



Winchester
City Council

COUNCIL MEETING – 15 January 2020

Question under Council Procedure Rule 15(3)

QUESTION 13

From: Councillor Pearson

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

“A noticeable absence to the Climate Emergency Action Plan is specific reference to the Policy CP11 in the Local Plan Part 1.

- (a) What does this Policy now state?
- (b) What is now the status of this Policy now that Housing is an important element of the Climate Emergency Action Plan?
- (c) Have Planning Officers, and the Planning Committee been given guidance that this Policy should now be given DUE CONSIDERATION AND IMPORTANCE, with all new developments dated from 1st December 2019?”

Reply

“Nothing has changed in relation to Local Plan Policy CP11 as a result of the declaration of a climate emergency – it is the adopted policy and will be modified or replaced as necessary when the Local Plan is reviewed.

The application of the policy to individual planning applications has been restricted somewhat by the government’s national planning guidance but the general requirement to seek to minimise carbon emissions in new development has been and remains the Council’s policy. The government is currently consulting on updates to national Building Regulations which will set out new standards for energy efficiency and in time these will set the minimum requirements for all development.

In preparing the new Local Plan, the importance of minimising carbon emissions arising from development will be fundamental to the evaluation and testing of options and the recognition of a climate emergency will thus play a key role in shaping the whole development strategy, not just individual elements.”