

Item 9 – Questions Received under Standing Order 27.4.1

	Question From	Question to	Question
1	Councillor Coates	Councillor Rennie	<p>'Some Members may already be aware of the large-scale 80th Anniversary D-Day event being planned on Hayling Island on Thursday 6th June 2024. The Royal Marine Concert Band are now confirmed and a Spitfire and Red Arrows flyover planned, along with combined displays from the emergency services and military, with open-top buses taking visitors to and from Ferry Point. Hayling's beacon will be the second to be lit, after our neighbours on Portsea Island, and various VIPs will be in attendance.</p> <p>I'd be grateful if the Leader could publicly confirm the support he has given the event to date and, moving forwards, will the Council be doing their best to highlight the important role our Borough played during World War Two in the build up to the 80th Anniversary of D-Day, so residents and young people in particular are aware of the role our Borough played in defeating fascism and reinstalling democratic freedom and tolerance?'</p>
2	Councillor Munday	Councillor Fairhurst	<p>With regard to the essential repairs to Langstone sea wall, we appear to have reached something of an impasse with Natural England. They are currently refusing to allow us to make repairs to the sea wall because it contradicts their policy of 'managed retreat' allowing the sea to take over coastline in Chichester harbour in order to protect the biodiversity of the Harbour.</p> <p>In order to strengthen our case that Langstone Millpond has a particular value to wildlife and our residents, could we please ask our legal team to investigate any precedents where Natural England have made special allowances?</p>
3	Councillor Philippa Gray	Councillor Robinson	<p>It is concerning to see so much time and effort spent dealing with travellers who choose to stop at undesignated places around the Borough. The situation is untenable because it creates problems for residents, officers and Travellers and local businesses.</p>

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			<p>I'm told that each "eviction" takes 10-14 hours of officer time, plus that of police and councillors and so far this summer there have been 12 such incidents.</p> <p>In addition to the actual number of incidents, residents say that it is the possibility of travellers stopping on undesignated land that creates anxiety – as much, if not more than when an actual encampment takes place.</p> <p>It is also the case that most traveller groups only want to stay for very short periods as they are passing through the area.</p> <p>Can we look for better ways to manage encampments?</p>