

COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS TO CABINET – 28 May 2020

Question 1

Councillor Nigel Shaw, Bromyard Bringsty Ward

To: cabinet member, infrastructure and transport

New housing land supply figures were due for publication at the beginning of April, can the cabinet member responsible now provide these, or confirm a date on which they will be published?

Response

The housing supply statement for 2020 will be based on the position as of April 1st but it is not the case that these figures were due for publication in early April. The assessment of the housing land position needs to have regard to the methodology set out in Government guidance and involves a considerable amount of staff resource in order to provide as accurate an annual position as possible. As with previous years, the intention is to complete the assessment by the end of July. This year the Covid-19 pandemic is providing a number of additional challenges to this process but it is still intended at this time to provide the position statement by July 31st. This will enable the returns to Central Government to be made within the required deadlines.