

COUNCIL ASSEMBLY
(ORDINARY MEETING)
WEDNESDAY 27 NOVEMBER
PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

1. QUESTION FROM JEFF KELLAND TO THE DEPUTY LEADER AND CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING MANAGEMENT

Now that milk, coal, fruit and vegetables are no longer delivered nor night soil collected, who benefits from Devon Mansions blocks 1-21 SE1 security doors providing access via the 'trade' button for anyone between 0600 and 1000 each day? Deliverers of pizza leaflets?

RESPONSE

There is no technical reason why the door entry trades times cannot be altered to operate from 1000 - 1400. The present arrangements (0700 - 11.00) have been standard for most councils for 20+ years and it is for security reasons that the system have not been changed.

The door entry systems are installed to ensure residents' security and to extend the trades times to 1400 would leave the buildings unsecure for the busier part of the day. This would possibly allow free access to an increased number of individuals that may be loitering in the early afternoon. The unsecure system could lead to unauthorised access and increased levels of anti-social behaviour and crime, with the resultant additional complaints from residents.

It is, however, up to residents themselves what hours of operation they would wish to see in individual blocks and the access arrangements can be changed. However, the council would not consider making any changes until it had canvassed the views of every single resident in the block.

The table below shows the number of improvements that have been carried out to security doors in recent years. It includes updates following major works and new doors installation.

Year	Total
2010	1156
2011	1064
2012	972
2013	3203
Grand Total	6395