



**Winchester**  
City Council

**COUNCIL MEETING – 20 July 2005**

**Question under Council Procedure Rule 14**

**QUESTION 1**

From: Councillor Jeffs

To: The Portfolio Holder for Planning

"Could the Portfolio Holder for Planning explain why the Winchester Cathedral Close Plan is being put to Cabinet on 26th July instead of being dealt with through a PDC working party".

**Reply**

"Any proposals for development in the Cathedral Close will be extremely sensitive and of great interest to the community. It is right that they should be the subject of public consultation, which includes a response from the City Council, before they reach the planning application stage. The Cathedral authorities were advised that this is an item that should be dealt with in a similar way to the production of other non-statutory planning guidance such as Local Area Design Statements and Village Design Statements. This has enabled a draft document to be worked up in consultation with key stakeholders and to be the subject of consultation well in advance of any planning application being submitted."