

Supplementary Council Agenda



**Epping Forest
District Council**

Council Thursday, 30th July, 2020

Place: Virtual Meeting on Zoom

Time: 7.00 pm

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6. QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS UNDER NOTICE (Pages 115 - 116)

To answer questions asked after notice in accordance with the provisions contained within the Council's rules in Part 4 of the Constitution on any matter in relation to which the Council has powers or duties or which affects the District:

- (a) to the Chairman of the Council;
- (b) to the Leader of the Council;
- (c) to any Member of the Cabinet; or
- (d) the Chairman of any Committee or Sub-Committee.

The Council's rules provide that answers to questions under notice may take the form of:

- (a) direct oral answer;
- (b) where the desired information is in a publication of the Council or other published work, a reference to that publication; or
- (c) where the reply cannot conveniently be given orally, a written answer circulated later to the questioner.

Answers to questions falling within (a) and (b) above will be made available to the member asking the question one hour before the meeting. Answers to questions falling within (c) above will be circulated to all councillors.

Questions, if any, will follow if not received in time to be incorporated into the agenda.

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Agenda Item 6

Question for the Planning and Sustainability Portfolio Holder from Councillor Jon Whitehouse:

1. What assessment has the Council made of the impact on the District of recent and forthcoming changes to use classes and permitted development rights? These changes are wide-ranging and among other revisions appear to allow, subject to certain restrictions, the construction of up to two new storeys above houses and blocks of flats (and one new storey above bungalows) without requiring a full planning application. In particular:

(a) will the Council consider what steps it could take, such as Article 4 directions or similar measures, to protect streets where the current uniformity of design makes a major contribution to the special character of the area (for example The Orchards in Epping)?

(b) what are the implications for policies in the emerging local plan including policy H 1 F which seeks to resist the loss of bungalows?

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