

MEMBER QUESTIONS TO COUNCIL – 17 JANUARY 2014

Question from Councillor N Nenadich

NATIONAL HUNT RACING

1. *Is there any realistic development in the negotiation with ARC Northern Racing that will see National Hunt Racing return to Hereford in the foreseeable future?*

Answer from Councillor H Bramer Cabinet Member Contracts & Assets

Answer to question 1

ARC Northern Racing has not advised us that there is any immediate prospect that National Hunt Racing will return to Hereford in the foreseeable future.

Supplementary Question

Have ARC Northern Racing intimated that they might give up their lease entitlement?

Cabinet Member response

ARC Northern Racing have not intimated that they might give up their lease entitlement.

Question from Councillor AJW Powers

HOME FARM, BELMONT

2. *Whilst I am delighted that the Home Farm, Belmont Planning Appeal has been dismissed, will the Cabinet Member responsible please comment on the Inspector's judgment in the Appeal Decision published on 10 January in which, contrary to the Council's assertion that "6.9 years HLS (Housing Land Supply) exists" (Appeal Decision Para.20), he concluded that "the Council is unable to demonstrate five years HLS against the emerging CS (Core Strategy) housing requirement" (Para.22)?*

Answer from Councillor PD Price Cabinet Member Infrastructure

Answer to question 2

It is pleasing to note that the planning appeal at Home Farm, Belmont has been dismissed, demonstrating that a temporary absence of a current 5 year land supply does not of itself leave the county open to unrestrained development.

The Inspector's judgement does reinforce the importance of adopting the Local Development Framework as swiftly as possible.