

QUESTIONS FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION – 23 July 2025

The questions have been listed in the order they were received.

FROM:	QUESTION
Written question from Mr & Mrs Stammers	I have been a resident of Souttergate for many years – as a resident it is difficult to get parked as there are only 11 parking spaces for many more houses. I would like to propose that the council put a residents/permit parking only on Souttergate and marked parking bays as we find a lot of casual parkers are not parking sensibly taking 2 parking spaces up for one car. <i>Answer: The Town Clerk had already taken this up with ERYC who had confirmed that they would not put such a scheme in place in this area at the present time but that does not rule out them looking at in the future.</i>
Written question from C Green	Parking on Market Hill area – any ideas to stop the chaos? <i>Answer: The Council understood that there was problems with cars parking on both sides of the road and that cars generally are wider than they used to be with can cause issues with emergency vehicle access. The Town Clerk would put an item on the next F&GP Committee meeting agenda for further discussion.</i>
Written questions from C Green	Double yellow lines on pavements ignored; zig zags ignored – is there going to be a crackdown on these? <i>Answer: The Council were aware of the problems in the Market Hill, Church Lane area; however, parking enforcement is not within the remit of the Town Council. The Town Clerk has raised this with both ERYC Parking Enforcement and the local policing team and she will continue to raise this with them. Complaints about these issues will carry more weight if individual residents complain directly to ERYC Highways and the local policing team.</i>
Written question from C Green	Poor turnout for election – fairly new to the area – didn't know anything about these candidates and no idea why they want to serve. <i>Answer: The Mayor confirmed that it was not up to the Town Council to advertise individual candidates or publicise their reasons for wanting to stand; this information should have been available on ERYC's website or on leaflets which the candidates should have posted or publicised themselves. A decision had been made not to have polling cards as the cost to the Town Council would have been approx. £6k and ERYC had only given the Council less than 24 hours to make that decision. The Council had advertised the election on the website, in the noticeboards, on social media all of which was extra to any publicity given to it by ERYC and the candidates themselves. Any resident could vote by taking photo ID to the polling station – they did not require polling cards.</i>

Written question from C Green	Why is the area of Hedon more run down – rubbish/untidy areas is there plan to blitz areas? <i>Answer: The Town Council looks after areas that it owns but only has one Works Supervisor; ERYC have cut back on the number of times they cut grass and litter pick; although they have recently cleared the drain at Station Lane. ERYC have refused all recent requests for litterbins and even if the Town Council were to pay for the installation of a bin they must first ensure that ERYC will empty it – which to date they have not agreed to any enquiries. Again, complaints about specific areas (other than those owned by the Town Council) would carry more weight if made directly to ERYC. Any complaints about Town Council owned land should be made to the Town Hall and they will be actioned.</i>
Written question from C Green	Road signs dirty/broken/station lane is one way – waste of time contacting ERYC regarding this - can't Hedon do something <i>Answer: This is the same issue – road signs come under ERYC Highways and any complaints should be directed to ERYC for action.</i>
Written question from C Green	Trading standards – have the council contacted them regarding shop selling counterfeit goods? <i>Answer: ERYC and the Police are aware of any local shops selling counterfeit goods and operations are in hand to deal with this issue.</i>
Written question from C Green	What future plans have for Hedon council to work with others for bringing in new jobs/businesses etc? <i>Answer: Hedon Town Council's role is to make Hedon a lovely place to live and work in and continue to advertise the town to surrounding areas which it does through its civic programme and contact with sponsor for events held throughout the year. We are currently working towards hosting Yorkshire Day in 2027 which will showcase the town.</i>
Written question from C Green	Are you taking part in pride in place? 25 yr plan that was superseded by local plan but doesn't say what this is and what happens – succeed/fail? Is this still ongoing? <i>Answer: Unfortunately, Hedon is not eligible to take part in Pride in Place as it is not classed as a deprived area.</i>
The meeting closed and the remaining questions (below) would be included on the agendas of the next relevant Committee Meeting.	
Written question from D Ellis	Was the renewal of the Market Licence discussed formally by Hedon Town Councillors in 2023? Can I see a copy of Hedon's market risk assessment? How often is this reviewed by Hedon Town Council's Health and Safety Consultant?

Written question from D Ellis	Why is every item of correspondence not on an agenda as it used to be over 10 years ago?
Written question from D Ellis	What is the maintenance cycle for wooden benches and signs? (including 'donated benches')
Any question that does not receive an answer due to time pressures would be put on the relevant agenda for the next council committee meeting	

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