

# Supplemental Items for Council

Thursday, 5 October, 2023 at 7.00 pm  
in Council Chamber, Council Offices,  
Market Street, Newbury

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## Agenda Item 7

### Public Questions to be answered at the Council meeting on 05 October 2023.

Members of the Executive to answer the following questions submitted by members of the public in accordance with the [Council's Constitution](#):

- (A) **Question not related to an item of business to be answered by the Portfolio Holder for Leader of Council; Executive Portfolio Holder Strategy, Communications and Public Safety submitted by James Matos:**

*“What is the council doing about crime in the Newbury town centre specifically about anti social behaviour”*

- (B) **Question not related to an item of business to be answered by the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration Growth and Strategy Development submitted by John Gotelee:**

*“West Berks level 2 SFRA (from JBA consulting) states that 89% of the LRIE is at risk of Fluvial fllooding. Have engineers and planners assessed what infrastructure would be needed to mitigate this and prevent floodwater getting into the Thames Water Sewer and illegally flooding property downstream?”*

- (C) **Question not related to an item of business to be answered by the Portfolio Holder for Highways, Housing and Sustainable Travel submitted by Alan Pearce:**

*“My understanding is the Service Director (Environment) currently is organizing a site visit to the London Road Industrial Estate (LRIE) including third-party land downstream for officers and Executive Portfolio holders to better understand the surface water infrastructure in relation to redeveloping the LRIE. Please would the Council give some more information about when this site visit is likely to take place and who will be attending?”*

- (D) **Question not related to an item of business to be answered by the Portfolio Holder for Highways, Housing and Sustainable Travel submitted by James Matos:**

*“What has West Berkshire Council done about the petition to remove the phone box outside northbrook street”*

- (E) **Question not related to an item of business to be answered by the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration Growth and Strategy Development submitted by John Gotelee:**

*“Have planners decided where to create the pond required to store and attenuate the 9000 plus cubic metres of water inside the LRIE red line as advised by the Avison Young environmental report”*

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- (F) Question not related to an item of business to be answered by the Portfolio Holder for Planning & Community Engagement submitted by Paula Saunderson:**

*“In the Detail in Local Plan Review 2022-2039 – there is no ESA Policy for the Dedicated Employment Area known as London Road Estates, and Policy CS20 and 7.10 incorrectly refers to it as the London Road Industrial Estates, and states:*

*The Council are currently preparing a comprehensive strategy for the delivery of regeneration on the LRIE site. Due to the timing of this strategy and the site’s location within the settlement boundary of Newbury, the site has not been identified as a site allocation, however it does need to be recognised as an area of regeneration for its potential to deliver flexibility to the employment figures over the plan period.*

*Qu. As SP20 is quite vague in respect of detail and there is no ESA Policy for LONDON ROAD ESTATES DEA will there be a Supplementary Planning Document for this whole Area shown as Red Hatched on the LPR 2022-2039 GIS Policy Map or will everything that happens in this Red Hatched Area be subject to a piecemeal and individual approach to Planning?”*

- (G) Question not related to an item of business to be answered by the Portfolio Holder for Highways, Housing and Sustainable Travel submitted by John Gotelee:**

*“Regarding the recent groundwater depth survey (2022/23) carried out on the LRIE what was the minimum and maximum levels on the football pitch and outside the pumping station?”*

- (H) Question not related to an item of business to be answered by the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration Growth and Strategy Development submitted by Paula Saunderson:**

*“As per my first question, the Bond Riverside Redevelopment Lands are included in the London Road Estates DEA and ,as previously announced, there WILL be a Supplementary Planning Document for everything within the Red Lines for those lands (previously known as LRIE and NEW 1), so how is that progressing, when will it be delivered, and how will it fit in with the rest of the lands within the London Road Estates DEA which are not subject to ESA Policy?”*

- (I) Question not related to an item of business to be answered by the Portfolio Holder for Highways, Housing and Sustainable Travel submitted by Paula Saunderson:**

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*“The Newbury North Brook – which was an ancient Chalk Stream but is now called a Drainage Ditch – is increasingly subject to Flood Risk & Pollution & Silt & Debris Build-up: from Upstream Surface Water Drainage Outfalls – Black Pollution, from Groundwater Saturation, and an increase in Out of Bank Flooding Incidents, Qu: Within the LPR 2022-2039 IDP -Infrastructure Development Plan – there is no funding identified for Northbrook Improvement Project(s) so how will Finance be provided to Mitigate these increasing problems, and by whom?”*

- (J) Question not related to an item of business to be answered by the Portfolio Holder for Highways, Housing and Sustainable Travel submitted by Paula Saunderson:**

*“The Newbury Northbrook is now a Surface & Groundwater Drainage System with increasing Problems and Risks to Humans and Wildlife, so which Departments in WBC have a role in addressing these issues and how are they going about mitigating them please?”*

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## Agenda Item 25

### Member Questions to be answered at the Council meeting on 05 October 2023.

Members of the Executive to answer the following questions submitted by Councillors in accordance with the [Council's Constitution](#):

- (A) Question not related to an item of business to be answered by the Portfolio Holder for Governance and Transformation submitted by Councillor Boeck:**

*“Does the Portfolio Holder believe that the Council has the capabilities (both sponsorship and delivery) to achieve the successful outcomes required from the transformation projects?”*

- (B) Question not related to an item of business to be answered by the Portfolio Holder for Leader of Council; Executive Portfolio Holder Strategy, Communications and Public Safety submitted by Councillor Dick:**

*“Can the Leader explain why he told the Chairman of Newbury Rugby Club that the Sports Hub is not going ahead when no decision has been made by the Executive?”*

- (C) Question not related to an item of business to be answered by the Portfolio Holder for Leader of Council; Executive Portfolio Holder Strategy, Communications and Public Safety submitted by Councillor Mackinnon:**

*“Does the Leader believe that the language and tone used by Cllr Chris Read in his letter published in the Newbury Weekly News on 21 September are appropriate for use when responding to a member of the public?”*

- (D) Question not related to an item of business to be answered by the Portfolio Holder for Climate Action, Recycling and Biodiversity submitted by Councillor Kander:**

*“The Liberal Democrat manifesto promised to remove the Garden Waste charge – can the portfolio holder confirm that the administration will keep that promise, and when?”*

- (E) Question not related to an item of business to be answered by the Portfolio Holder for Public Health, Culture, Leisure, Sport and Countryside submitted by Councillor Woollaston:**

*“Had the ill-fated Judicial Review of the Sports Hub not occurred, when would the Sports Hub likely have been opened?”*

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- (F) Question not related to an item of business to be answered by the Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care and Health Integration submitted by Councillor Stewart:**

*“What effect has the recruitment and retention initiative had on Social Work staff numbers?”*

- (G) Question not related to an item of business to be answered by the Portfolio Holder for Planning & Community Engagement submitted by Councillor Bennyworth:**

*“Could the Portfolio Holder please advise how the Liberal Democrat’s manifesto pledge to re-introduce neighbourhood notifications for planning applications is progressing?”*

- (H) Question not related to an item of business to be answered by the Portfolio Holder for Children, Education and Young People’s Services submitted by Councillor Boeck:**

*“What plans does the Portfolio Holder have to reduce spending on taking children to school?”*

- (I) Question not related to an item of business to be answered by the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Corporate Services submitted by Councillor Mackinnon:**

*“When you promised at the Budget meeting in March that you would present an emergency budget if the Liberal Democrats were elected, had you consulted with officers regarding that promise?”*

- (J) Question not related to an item of business to be answered by the Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care and Health Integration submitted by Councillor Stewart:**

*“The Liberal Democrat manifesto promised to ensure care packages are in place as early as possible through earlier initial care assessments. Can the portfolio holder advise what progress has been made with this promise?”*

- (K) Question not related to an item of business to be answered by the Portfolio Holder for Planning & Community Engagement submitted by Councillor Mackinnon:**



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*“The Council Strategy makes only a single mention of the Local Plan, that it will be amended to ensure new housing developments come with suitable infrastructure and enhances amenities. Can the portfolio holder explain his current view on the proposed number of homes for the North East Thatcham strategic site, and whether his view has changed since the election?”*

- (L) Question not related to an item of business to be answered by the Portfolio Holder for Governance and Transformation submitted by Councillor Boeck:**

*“Does the Portfolio Holder consider that it would be useful to obtain independent assurance of the transformation programme”*

- (M) Question not related to an item of business to be answered by the Portfolio Holder for Children, Education and Young People’s Services submitted by Councillor Mackinnon:**

*“Why does the Council Strategy state that the Council will endeavour to retain all current Local Authority maintained schools within the Local Authority, rather than becoming Academies?”*

- (N) Question not related to an item of business to be answered by the Portfolio Holder for Planning & Community Engagement submitted by Councillor Boeck:**

*“How is the Portfolio Holder going to address the shortage of staff in the Planning service?”*

- (O) Question not related to an item of business to be answered by the Portfolio Holder for Governance and Transformation submitted by Councillor Boeck:**

*“Will the current cost constraints increase the risk to delivery of a set of successful outcomes from the transformation programme beyond the council’s risk appetite?”*

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