

CABINET MEETING – 9 APRIL 2018

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

1. From Mr Chester to the Cabinet Member for Planning

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
- confirm that Public Question Time allows Members of the public to ask one question at a time
- 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.

From Mr Chester to the Cabinet Member for Planning

Question

Will the Cabinet member for Planning study the Planning Inspectorate decision notice APP/M3835/W/17/3188691 relating to Poulters Lane, Worthing and consider whether there is a case for Arun District to start requesting affordable housing contributions from smaller sites?

Response

I have reviewed the appeal decision you have provided details off. However, in this case we believe the Inspector was acknowledging the very different circumstances that exist in Worthing. Their ability to meet both their own housing needs and deliver the necessary affordable housing is very much affected by the proportion of developments that are greater than 10 units. They are therefore much more reliant than Arun upon smaller developments to deliver some affordable housing. Arun once the local plan is approved would anticipate each of the large strategic applications delivering 30% of the units as affordable housing. Thus an allocation of 3000 homes might be expected to deliver 900 affordable homes. On this basis we don't believe we would be successful in being to justify a policy approach similar to that of Worthing. Appeal decisions in other parts of the country and here in Arun would support such a conclusion.