

Public Questions

a) Andrew Hill of Boyn Hill ward will ask the following question of Councillor Johnson, Leader of the Council:

The MCC submitted an Asset of Community Value nomination on May 11th 2020. By law the site MUST be designated or refused ACV status within 8 weeks. Was the RVS site designated an ACV (or not) under regulation 7 of the Assets of Community Value (England) Regulations 2012, and on what date?

Written response: Thank you for your question Mr Hill. There has been a delay in determining the application. An apology was provided to MCC as their email with the application was not picked up for a number of weeks due to staff being refocused on to the Council's response to COVID 19. Subsequent to that due to the existence of a development agreement and planning permission relating to the site specialist legal advice has had to be commissioned to support determination of the application. We are sorry for the delay and the application will shortly be determined.

b) Andrew Hill of Boyn Hill ward will ask the following question of Councillor Johnson, Leader of the Council:

It is outrageous that the location for the proposed centre is "part 2" confidential. Councillors gave planning consent conditional on the understanding that Countryside would enter a legal contract for MCC's move: to pay £650,000 to improve the Desborough Suite. Is Countryside still obliged to pay £650,000 (s106), and what community facilities will it be spent on?

Written response: Thank you for your question Mr Hill. The proposed location was Part II so that the confidential discussions with the relevant parties could be completed. As soon as we can, this information will be made available in Part I.

Countryside are required to pay the contribution of £650,000 for improving the Desborough Suite or such other community scheme located within 5km of the development that has similar objects and purpose of use of the Desborough Suite in line with the S106. The Council will determine how this is best used in line with the S106 and we are currently considering that as part of our wider work to improve the town.