



**COUNCIL MEETING – 15 January 2020**

**Question under Council Procedure Rule 15(3)**

**QUESTION 5**

From: Councillor Mather

To: The Cabinet Member for Service Quality and Transformation (Cllr Tod)  
(in absence of Cllr Murphy, Cabinet Member for Environment)

“When will the Administration arrange for the removal of all the fiendishly adhesive “I’m voting tactically” stickers attached to lampposts, utility boxes, private house down pipes and street furniture in central Winchester and how much will it cost?”

**Reply**

“I share Cllr Mather’s frustration at the misuse of public street furniture for political or commercial purposes.

During the recent general election campaign, there were two main offenders:

- North East 4 EU – a limited company based in Newcastle – which sold the ‘I’m voting tactically’ and ‘Hearts Not Hate’ stickers from their website. On a walkabout last weekend, I saw around 30 of these in total – still wholly or partly in place – and they are in the process of being removed or have been removed.
- Campaign against Corbynism – a campaign set up by James Bickerton – a Daily Express journalist – which put up plastic anti-Corbyn posters around the Winchester constituency shortly before polling day.

Both of these have incurred cost to public authorities to have their materials removed – although we don’t exactly estimate the cost for each individual sticker or poster.”