

## **Public Questions to Council on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

### 1) Question from Rob Archer

It is becoming increasingly difficult to find an appropriate cycle parking spot in Lynn town centre as provision of cycle parking has not kept up with the growth in cycling. Indeed, a significant number of parking hoops have been removed in recent years, particularly on the Tuesday Market Place and the Purfleet. Many others are damaged or in poor condition. The new racks at the library are very welcome but we need more throughout the town.

The proposed 'Active Travel Hub' at Baker Lane (now refused planning permission) would have been of little use as it is awkward to cycle to and the design meant that around half the spaces would have been unusable. The cancellation of this project and the similar flawed scheme in South Lynn would release considerable funds to redress the situation, possibly with a more functional covered cycle parking area located near the bus or rail stations, along with a significant increase in parking spaces throughout the town centre.

I note that the borough council has a 'Car Parking Strategy'. Would it not be sensible to make this a more holistic 'Parking Strategy' and include cycle parking as a clear part of the parking mix? This would enable more strategic planning as to locations and the level of provision, as well as managing and facilitating a modal shift from driving to cycling.

### 2) Question from Alison Gifford

"May I ask the Mayor whether, now the new library building is open and there is a design prepared to enhance Baxter's Plain and adjacent streets with funding for this apparently secured through the STARS programme, what action the Council will take to bring the derelict post office building back into use?"

This area remains blighted by this building which is visibly deteriorating with every month that passes. A scheme was granted planning permission in 2022, and very minor (internal) works were undertaken last year to keep the consent alive, but there is no evidence that the developer has any real intention to take these plans forward.

This is a fine historic building. It should be providing good quality housing at the heart of the town as agreed with the approved plans. If left to decline it will continue to mitigate any benefit of the new and proposed regeneration works – and we fear, become impossible to renovate viably.

What do BCKLWN intend to do ensure the developer proceeds with the work in a timely manner?