

**HAVANT BOROUGH COUNCIL
COUNCIL**

13 November 2019

ITEM 13 – Questions Under Standing Order 23

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| 1. | Cllr Lloyd | Cllr Pike | <p>Would you agree with me that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • building affordable homes for the more than 1600 Havant Borough residents who are currently on the Hampshire Homes Choice list, together with • protecting the environment and considering what we should and should not do regarding climate change, <p>are the most important topics on our list of priorities as a competent Local Authority?</p> |
| 2. | Cllr Lloyd | Cllr Pike | <p>And would you also agree that this Council and other neighbouring Local Planning Authorities - whose wastewater / effluent is discharged into The Solent, a Special Area of Conservation - are between a rock and a hard place, because</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • we have no option but to determine planning applications, even though in Natural England's view <i>there's a likely significant effect on the designated European sites due to the increase in wastewater from new developments</i>, because a developer can bring about a judicial review for non-determination, and this Council would find itself in special measures, meaning the government's Inspectorate would step in and we'd lose control over our Local Plan, • that we are facilitating the building on our few remaining green fields by applying new mitigation tariffs (a sum of money payable by the developer) under the terms of the Position Statement on nutrients neutrality adopted by this Council (through delegated authority given by the Cabinet) so that we're not subject to a JR or at risk of missing our |

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| | | | <p>housing target numbers, and most importantly</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that the mitigation tariffs required for development of brownfield sites would be significantly higher than those for green field sites |
| 3. | Cllr Lloyd | Cllr Pike | Do you accept that the implications of the Position Statement mean we are enabling developers to build on sites that are currently green fields, while the likelihood of development of our brownfield sites for badly needed homes in town centres, is now even more remote? |
| 4. | Cllr Lloyd | Cllr Pike | Will you commit to the members of this Council that you will lobby central government vociferously to get our housing numbers reduced (because of our unique geographical position being adjacent to the Special Area of Conservation and Special Protection Areas) so that we can concentrate on our regeneration programme, to improve our town centres providing homes for our residents already living within the Borough, who need more suitable and affordable housing, while at the same time, protecting the few open spaces of green fields remaining in the Borough, for the good of the environment and our residents present and future? |