



COUNCIL MEETING – 28 August 2024

Questions by the Public under Council Procedure Rule 19.1

- Each questioner will have 2 minutes in which to ask their question (or may simply state to “refer to the order paper”). The order of the questions to be asked is as set out below and an officer will direct the questioner to the microphone when their name is called by the Mayor.
- If a questioner who has submitted a question is unable to be present, the Mayor may ask the question on their behalf, or invite another Councillor to do so, or indicate that a written reply will be given and published on the website following the meeting. or decide, in the absence of the questioner, that the question will not be dealt with.
- Please note that following the response given by the Councillor, the questioner may also ask a supplementary question which must arise directly out of the original reply.
- The **total** time allocated for questions will *normally* be limited to 20 minutes.
- Written answers will be published to questions submitted (but not supplementary questions) following the meeting and all members of the public who have asked a question will be notified accordingly.

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1	Patrick Davies
2	Dave Brockless
3	Caroline Waller/James Turner
4	Phil Lee
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6	June Perrins
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9	Jonathan Marmont
10	Lucy Hall
11	Swanmore Parish Council



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QUESTION 1

From: Patrick Davies

To: The Cabinet Member for Place and Local Plan (Cllr Porter)

“How will the Council be able to resist applications for significant new housing developments on sites not allocated for development in their proposed regulation 19 document, which may soon be submitted to them by developers who will be able to point out that the Council has totally ignored the impending changes to the NPPF in its published document with its failure to reconsider the required housing numbers?”



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QUESTION 2

From: Dave Brockless

To: The Cabinet Member for Place and Local Plan (Cllr Porter)

“As the Local Plan is built around the climate emergency, has the Council calculated the impact of the measures to mitigate the climate emergency on the climate? (i.e. how much change in global temperature in °C will the adoption of the Winchester local plan have); and if the above calculation has not been carried, why not; and has the Council carried out a financial impact assessment to include the impact of the measures to mitigate the climate emergency within the plan on the short and long term finances of individuals, households and local businesses and if this has been carried out please explain where this can be found and if it has not been carried out, why not?”



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QUESTION 3

From: Caroline Waller/James Turner

To: The Cabinet Member for Place and Local Plan (Cllr Porter)

“We have sent a number of letters (to which we have not had a response) explaining that the assessment of the settlement of Hursley that informed the Regulation 18 draft wrongly excluded a number of facilities. We included a list of these as Appendix 1 to our letter of 14 December 2022. The facilities located in Hursley are a matter of objective fact. The information is openly discoverable and easily proven. There is nothing to be gained by the Council in relying on a flawed evidence base.

Therefore, please confirm why the evidence base relating to the assessment of Hursley has not been updated despite the fact that these errors were drawn to the Council’s attention nearly 2 years ago.

Does the Council intend to correct the errors in its evidence base in this respect?”



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QUESTION 4

From: Phil Lee

To: The Cabinet Member for Place and Local Plan (Cllr Porter)

“Please explain to South Wonston Parish Council, Local Councillors and residents of South Wonston how their representations have been used to influence the draft plan when they were not responded to until 3 days after the Cabinet meeting by which time the draft plan had already been amended?”



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QUESTION 5

From: Stuart Jones

To: The Cabinet Member for Place and Local Plan (Cllr Porter)

“At the Cabinet meeting on Monday 19th August I highlighted several issues with the July Transport Assessment. These include the fact that there was no acknowledgement of the significant loss of public transport in the Southern Parishes in the last 7 years, for example 53 weekday bus departures from Bishop's Waltham in 2017 is now down to 35 and will fall further. There was no assessment of the impact of that loss. And thirdly, the Assessment is out of date and inaccurate, with a diagram that shows the X9 bus, which stopped 2 years ago.

Although Hampshire is responsible for transport, that does not absolve Winchester City Council of the responsibility to assess the transport provision appropriately to support its plan, as required by the NPPF, specifically to quote 'align growth and infrastructure'.

These issues mean that the Transport Assessment is flawed and will not stand examination. I understand your timing for the proposed plan submission but this Assessment is a risk to that submission. Please, I'd encourage you to reduce that risk. It cannot wait until the start of a future local plan.

So can I ask the Council: 'will you commit to improve the Transport Assessment, in parallel with the submission process, to assess the actual public transport required by people in the District for sustainable development, and to identify gaps that need to be addressed?’”



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QUESTION 6

From: June Perrins

To: The Cabinet Member for Place and Local Plan (Cllr Porter)

“South Wonston Parish Council once again would like to question issues with the Settlement Hierarchy.

The overall score is still uncorrected, proposing the village be downgraded from an Intermediate Rural Settlement to Smaller Rural Settlement.

The residents in South Wonston have never felt that our Settlement Hierarchy category or the Integrated Impact Assessment scores fitted the reality of South Wonston.

What is the clear reasoning behind why South Wonston cannot be downgraded from Intermediate Rural Settlement to Smaller Rural Settlement as requested bringing it down to a level that excludes the village from future development?”



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QUESTION 7

From: David Baldwin

To: The Cabinet Member for Place and Local Plan (Cllr Porter)

“Why have the Council and its planning department seemingly ignored the conclusions of its own Development Strategy and Site Selection 2024 paper with regard to the SW01 allocation that "The site contributes to the distinctive setting and identity of the village and is considered to be an 11, which equates to high sensitivity: **protection from development is the preferred option**".



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QUESTION 8

From: Wickham Parish Council

To: The Cabinet Member for Place and Local Plan (Cllr Porter)

“Why has the Ravenswood site at Knowle now been included in the Local Plan? The Settlement Hierarchy for Knowle highlights that the village should not have an allocation therefore should not be part of the Plan. The Settlement Hierarchy for Knowle is incorrect, there is no preschool, employment opportunities and the convenience and retail needs are not met; the facility score for Knowle Village should be rated 6 and not 14.

Any development at Knowle should be community-led, with significant community and facility benefits negotiated outside of the local plan.”



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QUESTION 9

From: Jonathan Marmont

To: The Cabinet Member for Place and Local Plan (Cllr Porter)

“Section 13.17 (Allocations - North Whiteley) states "It had not been possible to achieve the planned 40% affordable housing provision within the development originally permitted at Whiteley for viability reasons". Why is this the case?”



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QUESTION 10

From: Lucy Hall

To: The Cabinet Member for Place and Local Plan (Cllr Porter)

“Will you be ensuring the protection of our precious countryside by focusing on developing brownfield sites and utilising empty buildings?”



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QUESTION 11

From: Swanmore Parish Council

To: The Cabinet Member for Place and Local Plan (Cllr Porter)

“There are inconsistencies within the Regulation 19 document. At some points in the document Swanmore is referred to as an Intermediate Rural Settlement and in other places a Large Rural Settlement. Please could you confirm our current status?”