

**Wiltshire Council**

**Full Council**

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**Item 6 – Public Participation**

**From Steve Bucknell**

**To Councillor Richard Clewer, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Corporate Services, Heritage, Arts, Tourism, Housing and Communities**

**Question (P21-05)**

I understand from the Salisbury Journal that the Liberal Democrats and Labour have been delivering leaflets during lockdown which I find extremely concerning given the pressure that there has been on our hospitals recently. I do not see how the delivery of political literature this far out from an election could be seen as essential work. Can you please confirm the council's position with regard to party political leafleting during lockdown

**Response**

Guidance on leafleting during the lockdown is a matter for the Government. The government has recently published a delivery plan which addresses campaigning: [May 2021 polls delivery plan - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/91222/may_2021_polls_delivery_plan.pdf)