

Agenda Item 6 – To answer written questions or receive petitions submitted by the public.

1. Question submitted by David Matthews

32 Lubenham Hill , Market Harborough LE16 9DQ

As the council is proposing to appoint an “expert “organisation “to rewrite a new local plan” I would like to know details of the tender document that has presumably been issued to interested parties, plus whether the “contract” will include a clause(s) based on payment by results?

Answer: To Follow

2. Question submitted by Erica Livermore

38 Northampton road , Market Harborough, LE16 9HE

What percentage probability do officers of the council ascribe to the chance the Local Plan will be complete by end May 2025?

Answer: To Follow

3. Question submitted by Michael Rodber

7 Beaker Close , Smeeton Westerby , LE8 0RT

Bearing in mind that there is no legal obligation for HDC to agree to take Leicester’s houses (according to the Councillor in charge, Simon Galton, “It is absolutely true that the council legally doesn’t have to sign this document”),

Can those councillors supporting this initiative make a clear statement as to what are the benefits to the residents and voters of HDC of having all this extra housing?

Answer: To Follow

4. Question submitted by Professor Symonds

11 Alvington Way, Market Harborough LE16 7NF

Why are the council officials and elected members supporting taking Leicester's housing overspill into Market Harborough when this will increase congestion and pressure on already overstretched public services in Market Harborough especially as Leicester has many brown field sites that need re-development?

Answer: To Follow

5. Question submitted by Mike Fowler

24, Long Brimley Close, Market Harborough, LE16 7XJ

Shouldn't the council wait for the new National Planning Policy Framework before taking the decision on the Statement of Common Ground?

Answer: To Follow

6. Question submitted by David Campbell-Kelly

1 Yew Tree Close, Willoughby Waterleys , Leicestershire. LE8 6BU

As a Council you run the risk of rushing a Local Plan preparation, to achieve a Duty to Co-operate that does not apply, wasting millions of pounds, and ending up with a Plan which is then NOT found to be "sound" and rejected by the Planning Inspectorate. Are you concerned that, as YOUR Barrister identified, YOU too "will (have) reputational damage and wasted resources"?

Answer: To follow

7. Question submitted by Sarah Sattin

The Croft, Oakham Road, Tilton on The Hill, Leicestershire , LE7 9DJ

Why should Harborough be forced to accept more housing when Leicester has failed to build their quota?

The villages, particularly Tilton and Halstead infrastructure already doesn't cope with existing residents with regular electricity power cuts, low water pressure and flooding. There aren't any GP services/ pharmacists or schools within the village and no regular bus route. Forcing our villages to build more houses and hold more residents will have a negative impact on those of us residing here.

Answer: To Follow

8. Question submitted by Victoria Tattershall

Sunnyside Farm, Tilton Lane, Billesdon, LE7 9DR

Please can the Council explain why it is necessary to spend a proposed £2 million pounds on planning consultants and not services for their district?

Answer: To Follow

9. Question submitted by David Hill

Main Street, Kibworth Harcourt

In a leaflet that many residents have received it states that Harborough District Council has been instructed by the Government to take thousands more homes; can you publish a copy of this government instruction?

Answer: To Follow

10. Question submitted by Seb Kendall

2 Ashley Road, Medbourne, Leicestershire, LE16 8DL

With the recent dismissal of the importance of a review of a neighbourhood plan by both the planning officers and some councillors, what justification is there in parishes having any confidence that they have any credibility in a local plan?"

Answer: To Follow