



Winchester
City Council

COUNCIL MEETING – 25 September 2019

Question under Council Procedure Rule 15(3)

QUESTION 4

From: Councillor Cook

To: The Leader (Cllr Thompson)

“Would the Leader or the Cabinet Member liken to inform the Council on the current state of play with regard to their ongoing relationship with Eastleigh Borough Council Leader Cllr Keith House in particular and their vision and plans on how the handling of the Proposed 6200 Homes that Eastleigh have placed on the doorstep of its neighbouring Council with currently a Local Plan that is with the Inspector with a number of questions already asked and awaiting the responses in relation to what could be seen by the members of the general public as the Lib Dem’s engaging in a cosy relationship to the detriment of Winchester residents in particular the adjoining Villages ie Allbrook (the famous Allbrook Bridge that is very much a well discussed part of the plan), Colden Common, Otterbourne and Twyford this is to name a few that would be effected in a catastrophic way.”

Reply

“The Council has made its submission to the Planning Inspector who is conducting the examination of the Eastleigh draft local plan by way of the statement of common ground which was approved by Cabinet.

As Cllr Cook will be aware the City Council maintained its two substantive objections through the agreed Statement of Common Ground with Eastleigh Borough Council. The Inspector is currently considering all the representations received and will advise us shortly whether there is a requirement for us to give further evidence. The outcome of the examination is now entirely in the hands of the Inspector.

There has been no change of approach to the draft Eastleigh Local Plan across the change in administration and it is disappointing that Cllr Cook should seek to make a political point where there is clearly none to be made. The City Council’s position is based on evidence led concerns as advised by its impartial officers – as it was under the previous administration and which we supported.”