
Council Meeting

5 December 2023

Booklet 1

Answers to Written Questions

1.

QUESTION SUBMITTED BY: Councillor G Ridley

TO BE ANSWERED BY: Councillor L Harvard, Chair of Planning Committee

TEXT OF QUESTION:

“After many requests, residents and councillors have been unable to ascertain why the S106 agreement for Windmill Green has still not been signed after some 27 months. Could the Chair of the Planning Committee explain why his officers have failed to conclude this agreement after such a long period? Can he also confirm the implications for the rest of the Eastern Green greenbelt development if some 25% of the calculated section 106 is lost?”

ANSWER – From Councillor D Welsh, Cabinet Member for Housing and Communities:

- The S106 in relation to the application OUT/2020/2009 is signed and completed and the planning application was duly determined on the 17th of October 2023 – in accordance with the decision of Planning Committee. No S106 income has been lost as a result of this delay.
- The delays in the completion of the S106 have been almost entirely on the part of the landowners, for example there were lengthy discussions regarding the transfer of land to the East of the site to the Residents Association for its continued cultivation by residents.
- There haven't been any negative impacts on the wider Eastern Green Sustainable Urban Extension (SUE) due to the delays in grant of this permission. The relevant conditions and controls associated with both developments are coordinated and land relating to this application cannot come forward for development until the completion and first use of the Grade Separated Junction (within the wider Eastern Green SUE).

2.

QUESTION SUBMITTED BY: Councillor P Male

TO BE ANSWERED BY: Councillor J O'Boyle, Cabinet Member for Jobs, Regeneration and Climate Change

TEXT OF QUESTION:

“Following recent comments in the media, can the Cabinet Member update Council as to the current status of the wider Friargate project?”

ANSWER:

“The Friargate project continues to be delivered as anticipated. The 2 Friargate office building and Indigo Hotel will achieve practical completion before Christmas. There is excellent letting interest in 2 Friargate and Indigo Hotel will be open in January 2024”.

3.

QUESTION SUBMITTED BY: Councillor P Male

TO BE ANSWERED BY: Councillor J O’Boyle, Cabinet Member for Jobs, Regeneration and Climate Change

TEXT OF QUESTION:

“Can the Cabinet Member confirm how many floors are currently occupied in Friargate 1 & 2 and confirm details of the tenants?”

ANSWER:

“9 of the 10 office floors of 1 Friargate are currently occupied. The occupiers are Coventry City Council, Homes England, Financial Ombudsman Service and Kagool Ltd. The Council is in detailed legal dialogue with a potential occupier of the one vacant floor. In addition Coffee #1 occupy the ground floor retail unit.

In respect of 2 Friargate, Agreements for Lease are in place with Segro Administration Ltd and Octopus Energy Group for lettings of one floor each”.