

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

Question Number	Questioner	Question	Question to
MQ 1	Councillor Nigel Shaw, Bromyard Bringsty	For some years I have been trying to expedite the developer promised pedestrian improvements that relate to the Porthouse Rise development in Bromyard. Eventually planning permission was given with the works to be complete by 21 st March 2022. Despite several requests to officers and cabinet members for assistance in chasing these works (29/07/21; 06/09/21; 26/10/21), which were to be provided by our preferred developer, Keepmoat, there has been a resounding lack of response. On 26 th October I suggested that reluctantly I would raise the matter as a question at full council if I continued to get no response. As I currently see no action being taken I now raise this question and ask what action you intend to take to ensure the delivery of the promised works by the developer so that my residents can walk and cycle safely?	Cabinet member infrastructure and transport
<p>Response: Thank you for your question Cllr. Shaw and I am sincerely sorry that you have had to ask it repeatedly without a satisfactory answer, that is simply not good enough – and I take responsibility for failing to follow up on the promises to provide clarity that I received at various times. This question cuts across both my area of responsibility and those of my colleague, the Cabinet Member for Finance, Corporate Services and Planning and we have discussed this matter and would let you, as the Local Member, and residents, know that the Council are pursuing the pedestrian/cycle improvements with the developer Keepmoat through Planning/Development Management processes and we are currently considering what enforcement action may be appropriate.</p> <p>If the proposed delivery doesn't come to fruition the council will work with the Local Member and Town Council to deliver through S106. The delivery will be challenging due to land ownership which is outside of the control of the council.</p> <p>The council will keep the Local Member and Town Council informed of progress - and will respond in a clear and timely manner whenever requests for updates are required. I have also asked for officers to give you a briefing on the matter.</p> <p>My apologies again Cllr. Shaw for the length of time it has taken to respond to your enquiries, I sincerely hope that will not be repeated.</p>			
<p>Supplementary Question: It was questioned how the matter could now be taken forward?</p>			

Response from Cabinet Member Infrastructure and Transport:

The member would be invited to a briefing concerning the issue.