

COUNCIL – 19 OCTOBER 2016

MEMBERS' QUESTION

Question 1

Councillor P Ballam to ask the Executive Member for Environment and the Public Space:

As an enthusiastic and diligent recycler I have been pleased by the increase in quantity and variety of recycling that East Herts, as a Council, has achieved over the last few years. I was, therefore, concerned to read in the national press recently that, although recycling was increasing generally, there was an increase in the number of loads of recyclables which were sent to landfill, having been refused by the depots as contaminated. It was also reported that in some areas the men emptying the bins were receiving physical as well as verbal attacks. Therefore, I wish to ask the Executive Member if he can tell me what our current percentage of recycling is and if we are experiencing an increase in the number of loads being refused as contaminated? I should also like to know if our contractors are experiencing any animosity from residents.