

Questions submitted on Notice from Members of the Public for the Ordinary Meeting of the Council – Thursday, 30th September 2021

Question No.	Questioner	Respondent	Question
1	Kate MAMMOLOTTI (Darlington Climate Action Group and Darlington Friends of the Earth)	Councillor Mrs. SCOTT (on behalf of Councillor KEIR)	<p><i>Could you say what makes up the 65% of refuse that is burnt and why is the cardboard recycled figure so low? Related to the above, could you acknowledge the direct link between local authorities that have longstanding contracts with incinerators and low recycling rates please?</i></p> <p><i>Given the urgency of the climate emergency we are all currently facing (as voiced unanimously and unequivocally by the UN IPCC on 9th August - 'Code Red for Humanity'), as a member of the Darlington public and representative of several environmental groups, we urge our Council to step up its actions and initiatives, independently of current government guidelines where necessary and appropriate, to address, to the maximum possible, the environmental wellbeing of our community. With that in mind, instead of comparing itself to less productive councils locally, we would humbly suggest our Council set targets similar to those councils making significant progress throughout the country. When faced with a planetary climatic crisis we should not be swayed by demographic differences. Our combined (local, national and global) lack of action affects everyone but equally our combined positive actions affect everyone.</i></p>
2	Paul HARMAN (Darlington Climate Action Group)	Councillor Mrs. SCOTT	<p><i>Will the Members of Darlington Borough Council join with Darlington Climate Action on Tuesday 19th October to welcome walkers from Spain to Glasgow on their way to CoP26?</i></p>