

## **Members' questions at Council – 17 July 2015**

### **Question from Councillor C Chappell**

#### **Brownfield development**

##### Question 12

Now that the Conservative government has announced developers can must build on 'Brown field' sites, will the Cabinet Member instruct officers to do an audit of all the county's brown field sites?

Independent councillors are concerned about the loss of high quality agricultural land for development. It may be that the total area of 'Brown Field' sites exceeds the acreage of green field sites in the county. If this is the case then sensitive proposed development sites may be retained for agricultural use.

#### **Answer from Councillor P Price cabinet member infrastructure**

##### Answer to question 12

The government's announcement regarding proposed new planning laws have yet to be passed by parliament.

The Herefordshire Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment, published on the council's website, already identifies brownfield and greenfield sites within the county. We await the full detail of the proposed legislation and, once available, will review its impacts.