



Winchester
City Council

COUNCIL MEETING – 25 September 2019

Question under Council Procedure Rule 15(3)

QUESTION 11

From: Councillor Lumby

To: The Cabinet Member for Built Environment and Wellbeing (Cllr Porter)

“What steps has the new administration taken to remove the scourge of noisy vehicles in the District?”

Reply

“I appreciate that noisy vehicles can be a source and annoyance and complaint for our residents especially those living in close proximity to busy roads.

Unfortunately the Council is generally unable to control the number and type of vehicles using the public highway including those which can be noisy.

In relation to handling noise complaints regarding this issue the Environmental Protection Act 1990 (Section 80) does include noise from vehicles, machinery or equipment on the highway. However, this has to relate to a specific problem affecting a defined property. Examples of this could include:

- A noisy generator on the highway running for long periods of time.
- A faulty car alarm near to a domestic property.

The regulations do not enable us to address disturbance from road traffic noise.”