

Council – 28 September 2017

Written Questions

To consider a written question received from Councillor David Lawrence under Part 4A, Rule No. 13.2.

Can I be assured that no further housing will be approved by this Council until adequate commitments are made by Central Government to the infrastructure of the A1 corridor in Central Bedfordshire.

Such commitments to include a new A1 at motorway status relieving the inadequate A1 current road, a transport hub in central Biggleswade with improved station facilities, car parking, bus terminal and a bridge over the railway south of Biggleswade and HGV ban in town centre.

These facilities are needed to meet the deficit of the past, the current consultation and any further expansion suggested by Central Government.

The costs are well beyond Local Government budgets and involve both Network Rail and The Highways Agency and thus a strong Local lobby is requested as any compromise would be failure to retain the quality of life for current residents.

Meanwhile can any plan to use CBC land assets outside approved boundaries be delayed for the allowed 2 years to allow it to become part of the consultation for the future and not set the wrong precedents for ruthless developers.