



Council

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Agenda Item 8 (a), Written Questions

Question From: Councillor Mark Cherry

Question To: Leader of the Council, Councillor Barry Wood

Topic: Regeneration of Garage Sites in Banbury

Question

“Can the Leader update Ruscote ward councillors on the regeneration of garage sites that come under the ownership of Cherwell District Council like the Dover Avenue site in the proximity of the Hill community centre and will he continue to liaise with sanctuary housing and support the idea of social housing on the garages sites of Balmoral Avenue and Edmonds Road in line with due planning process local consultation.

Response

In the 2022/23 Revenue budget two bids have been proposed: 1) to release land for redevelopment, currently used to accommodate garages at Dover Avenue and another connecting bid 2) to carry out viability assessments of the Dover Avenue and other garage sites to identify future development potential which will include all due planning consultation as part of the decision-making process. The proposed bid to make safe and clear the Dover Avenue site, where possible, is subject to the constraints of obtaining vacant possession from the occupiers. The viability assessment will cover development potentials for both market and affordable/social housing options.

In respect of the Sanctuary owned garage sites at Balmoral Avenue and Edmonds Road due consideration will be given by the planning department including local consultation as required.