

RESPONSES TO PRESENTMENTS MADE AT COURT LEET 2022

<p>1</p>	<p>Mrs. Pat Presland, on behalf of The Friends of Woolston Library,</p> <p>“Madam Sheriff and Jurors,</p> <p>I wish to make this Court Leet presentment on behalf of the Friends of Woolston Library. It is with regard to signage for Woolston Library. I hope it can be included.</p> <p>“At the junction of Portsmouth Road where it crosses through Bridge Road and Victoria Road in the centre of Woolston, there is a finger sign post indicating directions for the Post Office, Public Toilets and the Library. The only relevant finger points to the Post Office, the Public Toilets are now non-existent and the Library has been relocated. Since August 2016, Woolston Library has been at the entrance to Centenary Quay, John Thornycroft Road junction with Victoria Road. The Old Library is now the address of a block of flats on Portsmouth Road just past the Itchen Bridge toll booths – a totally different direction.</p> <p>Further, again regarding the library, the building frontage has obvious provision for signage but it remains blank.</p> <p>We ask Southampton City Council for these signage discrepancies to be rectified.”</p>	
	<p>Cabinet Member Responsible</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Communities and Customer Engagement – Councillor Kataria</p>
<p>RESPONSE</p>	<p>A wider review of signage in Woolston & Itchen is taking place and will be delivered in 2023 alongside the Active Travel Zone programme of improvements. In advance of this the fingerpost signage on the corner of Portsmouth Road and Victoria Road will be corrected.</p> <p>The SCC Libraries Team are reviewing options for additional signage to the Library building and frontage, which includes discussions with the landowner. An update on options will be fed back to the Friends group in due course.</p>	

<p>2</p>	<p>Katie Belo dos Santos From: SeeSouthampton Tour Guides</p> <p>I am Katie Belo dos Santos, and I am a tourist guide for SeeSouthampton. Our organisation is committed to promoting the city and its heritage, working with other groups and Go!Southampton/Visit Southampton. We provide guided tours, talks and publications to residents and visitors. We have been recently awarded a Community Chest grant, and our proposal is to improve access for the local environment and, in particular, for people in disadvantaged groups, such as those with physical and intellectual impairments and disabilities. With the support of SCC we can achieve our project aims. It would be beneficial to liaise with the Disabilities Liaison Officer of SCC, and be signposted to other community organisations. Our goal is to support and work with the Council, develop existing projects, access Accessibility Guides (former Access Statement) and data (such as surveys and case studies on those with disabilities or activities for the disabled). Ultimately, we wish to help those with disabilities and make our city more inclusive, and trust you will be able to assist us with achieving these goals.</p>	
	<p>Cabinet Member Responsible</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Communities and Customer Engagement – Councillor Kataria</p>
<p>RESPONSE</p>	<p>The Stronger Communities Team would be happy to assist make contact with relevant groups, primarily Spectrum Centre for Independent Living and SCC would welcome a more detailed presentation from the See Southampton tour guides at a future SCC Accessibility Forum meeting.</p>	

3.	Milo Maguire	
	<p>On behalf of Southampton National Park City group. Proposer: Milo Maguire Southampton is relatively unique in that it is a city with an estuary with all the benefits for wildlife and people that this confers. It is surprising that in a city recognised for all its green spaces and biodiversity that the marine environment is to some degree neglected and much of its potential unfulfilled. I ask that the city council recognise the Itchen Estuary as a precious urban wetland with huge often unrealised potential for biodiversity, wildlife, recreation, well-being, urban cooling and carbon absorption. Followed by an Itchen Estuary conservation plan. Also that the council keep nature, wildlife and open spaces groups updated with any works that are done to protect and enhance the Itchen Estuary. The following is an excerpt from the Wetland Wildlife Trust manifesto regarding estuaries: Why do we need estuaries? We need estuaries for biodiversity. Estuaries are critical for the survival of many species. Tens of thousands of birds, mammals, fish and other wildlife depend on estuarine habitats as places to live and breed. Many commercially valuable fish species depend on estuaries at some point during their life cycle. Blue Carbon Coastal wetlands like estuaries, saltmarshes, mudflats and sea grasses are very efficient at locking away carbon and are playing an important role in our fight against climate change. This 'blue carbon' is a high density carbon that accumulates in coastal eco-systems as a result of their high productivity and sediment trapping ability. Pollution busting The wetlands that fringe our estuaries perform a vital role filtering out the sediments, nutrients and other pollutants that drain into them from the river catchment. Flood protection Estuaries and their wetland plants and soils provide a natural barrier between the land and ocean, absorbing flood waters, dissipating storm surges and protecting us against rising sea levels. At WWT (Wetland wildlife trust) Lanelli the salt marshes on the Burry inlet estuary do an amazing job absorbing vast amounts of energy from waves and tides. The seawater only creeps gently up the marsh protecting low lying Llanelli from being flooded.</p>	

	<p>At WWT Steart Marshes the salt marshes on the shores of the Severn estuary do a similar job preventing the oceans waves from eroding the shoreline and destroying coastal homes and businesses.</p> <p>Recreation Estuaries provide us with many leisure opportunities from boating and fishing to swimming, windsurfing and birdwatching.</p> <p>Research by WWT also shows that by being around these unique coastal environments is fundamental to our mental health and wellbeing</p> <p>Economic Tourism, fisheries and other commercial activities thrive on the wealth of natural resources our estuaries supply . Estuaries also serve as important harbours and ports vital for shipping, transportation and industry.</p>	
	Cabinet Member Responsible	Cabinet Member for Housing and the Green Environment – Councillor Mitchell
RESPONSE	<p>Southampton City Council is supportive of the points raised in the representation and, as part of the River Itchen Inquiry that started this autumn, the Council is committed to exploring how to safeguard and enhance the River Itchen in a range of ways and would encourage the National Park City Group to contribute to the Inquiry.</p>	

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Graham Linecar

PRESENTMENTS ON BEHALF OF SOUTHAMPTON COMMONS AND PARKS PROTECTION SOCIETY (SCAPPS)

Hoglands and Houndwell Parks, a vision for their future

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Facilities have improved – the much-used play area in Houndwell, the fenced and surfaced games area in Hoglands, repairs to the Hoglands pavilion. SCAPPS hopes to see a revival of organised club cricket. Plans are well-advanced for a replacement for the skatepark. More needs doing. For example, there's long been a problem of wet ground conditions, and occasional flooding. That matters because grass takes longer to recover from wear when the ground is water-logged. More people using these Parks means more wear, and the need to improve resilience. Investigation is needed into the cause of the water-logging, and finding remedial measures. The more people using the Parks, the less the chance of anti-social behaviour.

The City Council's Levelling-Up Fund bid includes schemes affecting these two Parks, but it doesn't look as though the full potential for associated improvements to the Parks, and ways of better connecting them with city centre shopping and nearby residential developments, has been fully explored and exploited. Ideas for layout of what's called Hanover Square look mainly aimed at creating traffic-free cycle routes. SCAPPS is concerned about how, indeed whether, the proposed bus hub in Vincents Walk can be made compatible with the adjoining Park and children's play area. It seems projects are initiated in one City Council service without working with other services

to bring in wider benefits. Reducing traffic on roads in and next to these two Parks gives the opportunity to do things that would improve visual and functional connection between them and improve physical links to city centre shopping and other neighbouring areas. My presentment asks for preparation of a framework document with an ambitious vision of what might be done in and around these two Parks to adapt them to withstand increased pressure-of-use and so they provide better opportunities for recreation and relaxation for nearby communities and for those working and shopping in, or just visiting, the city centre. I'm looking for an ambitious vision of what might be achieved, not a plan restricted to schemes for which funding is presently available. It may take time, it may never be fully realised, but by having the vision there, bids can be made when funding sources crop-up. unities – city centre shopping on one side, residential areas on others. The city centre is seeing a big increase in resident population. These new residents look to the Central Parks for opportunities for active informal recreation and for relaxation. The Bargate and Debenhams developments, adding over a thousand more homes, are yet to come and don't seem to acknowledge -- well, make a contribution to – the obvious consequence of needing to improve existing facilities and add new ones so these two Parks stand-up to increased pressure-of-use.

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	<p>Cabinet Member Responsible</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Housing and the Green Environment – Councillor Mitchell</p>
<p>RESPONSE</p>	<p>The Council will be happy to engage with SCAPPs as part of the next stage of the design work for Vincents Walk and Hannover Square. This will be progressed following the outcome of the Levelling Up Fund bids.</p>	
<p>5</p>	<p>PRESENTMENTS ON BEHALF OF SOUTHAMPTON COMMONS AND PARKS PROTECTION SOCIETY (SCAPPS)</p> <p>E-scooters and e-bikes in parks</p> <p>The e-scooter trial ends in November. My presentment asks that SCAPPS sees, and has the opportunity to comment, on the City Council's report assessing the scheme. The City Council required Voi to use its GPS-based locating system to disable power if the scooter was taken into a park. SCAPPS thinks that's right; e-scooters are not just another sort of cycle which can safely be allowed wherever bikes are permitted or tolerated. They are powered vehicles – heavier, faster and less controllable than pedal cycles. This presentment asks the City Council to recommend Government, if the law is changed, to prohibit use of e-scooters on paths in parks shared with pedestrians.</p> <p>Notices have been posted seeking consent for the operator of an e-bike hire scheme to install on-street parking racks. E-bikes too are heavier and can move faster than pedal cycles. SCAPPS has seen no information about the scheme and this presentment asks the City Council to publish details and require the operator of the hire scheme to prevent, or at least discourage, use of e-bikes on paths in parks.</p>	

	Cabinet Member Responsible	Cabinet Member for Transport and District Regeneration – Councillor Keogh
RESPONSE	<p>Trial Voi e-scooters are restricted from accessing SCC parks through geofencing technology creating ‘no go’ zones and ‘go slow’ zones. As part of the wider Solent e-scooter trial, all scheme data, including accident data, is reported back to the Department for Transport. This data will help to inform the Department for Transport to create appropriate legislation to govern e-scooter use. Solent Transport, which administers the schemes, has published an interim report covering the key statistics of the trial to date, which can be found here: Solent-Transport-x-Steer-E-Scooter-Fact-Sheet-2022-1.pdf. Feedback from all stakeholders including SCAPPS will be included in the response to the DfT at the end of the national trials, and we welcome reports of any issues identified during the trials operation that can be acted on by either Voi, the council or Solent Transport.</p> <p>E-bikes on the Beryl Bikes by Breeze scheme are regulated in the same way as private e-bikes. This means they have electric assist which only engages when the rider is pedalling and cuts out at 15.5mph, in line with UK law, and have the same restrictions as private e-bikes in where they can legally be ridden, including the no cycling routes in the city’s parks.</p> <p>To support good rider behaviour, Beryl educates riders through in-app safety messaging, digital and physical marketing, and rider training which it delivers in partnership with the Bikeability Trust. To enforce against bad behaviour, Beryl issues fines for ‘out of bay’ and ‘out of service’ parking, a first warning for misuse reports with no clear risk of significant harm to persons or property, and blocks users on a second misuse incident. Users are blocked on their first misuse incident if the incident causes clear risk or significant harm. Riding in a pedestrianised location or on a pavement leads to a first warning. Residents can report incidents or bad behaviour through the Beryl app, the Breeze app or by emailing support@beryl.cc.</p> <p>The Council and Solent Transport will work closely with Beryl to monitor rider behaviour across the city and will review and respond to issues in specific locations should they arise. The council has published information on the Beryl Bikes by Breeze service here: Bike Share: Rent pedal and e-bikes in Southampton My Journey Southampton ”</p> <p>Our mission is to improve health and wellbeing, and reduce health inequalities, in Southampton through ‘fit for purpose’ leisure services and ‘spaces’ which support physical activity, sport, play and recreation. Co-ordinated by our newly appointed Leisure Services Manager, a cross-council Leisure Services Group is developing a strategic</p>	

	<p>action plan to deliver this mission. The plan will draw on existing relevant strategies – primarily the ‘We Can Be Active’ physical activity strategy and the Strategic Outcomes Planning Model (completed by Max Associates). Our approach for implementing the action plan will include intelligence-driven leisure services provision, securing grants/bidding opportunities, community engagement and a focus on outcomes.</p>	
6.	<p>PRESENTMENTS ON BEHALF OF SOUTHAMPTON COMMONS AND PARKS PROTECTION SOCIETY (SCAPPS)</p> <p>Tighter control of big commercial events in parks Events in parks give enjoyment to many, but, while there, restrict normal recreation use. We’ve noticed some take more space, and for longer, than intended. The circus in Mayflower Park is listed as having minimal impact, but occupies the whole of the main grass area. My presentment asks for more precision in agreements with promoters about space taken-up, and for how long. And that fees paid by promoters of these big events should include funding for officers to be there to monitor what’s happening, with the power and authority to require immediate compliance.</p>	
	<p>Cabinet Member Responsible</p>	<p>Leader of The Council – Councillor Kaur</p>
RESPONSE	<p>The Council’s Events team work closely with event organisers along with other colleagues in the Council to try and minimise the impact of events whilst ensuring that they are of high quality and attract residents and visitors to them. In relation to the circus, it is listed as minimal impact as although it occupies some of the central grass area within Mayflower Park, other grassed areas within the park remain unaffected as does the roadway, car parking and access to the seafront. There is a comprehensive event application procedure in place and before any event organiser is granted permission to arrange an event on Council land they are required to agree to our terms and conditions. This stipulates the area within a park that the event organiser is permitted to use along with the duration. Very rarely would an event organiser be able to use more space or for a longer duration than originally intended without prior agreement with the Council.</p> <p>The Council monitors event organisers as robustly as it can within the resources available. It wants to ensure that it is an attractive destination for potential event organisers and by increasing fees to fund more officers, this may mean event organisers would choose not to host their event in the city. The result is that Southampton could lose</p>	

	the opportunity to bring benefits to the city, depriving residents and visitors of the experience and impact on the economic benefits for local businesses.		
7.	<p>PRESENTMENTS ON BEHALF OF SOUTHAMPTON COMMONS AND PARKS PROTECTION SOCIETY (SCAPPS)</p> <p>Riverside paths</p> <p>The River Itchen Inquiry has just been announced. SCAPPS had already intended making this presentment asking for repair and improvement of riverside paths and for a strengthening of resolve to ensure redevelopment of waterfront sites provide public access to the waterfront, as required by planning policy.</p> <p>This presentment asks that the Inquiry look at the riverside path from Priory Hard public slipway and Horseshoe Bridge to Northam Bridge. Various initiatives may secure repair and improvement of some sections of the path but there's no present scheme which would tidy and improve the riverside path past the Mount Pleasant Industrial Estate. On the east side of the Itchen, we'd like the Inquiry to look at securing formal right of access (part on foreshore) from the southern end of the Chessel Bay LNR to Hazel Road.</p>		
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RESPONSE	The Council welcomes the opportunity to discuss the accessibility to and along the River Itchen as part of the Inquiry.		
8.	Gavin Millar		
	<p>The Itchen Estuary has been central to the history and development of Southampton – from the Roman settlement of Clausentum, to the Saxon town of Hamwic, through to the period of industrialisation with shipbuilding and aircraft manufacturing amongst other industries along its shores and on to the present day.</p> <p>Over the centuries and through to the present day, Southampton citizens have made a living by this tidal river, they have fished on this river, walked by this river, swam in the river and rowed and sailed on the river. Few cities can lay claim to a river estuary within their city boundaries. Although much of the wildlife rich saltmarshes and green riverbanks have been lost to development over the centuries, some still remain. The Itchen Estuary still has huge value for its biodiversity, and carbon capture, and as the world's climate heats up, this estuary becomes increasingly important for countering the urban heat island we inhabit during our hotter summers.</p>		

Southern Water in particular discharge raw sewage from the Portswood Sewage Works, located in St Denys, into the estuary many times a year adding to a total of between 10 and 20 day's worth of sewage flows into the upper reaches of the estuary opposite Riverside Park.

Quite separately to the issue of discharging raw sewage into the river during periods of heavy rainfall, the installation of centrifuge dewatering plant at the sewage works has meant that instead of the plant's sewage being regularly removed, by barge very high volumes of brown foul smelling "treated water" or effluent are now more or less continually discharged into the upper reaches of the estuary. Southern Water claim that this treated water is within permitted consent level. Some informed opinion believes otherwise. Given Southern Water's recent £90 Million fine for "knowingly permitting entry to coastal waters untreated sewage" while systemically setting out to cover up what they were doing- can they be trusted to mark their own homework?

Pollution of the estuary from numerous decaying wrecks, granules used for plastic item manufacture are also concerns.

Progressive closure or restriction of access to the waterfront erode accessibility and the physical and mental health benefits of the estuary ... and will continue to do so unless halted.

If Southampton is to realise the full value of this precious blue space, complementing Southampton's many parks and green spaces – not only does the estuary need a greater protection from pollution, encroachment and from development, but we also need a vision for the future.

What if the recreational, the heritage, the biodiversity, the mental and physical well-being, and the ecological were wrapped up into one vision? A vision which connects the estuary with the remaining green spaces along the shores, a vision which recognises the rich cultural and heritage value of the estuary, a vision which includes accesibility for all and a vision of a city park or an urban wetland with the status and protection afforded to Southampton's many other parks?

Such a planning decision need not be a barrier to socio-economic development but would signal recognition of the true importance and value of the Itchen Estuary and provide Southampton City Council with a strong framework to control threat to this precious resource and to set out a vision for the Future.

	I request that Southampton City Council declares the Itchen Estuary a Southampton City Park.	
	Cabinet Member Responsible	Cabinet Member for Housing and the Green Environment – Councillor Mitchell
RESPONSE	As part of the River Itchen Inquiry that started this autumn, the Council is committed to exploring how to safeguard and enhance the River Itchen in a range of ways and will be exploring many of the points raised in this presentment. The Scrutiny Inquiry is a good vehicle to distil out the key issues and, hopefully, build consensus with key stakeholders and responsible bodies linked to the River Itchen, noting that the river, including its banks, is in multiple different ownerships and is governed by a variety of different laws and regulations.	

9.

Barbara Hancock

Presentment to Southampton Court Leet: Tuesday 4th October 2022.

My name is Barbara Hancock and I'm here today as an individual but with the knowledge and support of three organisations: TWICS (Training for Work in Communities), SO18 Big Local, and Moorlands Community Association. My background is as a community development worker with a longstanding experience of managing community buildings and of supporting volunteers to run them.

And it's about this that I've come here today.

Before the Pandemic the national organisation Local Trust published a report called Skittled Out, which is a cricketing term used when batters are quickly dispatched. The report uses Skittled Out as the term to describe what's happening to England's Social Infrastructure.

The SO18 Big Local area of Harefield, Townhill Park and Midanbury was one of the report's case studies.

Harefield Community Centre has lain derelict for the last ten years, the area has lost its only church hall (on Witts Hill), and all 5 of the pubs (some of which were used for community activities) are gone. If you think about the areas you know I'm pretty sure you'll recognise the same kind of thing – community buildings shut, demolished, or with changed ownership or use.

My worry is that the energy crisis coming on top of Covid will mean more 'skittling out'. This matters, these are the places that enable 'civil society' to operate.

What can be done? There are no easy answers. Community centres, church halls, scout huts and so on rely to a large or complete extent on volunteers who can easily become overwhelmed by the minutiae of just keeping buildings going.

Is there already, and if not should there be, a specific objective for Southampton to be a place with viable, sustainable and accessible community meeting places? Having that objective would then lead to looking at where the Council, within its limited resources, could make a difference. Could it work with partners to enable access to advice on efficient energy use? Of the church halls and community centres I know one has a volunteer with the expertise to know which light bulbs make economic sense to change to LED, whilst others have no idea even how their heating system works. And then could the criteria for Community Chest grants be tweaked to allow applications for energy efficiency measures (like paying for those LED bulbs)? And what about the policies and sample procedures that the City Council has on its website? Traditional churches have long experience of letting out their premises, but a new independent church congregation or faith group taking over an existing hall may not know where to start and so may park the idea of letting out its hall while not using it itself as 'too difficult'. Perhaps example documents like template Terms and Conditions of Use could help.

	<p>Pre pandemic the City Council had a programme of Community Asset Transfer for the community centres it owned, and it would be timely to take stock of how these centres are faring. The transfer of some to West Itchen Community Trust has transparently failed to deliver against the expectation, as the Council's Communities team are aware. Overall, a starting place could be a networking event promoted to the people running the range of buildings which have some community use, to share experience and identify what might help. I'd be happy to be involved in something like that.</p> <p>The skittled out report on community infrastructure concludes by saying 'we must surely start by strengthening what already exists' and that seems very good advice.</p>	
	<p>Cabinet Member Responsible</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Communities and Customer Engagement – Councillor Kataria</p>
<p>RESPONSE</p>	<p>The Stronger Communities Team assumed responsibly for the CAT transfer process and community building activity more generally in 2020. We recognise that the pandemic has impacted on the operations and viability of community buildings, with many operating with small revenue budgets, but significant capital asset liabilities, often overseen by volunteer committees who have limited time and sometimes experience to maintain a viable operation. We also recognise that there is a role for landlords of community asset transfers to do more to support community associations or charities operating from within community buildings. We are liaising with West Itchen Community Trust, who have themselves been impacted by the pandemic. The Cabinet Member for Communities and Stronger Communities Manager will be meeting with the West Itchen Community Trust to discuss the reported issues, including WICT's plans for the Harefield Community Centre site. We are working with a range of landlords to draw their attention to their responsibilities and have intentions to create a community buildings network. Cost of Living is compounding the impact of the pandemic on revenue streams and the operations of community buildings. The team is aware that there are a range of redundant guidance pages on the SCC website that need updating and is working through how to update these, within the range of priorities set for the team. Separately Stronger Communities is working with a range of community buildings whose primary focus is young people to draw down capital investment from the national Youth Investment Fund and Football Association (investments in Multi-use Games Areas). We would wish to partner with the presenter to achieve some of these goals.</p>	

10.	Lindsi Bluemel
	<p>Advanced Stop Lines and lead-in lanes</p> <p>Good morning members of the Court Leet. I am here today to raise an issue of concern to cyclists in Southampton. We have a cyclist death rate here in Southampton three times the national average and five cyclists have been killed in the last five years (that's 1% of the UK total yet we have 0.3% of the UK population) Most cycle accidents occur at junctions and any measures to make junctions safer for cyclists must therefore be welcomed. One of these is Advanced Stop Lines at traffic lights, known as ASLs, which I am sure you are all aware of. They allow cyclists to get to the front of the queue at a red light and position themselves so as to be able to turn right safely in advance of other vehicles.</p> <p>However, ASLs only work if cyclists can get to them and this requires what is known as a Lead-in Lane. Historically around the city we had useful lead-in lanes allowing the ASLs to be accessed. However, none of the new ASLs – for example, the one at the Commercial Rd/Wyndham Place junction, have lead-in lanes, making them virtually unusable by cyclists and the old lead-in lanes are, in many cases, being removed. An example of this is at the Bridge Rd/Portsmouth Rd junction in Woolston. Jim Probert, who leads city Skyrides, regularly reports to Cycle Campaign the problems he has when leading a group of cyclists at this junction as they cannot get to the Advanced Stop Lines.</p> <p>This matter has been raised with the city's cycling officer who says he doesn't know why ASLs are being removed and not installed with new ASLs and he doesn't believe there has been a change of planning policy regarding the installation of ASLs. For the last decade, Southampton Cycling Campaign has been telling the Council that ASLs without any means to get to them are useless for cyclists and a waste of Council money. But no-one listens and still new ASLs are being installed – with the good intention of making junctions safer for cyclists – with no lead-in lanes. Locations raised frequently by Southampton cyclists are the ASLs at the Highfield Lane/Portswood Rd junction and at the Platform Rd/Terminus Terrace junction.</p> <p>A further reason for enabling cyclists to get to the front of queuing traffic is that they are otherwise stuck in a queue breathing in toxic fumes – these are always worse when traffic is stationary but with engines running – and cyclists themselves do not contribute at all to the air pollution we have in this city.</p> <p>I have come here to request that the Court Leet asks the Council to reconsider, on grounds of cyclist safety at junctions, its policy of installing ASLs without lead-in lanes and where these have been removed, to re-instate them.</p> <p>Thank you for listening to this presentment.</p>

	Cabinet Member Responsible	Cabinet Member for Transport and District Regeneration – Councillor Keogh
RESPONSE	All new cycle infrastructure in Southampton will need to meet the design standards set out in Local Transport Note (LTN) 1/20 and Council will commit to following those standards. The standards in LTN1/20 aim to create safer infrastructure for cycling. This includes ASLs as part of schemes along with other measures that support safer cycling such as early-release cycle lights, segregated cycle infrastructure etc through schemes funded by TCF, Active Travel Fund or locally.	
11	Mr Trowbridge There maybe citizens of the city here today or in the future who maybe nervous or frighten to read out their presentments. Could I respectfully asks that Court Leet employs a person to read out that citizens presentments on that person’s behalf	
	Cabinet Member Responsible	Leader – Councillor Kaur
RESPONSE	Court Leet has always attempted to be as inclusive as possible event. As indicated on the day of the Court the Steward to the Court is always willing to act as a advocate for those Citizens you have described.	
12	Mr Trowbridge Over the year I have attended many functions at the North Guild. From a safety point of view I noticed that the extra seating above at the front there is a balcony rail running the full length of the extra seating, which is not very high and therefore I ask that a plastic screen be put up. Like up at the Houses of Parliament or the rail be increased in height as I have been up there and walked down the stairs to the front and I am in fear of my life as I think I might trip and fall over the balcony onto the floor below.	
	Cabinet Member Responsible	Cabinet Member for Health, Adults and Leisure – Councillor Fielker
RESPONSE	Live Nation operate the Guildhall on behalf of the City Council. Live Nation have a risk assessment in place for the area in question. Putting screens in place creates issues, for example they will interfere with the sound and viewing of the event. There is also the potential that the surface would be used as a projectile if forcibly removed. As the Guildhall is part of the Civic Centre, which is a listed building, listed building consent would need to be sought if screen were needed. Live Nation have stated that if the Council are not happy with the use of this area, as it is then they could look at not allowing public into this area to mitigate the issue completely.	