

Questions for Hart Council Meeting 28 January 2016

- 1) Given that a) in [October 2013](#), you were quoted as saying we would submit a new version of the Local Plan to the Inspector in Autumn 2014 and b) in each subsequent year this has slipped by a further year, with the current LDS indicating a local plan ready for [submission in Winter 2016](#), will you now publish the detailed project plan to support this target, so we can be assured that project management processes have improved?
- 2) Given that in January 2015, HDC [commissioned work](#) to test the proposed new settlement and urban extensions with the objectives to test the “**deliverability** of a new settlement and/or urban extension (ie [sic] suitability, availability and achievability)”, including a land use budget; provide “**indicative costing** of the major infrastructure items needed”; and consider viability including the “infrastructure requirements of sites to identify likely infrastructure impacts, **subsequent costs and potential funding sources**”, can you explain if these objectives have been met, and say when the results will be published?
- 3) Given that an FOI request to elicit the evidence to support the assertion made [at cabinet](#) (Paper E 5.2) in September 2015, and in [Hart news](#) (p2), that brownfield capacity for the district was 1,800 units has failed, are we to conclude that the council and public were misled in September, or will you now produce the evidence and ensure that any new consultation includes a proper stand-alone option for brownfield sites?
- 4) You will recall that I wrote to you on [20 November 2015](#), highlighting discrepancies between the consultation materials and SHLAA, the most important point being point 4 (and appendix) showing the very different site capacities in the New Homes Booklet compared to the official evidence base, the SHLAA; can you now give an explanation of those discrepancies and will they be corrected before any new consultation is carried out?
- 5) Given that the SHMA (section 9.33) calls for [60-70% of our 7,534 housing need](#) (or around 4,900) to be met from 1 & 2-bed properties, can you give a breakdown by number of bedrooms, of the 4,500 or so dwellings built or permitted since 2011 and tell us how many more 1 & 2 bed homes need to be built out of the remaining ~3,000 to be permitted to meet the need expressed in the SHMA?
- 6) Given that the SHMA (Figure 10.15) calls for around [2,500 specialist units for the elderly](#), split into various categories to be built in Hart under the Local Plan, can you tell us how many of these units have been built or permitted since 2011, how many remain to be permitted and what you consider to be the best types of location for these types of accommodation?
- 7) What are the risks that a second consultation “anticipated to be run again from late January”, will be a further waste of Hart residents' money, when the revised SHMA is due in “[early in 2016](#)” and a revised employment land review is also being prepared, thus meaning that the evidence base is likely to change significantly during the consultation, leading to a further consultation being required?
- 8) Who instigated, who authorised and who will take responsibility for each decision to repeatedly change the materials in the recent consultation part way through?