

## **FULL COUNCIL MEETING – 10 JANUARY 2018**

### **AGENDA ITEM 3 – PUBLIC QUESTION TIME – ORDER IN WHICH THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL WILL INVITE QUESTIONS BELOW RECEIVED IN WRITING IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING**

1. From Mr Dixon to the Leader of the Council - Councillor Mrs Brown

#### **THE FULL DETAIL OF THE QUESTIONS TO BE ASKED IS DETAILED BELOW**

**NOTE:** The Chairman will:

- invite questions from members of the public who have submitted in writing their questions in line with the Council's Constitution;
- explain that the questions received will be answered by the appropriate Members of the Cabinet or the Chairman of the Overview Select Committee
- confirm that Public Question Time allows Members of the public to ask one question at a time and that a maximum of one minute is allowed for each question.
- state that questions will be invited in the order in which they have been received and that if there is time remaining from the 15 minutes allowed for Public Question Time, questioners will be allowed to ask a supplementary question.

#### **QUESTION ONE**

**From Mr Dixon to the Leader of the Council, Councillor Mrs Brown**

##### **Question**

Current proposals for the Hothampton site appear to be more to do with redevelopment than regeneration – replacing an existing garden with a smaller garden, an existing car park with a smaller car park, in order to squeeze in one or two blocks of flats.

Can you please explain what you perceive to be the main differences between redevelopment and regeneration?

I am struggling to identify any regeneration benefits in these proposals – therefore can you also explain how, in your opinion, these proposals will contribute towards the regeneration of the town?

### **Response**

Thank you for your question Mr Dixon.

In our recent consultation on the proposals for the new park and parking areas at Hothampton there was overwhelming support from the public. I believe we would be hard pressed to find any neutral observer who felt the plans for the area were not an improvement over the existing arrangements.

The Council is looking to make significant investment in this part of the Town. Town centres are changing as our retailing needs change. The resident, the visitor, the consumer is often looking for something very different to what has been experienced in the past. They are all looking for a quality offer and will be much more discerning in their choices of where to visit in the future.

Towns like Bognor Regis need to embrace change, otherwise there is a danger of being left behind, whilst other communities advance. Over the years there have been those who have been destructive and lacking in a positive vision for the benefit of all, not just those who shout the loudest.

I would hope that you would support these exciting plans which will offer a modern parking environment and an attractive multi-functional park. This Council believes this scheme will be the stimulus for new private sector investment in the town centre and set the standard for the high quality of design and delivery that is expected for a modern sea side town. Who wouldn't welcome that?

Regarding your request for an explanation of the differences between redevelopment and regeneration I would comment that both terms are often seen as being interchangeable. However, redevelopment is often used more widely to describe physical change, whereas as regeneration is often used in situations that have more of a social context.

### **Supplementary Question**

You mentioned consultation within your response. Can you please confirm whether this included reference to any flats – could you please confirm this point?

### **Supplementary Response**

The consultation was on the Linear Park.