 9 September 2025

Councillor Questions

Question from Cllr C Monks

Residents have expressed significant concern to me over the recent reduction in services on the X51 and X53 bus routes, which are vital for connectivity in our area. Can the portfolio holder clarify the rationale behind these changes, and will he intervene to ensure that these essential services are improved rather than reduced?

Question from Cllr L O'Leary

The junctions coming onto Littlemoor Road continue to grow in congestion made worse by an increase in housing and due to be made worse by more holiday caravans in nearby Preston and New proposed homes within the local plan. On busy periods of the day residents are subjected to a lengthy wait that is increasing the busier the area gets.

What steps will the council take to relieve this measure and what steps have been taken since this issue was raised at previous meetings by both myself and Cllr Peter Dickenson?

Question from Cllr L O'Leary

Aster are currently selling off two former social houses on Littlemoor and have sold one already this year. These are well built sturdy large family homes that housed long term residents for many years and hold many fond family memories within them. Aster claim these are sold of due to the upkeep and then re-invested in new homes. However these homes do not appear to be in the same area as those sold. Many of my residents wait years on the housing register and have the double hit of watching family homes they could fill be sold off and then when housing is offered it is normally miles away from their family friends and community. This policy by Aster is breaking up and watering down working class communities such as mine by splitting up families and moving people miles from their home neighbourhoods.

Will the council formally write to Aster imploring them to review this policy and put communities at the heart of their decision making?