

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There are 2 questions from members of the public.

1. From Mr Perrin to Councillor Morris-Cook

I refer to a Council document titled “Beyond Decency” published as “draft standards for refurbishment to tenanted properties”. Can you confirm that the standards outlined in this document have been accepted as policy and that the Council has a target date by which all tenanted properties will be of a standard beyond decency?

2. From Mrs Ruff to Councillor Kent

I wrote to my MP Jackie Doyle-Price relating to the proposed development in Chadwell St. Mary, stating residents concerns over our Greenbelt.

She replied and I quote “The local authority, along with all others, is required to prepare a development plan showing where it will accommodate housing growth. I am very disappointed and concerned that Thurrock Council has still not finalised such a plan, as this merely leaves the door open for speculative applications such as the one you refer to. Whilst the council procrastinates on bringing forward a development plan, it is simply allowing developers to pursue schemes that do not have local support. Thurrock Council is failing to safeguard against developments such as the one near Orsett Heath by not fulfilling its obligation to approve a locally influenced plan.”

I therefore ask you Cllr. Kent, is it the case that we have a plan or not and what is Thurrock Councils stance on building developments in the Green belt such as the one in Orsett Heath.