



## COUNCIL MEETING – 22 February 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.

	From:
1	David Killeen
2	Denise Searle



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**QUESTION 1**

From: David Killeen

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

Michael Gove recently announced that building homes on brownfield land will be turbocharged under a major shake-up to planning rules to boost housebuilding while protecting greenfield land.

Winchester and all nearby councils will be told that they will need to prioritise brownfield developments.

The bar for refusing brownfield plans will be made much higher for those city councils who are failing to hit their locally agreed housebuilding targets. Nearby planning authorities such as Southampton will be made to follow a 'brownfield presumption', if housebuilding drops below expected levels. This will make it easier to get permission to build on previously developed brownfield sites, helping more young families to find a home.

Where there is the highest demand and existing infrastructure to support new development, this focus on brownfield land and urban development is part of the government's plan to take a common-sense approach to delivering the housing that is needed, protecting the countryside and local food production.

Is it too late for this announcement to be integrated into the emerging Local Plan. Will this mean that Winchester will no longer need to plan to take the PfSH housing allocation?



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**QUESTION 2**

From: Denise Searle

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

“Can those responsible for planning please help me to understand what are the Gypsy and Traveller Policies in the new draft Local Plan. Where are the new sites for gypsies and travellers and how has the public been consulted on these proposals?”