

PUBLIC QUESTION RECEIVED for Place Scrutiny Committee – 8 November 2018 from Ms Ginny Russell

To Councillor Bialyk Portfolio Holder Health and Wellbeing, Communities & Sport

Question

Given the Newtown and Clifton Hill community overwhelmingly wants to preserve the green space at Clifton Hill as a publicly owned green site, has the Council been in contact with any potential buyers of all or part of the site, and will be how to buy the site become public knowledge so the community might attempt to buy it back?

Response

Councillor Bialyk Portfolio Holder Health and Wellbeing, Communities & Sport, responded that the Council had not approached potential buyers and that any sale would be on the open market.

Ms Ginny Russell was invited to respond stating that the closure would impact the Urban green space, which were disappearing all over the country and outdoor spaces needed to be saved. The community wanted to keep them for activity, wellbeing and mental health. The Council strategy was also short term, once these spaces go they would be gone forever impacting future generations. There was also a variety of wildlife species and plant life in the area and the removal of the spaces would damage the local eco system. The Council needed to think twice before making this decision.