

ORAL QUESTIONS RECEIVED FROM MR ADRIAN LAWRENCE, LANNISTON DEVELOPMENTS LIMITEDQuestion 1

In view of substantial public objection to high rise, tower block style development in Bromley, should the Council now rethink its local plan policy and take a proactive approach in identifying land that can accommodate houses with gardens instead to meet the clearly identified housing need and which characterise Bromley borough?

Chairman's Response

Bromley's Local Plan is at a very advanced stage of development, having been prepared in accordance with the requirements of National Planning Policy to deliver sustainable development. The draft Local Plan acknowledges the variety of constraints across the Borough, (including Green Belt) and plans positively, through policies and allocations, for the efficient use of land, to meet the development needs of the Borough, through well-designed, attractive and healthy places.

Question 2

Neighbouring Sevenoaks have allocated a Green Belt sporting facility, (Broke Hill Golf Course), right on the Bromley border for 800 new homes. Their local plan making process and public consultation put Bromley to shame. Will this Committee, some of whom are relatively new to local government, direct our planning department to follow Sevenoaks's example of positive plan making.

Chairman's Response

Sevenoaks are at an early stage of local plan development, and, with over 90% Green Belt in their Borough, the circumstances in Sevenoaks differ markedly from Bromley borough. Members' attention is drawn to item 12 on the agenda which considers the Sevenoaks consultation and makes recommendations regarding Bromley Council's response. Meanwhile the emerging Bromley Local Plan is prepared in conformity with the London Plan 2016 and national policies on Green Belt and is at an advanced stage of preparation. All relevant parties have had opportunities to participate in the consultations and the formal Examination of the Bromley Local Plan.