

COUNCIL MEETING – 15 January 2020

Question under Council Procedure Rule 15(3)

QUESTION 12

From: Councillor Brook

To: The Cabinet Member for Built Environment and Wellbeing (Cllr Porter)

"At the Cabinet meeting, there were numerous concerns highlighted by Architects Builders and Developers, regarding the Nitrates issue and its impact on delivering the much needed housing within our district. Other Councils have already implemented a plan. Could the Cabinet Member please advise on when we can expect some progress on this? We need to prevent intervention being required when our targets for meeting the current Local Plan are missed and to ensure delivery of the much needed affordable housing for our residents, including the WCC schemes that will inevitably be delayed."

Reply

"I have already addressed the nitrate issue earlier this evening in my response to Cllr Rutter's question.

I can add that adopting this Position Statement with immediate effect will enable us to begin considering planning permissions for residential schemes to help us maintain an adequate supply of land for housing development in the district, with the benefits this brings for our communities and people looking to live in the district, as well as the businesses that deliver new homes."