

West Central Area Committee – 14 September 2023: Public Questions received

Open Forum Question.

Could residents be updated on the actions that the council and other bodies are taking on pedestrian safety in Fitzroy and Burleigh Streets as well as on nearby open spaces, particularly in areas where cycling is not permitted but where e-scooters and e-bikes are witnessed using the space, sometimes at speed and without due care for other users of the pathways.

Darwin Green Item

1. Are there any further updates on when exactly demolition work will begin as the start of October seems quite ambitious?
2. During the last public meeting, the demolition of 70 homes was mentioned whereas previously the figure of 96 was referenced in June. What is the reason for this difference?
3. Will all of the new homes on phase 2 be built with piled foundations? Are the homes on Franklyn Gardens all built with piled foundations? If so, should we be concerned on phase 1 that ours are not?
4. Is there any news about when any of the retail units may open as we have no such facilities at all still?
5. BDW seem not to be consulting with our local councillors as our elected representatives. Can anything be done about this, otherwise resident views risk being misrepresented or dismissed?
6. Will we be issued with any safety advice when it comes to the demolition e.g. will it be safe to leave windows open, advice for asthma sufferers etc
7. Regarding the green way opening between Darwin Green and Windsor Road. BDW are proposing motion activated lighting. I am a little uncomfortable with that. Does such lighting fit with whatever rules the council have about lighting and in particular the planning conditions for DG

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