

Agenda

Council

Date: **Wednesday 20 September 2023**

Time: **6.00 pm**

Place: **Council Chamber**

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SUMMONS

A meeting of the Borough Council will be held in the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Arnot Hill Park on Wednesday 20 September 2023 at 6.00 pm to transact the business as set out below.



Mike Hill
Chief Executive

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- 6 To deal with any petitions received under procedural rule 7.8
- 7 To answer questions asked by the public under procedural rule 7.7

Question 1:

Question to the Leader of the Council:

Regarding the proposed sale of land adjacent to the Hobbucks Nature reserve off Killisick Lane in Arnold. Despite the commitment from Gedling Borough Council Councillors just last year not to sell the land, why has the sale of this land been brought back to the table with a consultation that took place over the school summer holiday period with just 2 weeks for residents to respond? The consultation was made live on the 4th August with a close date of the 18th of August.

Question 2:

Question to the Leader of the Council:

Since the recent U-turn by Gedling Borough Council on the sale of land in Killisick Fields site H8, I have had cause to study documentation in relation to the Gedling Local Plan, including the Development Brief 2019. It is this document which made it apparent to me that the land within H8 had been green belt land, but was re-designated with the adoption of the Local Plan and included in the housing allocation for development. I have yet to find a resident who was aware of this at the time, many still being totally unaware. I have highlighted concerns around the processes implemented to bring this about in writing to Gedling Borough Council, and how, in my opinion, this has been used as a means to increase the value of their land – as well as that of the other landowners in whose interest it would be to sell simultaneously with Gedling Borough Council. This has led me to dig deeper... In the Development Brief 2019, there is a field to the east of site H8 beyond Darkey's Wood which is labelled as 'potential green belt recreation area' with suggestions of a LAP/LEAP (Locally Equipped Area For Play) and an ISF (Informal Sports Facility, also described as 'e.g. kick about area'). It also talks about the need for lighting etc. They even mention it in relation to present and future housing. Lo and behold, having queried ownership, Gedling Borough Council confirm this field is owned by them. This land is green belt (still) and protected as such – it is NOT included in the Local Plan under either nearby site, H7 or H8. Any such structures would not be in keeping with the green belt and, with the proposed sale/development of site H8 will further decimate the local environment, increasing the impact on the Hobbucks Local Nature Reserve and the resident wildlife.

What does Gedling Borough Council consider to be appropriate development within its green belt policy?

8 To answer questions asked by Members of the Council under procedural rule 7.9

1) Question from Cllr Whiting to the Portfolio Holder for Climate Change and Natural Habitat:

What steps is Gedling Borough Council taking to improve air quality?

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- 12 To consider comments, of which due notice has been given, under procedural rule 7.11**
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14 To consider motions under procedural rule 7.12

Motion 1:

This Council notes:

- 1) The Overview & Scrutiny Committee has a vital role in scrutinising the work of the Cabinet
- 2) That to strengthen this role, it is appropriate for the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee not to be members of the Council's Ruling Group.

This Council therefore resolves:

- 1) To add the following words to the existing section of the Constitution at "Section 4- The Full Council: 7.22 Election of a Chair of a Committee":
"The Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee shall be a member of the largest political group that is different to that of the Leader of the Council. The Vice-Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee shall not be a member of the same political group as that of the Leader of the Council"
- 2) That the change to the Constitution to come into force at the 2024 Annual Meeting of the Council for the 2024/25 Council Year.

Proposer: Cllr Ellwood

Seconder: Cllr Hughes

Motion 2:

Gedling Borough Council notes the significant impact surface water run-off and flooding from housing developments under construction has on surrounding residential areas and local businesses.

This Council notes that the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) currently states that housing developers only have to ensure that permanent drainage is in place on a building site once the last house is completed.

Gedling Borough Council also notes that the Government are in the process of updating the NPPF and that the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities said recently in the House of Commons that he hopes to see more about sustainable drainage systems in the updated National Planning Policy Framework.

In the meantime, to help mitigate any surface water run-off and flooding from housing developments under construction within Gedling Borough,

Gedling Borough Council resolves to:

- Continue imposing planning conditions requiring the implementation of measures to ensure that surface water run-off is mitigated during the construction phase of new housing development on elevated sites; and
- Recommends the introduction a Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) that ensures adequate drainage is installed first on any new housing development site before any other construction works are carried out.

This SPD should be presented to Cabinet for adoption early in the New Year and apply to future planning applications submitted and approved after its implementation date.

Proposer: Cllr Sam Smith
Seconder: Cllr Mike Adams

Motion 3:

This Council resolves to create a planning committee call-in procedure, whereby Councillors can require an application, within their ward, that would normally be determined under the delegated authority to be called in for determination by the Planning Committee.

A draft of this procedure should be presented at Planning Committee for consideration early in the New Year.

Proposer: Cllr Stuart Bestwick
Seconder: Cllr Jane Walker