

Cabinet – 24 April 2025

Questions from Councillors

1 Councillor Tony Edwards to Councillor Dan Swords (Leader of the Council):

Last year we were told the construction of a temporary Town Centre bus station in Post Office Road was to facilitate the demolition and rebuilding of the Terminus Street Bus Station.

The temporary Bus station in Post Office Road was opened at the beginning of December last year. (over 4 months ago).

Since that time there has been no progress with the demolition of the Terminus Street Bus Station.

As this lack of progress is causing uncertainty for businesses and blight to the Terminus Street area, what are the reasons for the delay and when exactly is physical work on the Terminus Street Bus Station site going to recommence?

Reply from Councillor Dan Swords (Leader of the Council):

The council is working with its contractor to finalise the development programme for the site and demolition will begin shortly in line with the Council's plans, while ensuring it is receiving the best value for money and protecting the safety of Harlow's residents; all of which require careful coordination.

Local businesses, along with all Harlow's residents can rightly look forward to the transformative benefits this substantial and complex development will bring, and the council is working hard to enable this to happen as quickly as is reasonably possible.

2 Councillor Jake Shepherd to Councillor Dan Swords (Leader of the Council):

Saturday 26 April will be World Sculpture Day, and in a press release on the 15 March 2024, this administration stated that works to improve the areas around the Obelisk, Trigon and Vertex sculptures would take around 12 months (<https://www.harlow.gov.uk/news/broad-walk-transformation-marks-new-era-town-centre>).

Since that time there has been some progress with the new paving of Broad Walk, East Walk and Harvey Centre Approach, but more than 12 months on and

work is far from complete. Will you explain to residents the reasons for this delay and when we can expect to see our much-loved sculptures on show again?

Reply from Councillor Dan Swords (Leader of the Council):

The public realm improvements on and around Broad Walk involve a great deal more than replacing paving slabs. Under the ground, there is a complex web of cables and public utilities that need to be carefully managed and protected as part of the works, which is not always easy to see.

However, with much of this important work done, the more visible elements of the programme should rapidly take shape, with the improvement of the town centre becoming increasingly apparent over the next few weeks and months.