

Council 5th October 2011

Agenda Item 6: Questions asked by the public under Standing order 8

Question 1

From Martyn Bye

Is the safeguarded land between Mapperley Plains and the Arrow Public House to remain as green open space in view of the Councils desire to build a major road through the colliery site area up to Mapperley Plains opposite this safeguarded land?

Question 2

From Michael L. Ward

Associated with the Locally Distinct Housing Issues for Gedling Borough Council paper (July2011) is a consultation response process designed around the so called Limehouse online system or the submission of the Councils consultation response form. Since the vast majority of the residents in the Borough are unaware of either, in this short botched consultation process, or find the computerised Limehouse system difficult to use how is the Council going to take into account the objections that have been received by letter, email, and by petition of objection when it is delivered?

Question 3

From P. Gunn

Could Councillor Clarke please clarify if any covenants, obligations or commitments etc. currently exist relating to Nottingham City Council's interest in the possible development of the Mapperley Golf Course land and to what extent the associated infrastructure and road proposals for the site are linked to the City Council's plans to develop Chase Farm?

Question 4

From James Faulconbridge

The Conservatives had enough land earmarked for development when they were in power, so what has changed?

Question 5

From G.E. Marshall

Does the Nottingham City Council have any right to build some of its housing quota on the Mapperley Golf Club land, if the building development is to go ahead?

Question 6

From Denise Bailey

As well as the intention to build a supermarket and business park on the colliery site is it also true that there are plans to relocate the Nottingham City bus garage and maintenance depot on the colliery site? How much more pollution and daily traffic movements of buses would that bring?

Question 7

From Sandra Beak

The Environment Agency encourages developers to use a Sustainable Drainage System which should ensure that the environment is neither polluted nor increases the risk of flooding. How does the Council intend to meet these requirements on their proposal to develop housing on Mapperley Golf Course, with particular reference to Linsdale Gardens, Kneeton Close and Gunthorpe Road, where surface water runoff is already an existing concern?

Question 8

From Doreen Edwards

When did the Labour group decide to make the Mapperley Golf Course land available to be built on?

Question 9

From Dr Ian Nelson

What alternative sources of funding for the proposed new service road calculated to relieve the housing and industrial development to the former Gedling colliery site have been explored, with a view to releasing the council from the coercion being applied by the property developers who, I understand, are now claiming their agreed funding of the service road is financially unviable without the development of the golf course?

Question 10

From Allan Barter

In the minutes of the meeting held between Council members and the members of Mapperley Golf Club on the 6th September, he, Cllr Clarke is recorded as saying, 'we have invited all interested parties to engage in the consultation process, which remains open, but residents have so far chosen to ignore this invite'. Is this minute correct, and if so, how does he come to the conclusion that residents have ignored this invitation?

Question 11

From William Bedward

Would the Leader of the Council identify the area of land being considered for the replacement golf course should the plans for Mapperley Golf Course go ahead?

Question 12

From Tom Butcher

When the proceeds from the sale of Mapperley Golf Club have been received, after payments to Nottm. City Council, the purchase of land and proposed building of the promised, new, enhanced golf course, costs of the road development and other ancillary costs have been deducted, how much will be left to pay to Gedling Borough Council for the benefit of the Gedling council tax payers?

Question 13

From Graham Thraves

Is the Leader of the Council prepared to decimate the habitat of birds, animals and all other wildlife, that have made the site their home for the past 107 years?

Question 14

From Richard Foster

Does the Leader of the Council know that the local MP Mr Vernon Coaker was trying to broker a deal with Jane Todd, the Chief Executive of the City Council, in September 2010 with regards to the benefits the City Council would gain if the Golf Course site and Chase Farm site were to be developed?

Question 15

From R. Calver

Since the proposed development of the Mapperley Golf Course land and the adjoining area of the old Colliery site and Chase Farm site is the biggest development in the Borough for many decades, why was this huge issue not a feature in the Labour party manifesto?