

Agenda item no. 6 - Questions from members of the Council

Question Number	Questioner	Question	Question to
MQ 1	Councillor Nigel Shaw, Bromyard Bringsty	<p>IAT21424 returned a reply last October that a section 278 still hadn't been entered into for Porthouse Rise, Bromyard. Planning legal officers subsequently confirmed that they had not been instructed on the matter. Planning approval was nearly seven years ago. An enhancement to the roadside pavement is shown in approved drawing EII-146-KM-B-183 and refers to detail 617-03F of a zebra crossing.</p> <p>The planning officer confirmed verbally in November that he was hoping to deliver the scheme in negotiation with the developer, Keepmoat. Despite asking since I have heard nothing more, and the developer has long left the site. Bromyard residents are reasonably asking me where their improvements are.</p> <p>When will the Council's planning department confirm the timetable for the delivery of these vital infrastructure improvements which should have gone hand in hand with the delivery of the development?</p>	Cabinet member infrastructure and transport
<p>Response:</p> <p>The applicant submitted a revised planning proposal for the delivery of cycle and pedestrian improvements to serve the development at the Porthouse site (application reference 190732). The submitted plans include the provision of a zebra crossing on the B4214. A report recommending approval of the revised scheme has been drafted and will be issued by 12 March. This will require by condition the delivery of the improvements within 12 months of the date of the decision.</p>			
MQ 2	Councillor Christy Bolderson, Wormside	I understand that there is currently an employment freeze within the planning department and vacant posts for enforcement officer positions. I have a number of long outstanding enforcement issues within my ward and given the number of recommendations raised within the Planning Peer Review (PAS report), how does the administration plan to ensure there is sufficient resources to address these issues?	Cabinet member infrastructure and transport
<p>Response:</p> <p>The Planning Service and its enforcement team have been resourced as far as the council's budgetary position currently allows although, like many other council services, we are having to review the level of service in order for the council to balance its budget for the coming financial year. Posts have not therefore been deleted. Please also be assured that the recommendations made by the PAS report have been taken on</p>			

board and that the planning service will be adopting as many of these as possible in order to improve our efficiency, although we will still need to ensure that the service remains within budget.