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**Council**

**16 October 2023**

**Questions from Members of the Public for Written Reply**

**1. From Steve Wehrle to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation and Housing**

I am concerned about the number of empty premises in Orpington High Street. Some retail premises have been unoccupied for more than 5 years. What is the Council's position regarding the 'compulsory purchase' of these premises please?

**2. From Richard E Hart to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation and Housing**

Can you please supply details of the Council's policy about the use of compulsory purchase orders as a way of bringing back certain long term vacant properties into use and explain why the Council will not use such powers to reduce the number of long term empties.

**3. From Thomas Murphy to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation and Housing**

Please produce a table by ward of plots of land that the Council owns, in and outside Bromley and show how the Council intends to develop these sites to increase the number of homes built and to reduce expenditure on temporary accommodation.

**4. From Kathryn Heller to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation and Housing**

Please produce a table by ward showing a list of residential properties that the Council owns in its list of assets, whether in or outside the borough by bedroom size, whether they are currently occupied, and how long they have been empty for.

**5. From Duncan Shrubsole to the Portfolio Holder for Sustainability, Green Services and Open Spaces**

High Elms Country Park is much used for exercise and as a place for families to get together. The public toilets are only open Monday to Friday 8am – 4pm. Why are they shut at weekends and evenings when the park is busiest and can they be opened then asap?

**6. From Jeff Royce, Chairman, Friends of Bromley Town Parks & Gardens, to the Portfolio Holder for Sustainability, Green Services and Open Space**

Will the Council ensure that good public access to the retained park is provided, during both the construction phase of work and beyond, on the former Civic Centre site?