

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Question 1

Mr David Royle, representative of the Bishop's Stortford Climate Change Group, to ask Cllr Jan Goodeve, Executive Member for Planning and Growth:

Several major housing developments have been approved and are now being built. Both physical quality and the energy performance of the schemes clearly require careful monitoring. This would ensure compliance with planning conditions and statements of intent forming part of the planning permission documentation. There are two separate but overlapping fields of monitoring:

1. Planning permission monitoring: to check developers are complying with the approved drawings and conditions.
2. Building Control monitoring: to check whether energy efficiency targets are exceeding Building Regulations Part L.

Could you please clarify what arrangements are in place for:

- Early and regular monitoring of the build-out of new homes against the permissions granted, in order to provide assurance on the delivered design, quality and energy sources of housing in new developments, and to impose any necessary enforcement steps in good time to influence the rest of the development.
- Building Control service monitoring compliance with stated energy performance targets.