

## **Council**

**Monday 22 July 2019**

### **Agenda Item 8 (a), Written Questions**

**Question From: Councillor Mark Cherry**

**Question To: Leader of the Council, Councillor Barry Wood**

**Topic: Parking Enforcement**

#### **Question**

Currently, our district's parking enforcements are carried out by Thames Valley Police at some expense to the council. Using our newly created partnership with Oxfordshire County Council, is the leader going to push for decriminalisation of parking across the district and the county as advised by the former Thames Valley Chief Constable?

**Question From: Councillor Hugo Brown**

**Question To: Leader of the Council, Councillor Barry Wood**

**Topic: Local Plan**

#### **Question**

On 29th May, the Joint Planning Inspectors examining the Oxford Local Plan 2036 published their "Initial Questions and Comments". These suggest that Oxford is over-stating its need for houses (1,400 dpa vs 1,004 dpa as found by the Inspectors citing GL Hearn, 2018) and simultaneously under-stating its own capacity to accommodate them (8,620 to 2036 vs 10,000 to 2031 as found by the Oxon Housing and Growth Deal). The Joint Inspectors clearly have significant concerns about the "soundness" of Oxford's Local Plan especially as it is based on the 2014 SHMA figures which they themselves state "are now quite a few years old". They further make the point that the over-statement of housing need and the under-statement of the City's own ability to accommodate it "could have a bearing on the level of unmet need which would have to be accommodated by neighbouring local authorities". In light of these observations, should CDC not, at the very least, halt the Partial Review process until Oxford City's Local Plan has been adopted and in addition revisit the housing numbers for CDC as contained in Local Plan Part 1?