

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Question 1	Colin Woodward to ask Cllr Vicky Glover-Ward, the Executive Member for Planning and Growth
<p>Would the Executive Member for Planning & Growth please confirm the total quantity for Bishop's Stortford of all dwellings, (separately identifying the number designated as 'affordable'), that have already been granted Planning Approval by Development Management to date in comparison to the quantities previously set out in the EHC District Plan to meet projected local needs and clarify the quantity of any further additional dwellings proposed for the Old River Lane development with the rationale for any such proposed additions?</p>	
Question 2	Jill Goldsmith to ask Cllr Carl Brittain, the Executive Member for Financial Sustainability
<p>In the absence of audited accounts for the last 3 full financial years, can Carl Brittain, Executive Member for Financial Sustainability, tell us the current fair value of each element of the Council's land and buildings on the Old River Lane site and provide us with an explanation of how the Council is going to provide assurance to local taxpayers that it is achieving best value from this investment and any associated debt finance and engage with the people of Bishop's Stortford on this matter BEFORE it makes an irreversible contractual commitment to dispose of it?</p>	

Question 3	Louise Tennekoon on behalf of Bishop's Stortford Climate Group to ask Councillor Tim Hoskin, the Executive Member for Environmental Sustainability
<p>Can the Executive Member for Environmental Sustainability tell us what steps the Council is taking to ensure that the Council and its partner Cityheart pursue plans for the development of the Old River Lane which will ensure it is an exemplar of Net Zero development?</p>	
Question 4	Graham Oxborrow on behalf of Cycle Stortford to ask Cllr Tim Hoskin, the Executive Member for Environmental Sustainability
<p>Noting Motion 3 on the Agenda (Item 12c: Declaration of a Climate Emergency and the Council's response) will the Council agree to adding the following clause to the Motion?</p> <p>"To commit to working with Hertfordshire County Council and town/parish councils to ensure that active travel infrastructure is installed at key locations within the District to achieve demonstrable and measurable modal shift by 2027"</p>	
Question 5	Ayeisha Woodward to ask Cllr Vicky Glover-Ward, the Executive Member for Planning and Growth
<p>Would the Executive Member for Planning & Growth please confirm whether EHC responded by the pre-election deadline to the Government consultation on proposed changes to the National Planning Policy Framework* and if so, does the new administration endorse that response in full or part and has or, will it, be publicly available on the EHC website?</p>	
<p>*https://www.localgovernmentlawyer.co.uk/planning/401-</p>	

[planning-news/53281-councils-to-face-lengthier-and-more-costly-local-plans-under-proposed-nppf-changes-district-council-argues](https://www.hertsmayor.gov.uk/planning-news/53281-councils-to-face-lengthier-and-more-costly-local-plans-under-proposed-nppf-changes-district-council-argues)

Question 6

David Royle to ask Cllr Tim Hoskin, the Executive Member for Environmental Sustainability

The SUSTAINABLE SAWBRIDGEWORTH community group is already working closely with HCC's/Sustainable Hertfordshire Clear the Air campaign in providing air quality data, working with local schools. We expect to work in a similar way with EHDC's Defra-funded Breathe Clean campaign.

We would like to clarify the timeframe for installing permanent real-time air quality monitoring sensors in Sawbridgeworth, which we understand are to be funded by the grant that EHDC has received from DEFRA. How many sensors will there be, where will they be located, and how will residents be able to access the real-time information?

Question 7

Paul Dean, on behalf of the Bishop's Stortford Civic Federation, to ask Cllr Vicky Glover-Ward, the Executive Member for Planning and Growth

East Herts Council has said it intends to enter into a revised agreement with Cityheart – ORL's planned developer, pausing the leisure and arts elements but continuing with the housing and commercial elements. ORL has the chance to be an iconic development for Bishop's Stortford, but Cityheart has already made non-collaborative Outline and Demolition planning applications, both of which are highly flawed and unpopular.

BSCF is one of over 670 public objectors and twelve of fourteen statutory consultees have objected or recommended refusal. They include the Town Council, Herts Highways and Archaeology, Historic England, the Environment Agency, and EHC's Housing Strategy Unit and Environmental Health Department. BSCF considers that the intention to press ahead with ORL's housing and commercial elements only overlooks issues raised by objectors, and more. It therefore wishes to ask the Executive Member for Planning and Growth:

When will EHC advise Cityheart to withdraw these highly flawed and unpopular planning applications and insist on resuming transparent collaborative masterplanning and public consultation for the whole of the development, not just the arts centre?

Question 8

Deborah Munro, on behalf of Parsonage Residents Association, to ask Cllr Tim Hoskin, the Executive Member for Environmental Sustainability

Would the Executive Member for Environmental Sustainability please confirm how EHC are going to mitigate the impact of Air Pollution on Hockerill Crossroads due to the extended length of time a major development will be undertaken in the town centre due to the delay imposed by the present administration's deferment of the Arts element of the ORL project in Bishop's Stortford?