

WELWYN HATFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL
CABINET MEETING – 6 DECEMBER 2022

CABINET PROCEDURE RULE NO. 10 QUESTIONS – PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Notice of the following question has been received in accordance with Cabinet Procedure Rule No 10:-

1. Question from Karen Winbow

“With regards to the Local Plan, please explain why the Council have not responded to the Inspector’s letter of 6 September requesting additional information and another revised timetable. Suggesting that the Council is waiting for a response to their letters to an ex-minister and ex-PM is insufficient. The Local Plan is limping to certain doom. Either do what the Inspector says or withdraw the Local Plan and waste £10m. This constant delay is now resulting in planning by appeal as evidenced by the latest Appeals’ Report.

The Council submitted an ill-thought through and defective Local Plan for examination. They then sought to remove sites including Brookmans Park and Symondshyde but the Inspector wouldn’t allow it. If they withdraw the Local Plan they lose £10m of our money and developers will have a field day. If the Council do what the Inspector says then Brookmans Park will have a large development near the station. What cannot happen is nothing which is what is happening. When are the Council going to make a decision as to whether they:

1. Agree to the Inspector’s demands and proceed to a sound Local Plan,
2. Withdraw the Local Plan, or
3. Allow the Local Plan to be found unsound?

There are no alternatives and the sooner the Council realise that the better.”