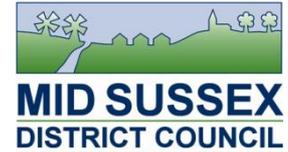


QUESTIONS RECEIVED FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 9

29 July 2022

1. Question from Mr Batte



At the recent Stop Cuckstye meeting Jonathan Ash Edwards said “we need to ensure we are taking account of the Government's changes to the planning system” and cited environmental concerns as a reason for "pausing" the District Plan Review. Please explain why these environmental concerns and the changes to the planning system don't apply to SA12 & SA13 and the DPD?

Response to be provided by the Cabinet Member for Planning, Cllr Salisbury

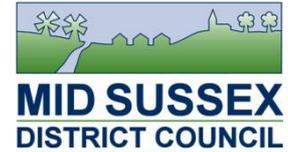
2. Question from Ms Green



If you as you said in January & again this month, you need to "pause" the District Plan Review - an agreed part of the District Plan process - why can't you pause (not stop altogether) the Site Allocations DPD until the new planning legislation comes in? This would not only benefit the people of Burgess Hill who want to save Sites SA12 & SA13, but residents of all the towns and villages in the district negatively affected by this DPD. Why will you not take this step, when the changes in law are coming soon?

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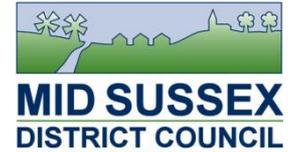
3. Question from Ms Parlett



Objective 8 of your Sustainable Economy Strategy is to “improve, manage and promote biodiversity and nature recovery” and new planning legislation requires a biodiversity net gain of 10%. How does concreting over a rewilded, biodiverse rich ecosystem, such as SA13, fit in with your strategy, and how can 10% net gain ever be achieved by replacing it with a housing estate of 300 dwellings?

Response to be provided by the Cabinet Member for Planning, Cllr Salisbury

4. Question from Ms Corbett



You want to build 300 homes on SA13 but there are already thousands of homes there. Homes to polecats, badgers, snakes & threated birds like nightingales, what will happen to them? I am very confused as you and the government tell us you're protecting green spaces but this is a very special one that you're not protecting at all? Why? It really worries me and makes me depressed about my future.

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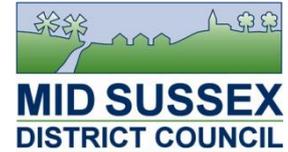
5. Question from Mr Inman



Developers are required to deliver a 10% biodiversity net gain for new developments. Can MSDC and the developers Persimmon and Thakeham give a definitive, 100% cast iron guarantee that building on sites SA12 and SA13 will result in an increase in species?

Response to be provided by the Cabinet Member for Planning, Cllr Salisbury

6. Question from Mr Brooks



Regarding the Sustainable Economy Strategy, is the Ricardo Action Plan complete yet? If so when will the report be made available? If not, then when is it expected to be finished and have any extra costs been incurred above the initial £47,000 cost?

Response to be provided by the Cabinet Member for Economic Growth and Net Zero – Cllr Hillier

7. Question from Cllr Judy Moore



Has the Council fully considered the effect of the MSDC Site Allocation Plan on local residents living on Imberhorne estate and Felbridge Village?

Local infrastructure is considered overstretched in capacity, namely the Star junction, A22, A264 and M25. Small village roads were not built to take traffic from large housing estates.

Felbridge rural village is being destroyed by urban sprawl with houses being built right up to the boundary.

Gulledge has two herds of deer and much wildlife with awe- inspiring scenery which I have enjoyed over 38 years and wish the next generation to be able to experience.

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