

COUNCIL

MONDAY, 30TH OCTOBER, 2017

At 7.30 pm

in the

DESBOROUGH SUITE - TOWN HALL,

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

PART I

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PUBLIC QUESTIONS, RECEIVED BY THE DEADLINE FOR THE
EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING ON 30 OCTOBER 2017

- a) Andrew Hill of Boyn Hill Ward will ask the following question of Councillor Dudley, Leader of the Council:

The Maidenhead Golf Course 'vision' document states that "...notable species likely to be associated with the Site will be maintained and potentially enhanced". Ecosystems are usually sensitive to an increase in any one particular species - so which particular species does RBWM envisage being 'enhanced' here and does RBWM see any risk in upsetting Maidenhead's ecosystem balance?

- b) Andrew Hill of Boyn Hill Ward will ask the following question of Councillor Dudley, Leader of the Council:

RBWM's new joint venture partner - Countryside - told the Maidenhead Town Forum that Hounslow council insisted upon delivering 50% affordable housing. This proves that 50% developments can be sustainable and profitable. With average house prices in Maidenhead being more than twelve times average earnings, why has RBWM chosen a paltry 30% affordable housing target?

- c) Paul Serjeant of Oldfield Ward will ask the following question of Councillor Coppinger, Lead Member for Planning and Health:

Why have the Green Belt, and the absence of any planning permission, not been mentioned in the officer's report which is before you?

- d) Paul Serjeant of Oldfield Ward will ask the following question of Councillor Coppinger, Lead Member for Planning and Health:

Is the Council arguing that there are exceptional circumstances which could support the building of a school, or schools, on this Green Belt site and if so, what are the exceptional circumstances, and what alternative sites have been considered?

- e) Lisa Hughes of Furze Platt Ward will ask the following question of Councillor Dudley, Leader of the Council:

How many homes at the Maidenhead Golf Course development will be built to Building Regulations Part M4 (2) standards which are habitable by some people with disabilities?

- f) Lisa Hughes of Furze Platt Ward will ask the following question of Councillor Dudley, Leader of the Council:

What mix of homes (houses and apartments) at the development will be built to Building Regulations Part M4 (2) standards?

- g) Christopher Frost of Oldfield Ward will ask the following question of Councillor Coppinger, Lead Member for Planning and Health:

The 'Vision for the Development of Maidenhead Golf Course' does not provide a suitable blend of sustainable infrastructure relative to the demands and needs of traffic flow in and out of Shoppenhangers Road, with two entry and exit points within less than a quarter of a mile of each other. Would you agree that this problem needs more consideration in order to avoid an unacceptable level of congestion?

- h) John Hudson of Oldfield Ward will ask the following question of Councillor Dudley, Leader of the Council:

You stated publicly on Monday 16th October that the council were setting aside £20 million for the purchase of homes to provide new access roads into the proposed MGC development. Can you please tell us which house numbers, in which roads have been identified by the council for this purpose?

- i) John Hudson of Oldfield Ward will ask the following question of Councillor Dudley, Leader of the Council:

Can you please give us the exact locations of these new access roads, which it is understood, may be off Walker Road and Rushington Avenue?

- j) Jonathan Ludford of Oldfield Ward will ask the following question of Councillor Coppinger, Lead Member for Planning and Health:

The officer's report talks about new transport access to the site. What work has been carried out by the Council to assess the impact of 2,000 homes and their cars, schools and other community facilities on existing transport facilities and infrastructure in the locality?

- k) Jonathan Ludford of Oldfield Ward will ask the following question of Councillor Coppinger, Lead Member for Planning and Health:

What consultation has there been with the residents who own property adjacent, or close to, the proposed new access routes to the site, and are they entirely happy about what is proposed?

- l) Timothy Lloyd of Oldfield Ward will ask the following question of Councillor Coppinger, Lead Member for Planning and Health:

What is the Council's timetable for applying to remove the golf course from the Green Belt?

- m) Timothy Lloyd of Oldfield Ward will ask the following question of Councillor Coppinger, Lead Member for Planning and Health:

Is it the Council's intention to inform the residents of the Borough when they commence the application to remove the Golf Course from the Green Belt?

- n) Derek Roberts of Oldfield Ward will ask the following question of Councillor Coppinger, Lead Member for Planning and Health:

The loss of 132 acres of open space cannot be described as a benefit to the local community. Can the Council say what actual benefits there will be to residents of Maidenhead and the wider Royal Borough, arising from the intensive development of this site?

- o) Derek Roberts of Oldfield Ward will ask the following question of Councillor Coppinger, Lead Member for Planning and Health:

The Council's intention to provide 30% affordable housing on the site is noted with great interest. What mechanisms will the Council use to ensure that 30% affordable housing is actually provided, when their 'development partner' reluctantly advises them that insisting on this provision would make their scheme 'unviable'?

- p) Teresa Burton of Oldfield Ward will ask the following question of Councillor Rankin, Lead Member Economic Development, Property and Finance:

Has the Council identified which homes it wants to acquire to provide access onto the Golf Course, when will homeowners be notified and will the Council proceed to compulsory purchases if the homeowners do not wish to sell?

- q) Teresa Burton of Oldfield Ward will ask the following question of Councillor Rankin, Lead Member Economic Development, Property and Finance:

How much parking/garage space per household is envisaged in the new development?

- r) Naheed Majeed of Oldfield Ward will ask the following question of Councillor Saunders, Lead Member for Finance:

Do you as the Finance Lead, really think that the further expenditure of £20m, in addition to the £16.25m already paid to the Maidenhead Golf Club, and the fees to Savills on top, represents a wise use of Council taxpayers' money, given the site's Green Belt location and doubts around planning permission?

- s) George Midgeley of Oldfield Ward will ask the following question of Councillor Coppinger, Lead Member for Planning and Health:

Are Councillors aware that Maidenhead Golf Club is in the Green Belt and that planning permission would not be granted for 2,000 houses on the site, under current local and national planning policies?

- t) George Midgeley of Oldfield Ward will ask the following question of Councillor Coppinger, Lead Member for Planning and Health:

Are Councillors aware that the removal of the site from the Green Belt is one of many aspects of the Draft Borough Local Plan which are being vigorously contested by local residents, and that any Green Belt release could not take place until there has been a formal Examination of the Plan, by an independent Inspector?

- u) John Grant of Maidenhead Riverside Ward will ask the following question of Councillor Dudley, Leader of the Council:

What plans does the council have for improving roads and infrastructure given the substantial expansion in the population that is planned?

- v) John Grant of Maidenhead Riverside Ward will ask the following question of Councillor Dudley, Leader of the Council:

The golf course has a significant population of deer. Is the plan to kill them as part of the development? If not, what?

- w) Pamela Drayton of Oldfield Ward will ask the following question of Councillor Dudley, Leader of the Council:

How many mature trees will be lost and do any of these have TPO's?

- x) Pamela Drayton of Oldfield Ward will ask the following question of Councillor Dudley, Leader of the Council:

What will be the effect on the present wild life?

- y) Dr Rodney Siddons of Oldfield Ward will ask the following question of Councillor Dudley, Leader of the Council:

Is the development legally allowed under the covenant relating to the use of the land?

- z) Dr Rodney Siddons of Oldfield Ward will ask the following question of Councillor Dudley, Leader of the Council:

Is it possible to see a copy of the covenant?

- aa) Pauline Siddons of Oldfield Ward will ask the following question of Councillor Dudley, Leader of the Council:

What alternative sites (eg a satellite village) have been considered and why is Maidenhead Golf Course preferable?

- bb) Nigel Drayton of Oldfield Ward will ask the following question of Councillor Dudley, Leader of the Council:

Is it morally acceptable to expect people to live in and children be schooled in an area where air quality will be poor due to pollution arising from increased traffic, coupled with the proximity to the A404M and location beneath the flight path of the third runway at Heathrow?

- cc) Nigel Drayton of Oldfield Ward will ask the following question of Councillor Dudley, Leader of the Council:

How is the increased traffic to be coped with by already congested local roads?

dd) Linda Lambert of Oldfield Ward will ask the following question of Councillor Coppinger, Lead Member for Planning and Health:

As I live in Courtlands hard against the northern corner of the golf course I have an interest in knowing which properties will be affected by the proposal to purchase properties to facilitate access to the site. Please will you let me know which properties will be affected?

ee) Linda Lambert of Oldfield Ward will ask the following question of Councillor Coppinger, Lead Member for Planning and Health:

A map of the site was also provided in the Advertiser. Areas A and B shown on this map are designated for high density homes. These are close to existing property, including ours. We are concerned existing housing might be overlooked, particularly as the tree line is not continuous. Please will you let us know how tall the blocks are likely to be?

ff) Martin Holden of Oldfield Ward will ask the following question of Councillor Dudley, Leader of the Council:

Will the Vision document AND the BLP be updated to clearly reflect the planned development of Harvest Hill and include proper commentary on the combined effect of this with the golf course development in terms of infrastructure and environment because it is completely missing from the current version of the Vision document?

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