

**COUNCIL MEETING 23 SEPTEMBER 2021**

**Item 5 – Public Questions Received under Standing Order 27.5**

	<b>Question From</b>	<b>Question to</b>	<b>Question</b>
1	Mr Heelis	Cllr Millard	<p>In connection with Agenda item 6-1 of the subject meeting the Council is asked to <i>"approve the preferred option (Option 2) for the spatial strategy to feature in the emerging East Hampshire Local Plan"</i>. The questionable sustainability of this site in the public view was identified per the additional Local Plan Regulation 18 Large Site consultation report specifically for Chawton Park Farm. Additionally it is noted in the reports pack for this meeting at Page 11, Para 6.9 <i>"The preferred option still requires further testing through the plan-making process, most notably with respect to transport-related impacts"</i>. This is a clear acknowledgment that this key issue alone places the Option 2 proposal at risk.</p> <p><b>It is requested that a reason be given as to why a key sustainability issue i.e. transport – has not been addressed <u>prior</u> to Option 2 being submitted for inclusion in the draft plan leading into Regulation 19 consultation?</b></p>
2	Mr Heelis	Cllr Millard	<p>In connection with Agenda item 6-2 of the subject meeting the Council is asked to <i>"note the different spatial options for the EHDC Local Plan 2017-2038"</i>. At page 11 para 6.10 it states: <i>"it should be noted that other options might also be tested through the Sustainability Appraisal process, if consultants advise that it is appropriate to do so."</i></p> <p><b>Why is the Council being asked only to note the "other" spatial options rather than endorse them, should the sustainability failings of Option 2 make this option unworkable?</b></p>
3	Mr Heelis	Cllr Millard	<p>In connection with Agenda item 6-2 as the build-out rate for Option 2 will be 120 dwellings per year for 10 years (Per Redrow Chawton Park Banners - copy enclosed), it is highly unlikely that the infrastructure will, in the early years, be in place to make Chawton Park Farm self-sustaining. Early move-in householders will therefore have to</p>

			<p>enrol their children in Alton schools, be using the retail, community, medical and other facilities of the Alton before they become available on the Chawton Park Farm site. It is doubtful whether the facilities on the Chawton Park Farm site, with a maximum catchment of 1200 homes could ever thereafter be viable, given the oven ready facilities in Alton.</p> <p><b>Are councillors aware of this fact, and should it be given significant weight in any decision for approval?</b></p>
4	Mr Mullenger	Cllr Mocatta	<p>At the 10<sup>th</sup> June 2021 council meeting Cllr Mocatta answered my question relating to tree planting. [I note that appendix A seems not to be attached to the draft minutes]</p> <p>The data I had received from my FOI request was said to not reflect the actual results, because my question was too tightly drawn. The figure Cllr Mocatta quoted was about 35,000 although he said that there may have been some double counting.</p> <p>I resubmitted my FOI with a slightly broader question but received the same figure of 100 trees in the 2020/21 planting season.</p> <p>Could Cllr Mocatta provide details of the 35,000 trees which have been planted, in terms of their location, the planting partner and EHDC's contribution to the project – financial or otherwise.</p>