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Dear Councillor Yasseen

**Question at Council – 10<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

Thank you for your question raised at the Council meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> September. I have set out your question and my response below.

***Do you agree that conducting a second Selective Licensing consultation survey more than three months after the statutory consultation closed could reasonably be perceived by residents as the Council acting in bad faith or attempting to shift the goalposts?***

As explained at previous Council meetings, the consultation was extended to ensure we receive a broad and representative range of feedback from all stakeholders. Residents can be assured that this is not shifting the goalposts, as the consultation framework has remained the same, but it is part of our commitment to gather opinions. This ensures that everyone that has the opportunity to voice their opinions and contribute to the decision-making process.

We are committed to considering all perspectives before making any final decisions. The consultation responses will be transparently reported as part of the decision-making process.

I hope you find this information helpful.

Yours sincerely



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