



REPRESENTATIONS

REPORT OF	MEETING	DATE	ITEM NO
DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE	COUNCIL	12 OCTOBER 2022	6a

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

PUBLIC ITEM

This item is for consideration in the public part of the meeting.

SUMMARY

A second question has been received from a member of the public before the requisite deadline, as outlined in Procedural Standing Orders for Council and Committees of Part 4 of the Council's Constitution, but after the statutory deadline for publication of the agenda.

The question received is reproduced below.

Questions will be heard during the Council meeting on 12 October 2022 and a response will be given by the Leader of the Council or by any other member nominated by her.

Question received from Mr M Wright (4 October 2022)

"Wrea Brook Park housing development, Blackfield End Farm, Warton Background/context As ever, I am speaking on behalf of my neighbours about the increased risk of flooding to their properties as a result of Fylde's failure to enforce planning conditions relating to this site. To briefly recap Since April 2019, we have repeatedly asked why the developer has breached planning conditions but still been allowed to continue construction without an approved drainage scheme. The Development Officer has told us repeatedly that this is a priority, indeed one of his highest priorities, and yet nothing has progressed except the development. Cllr Threlfall tried to advance matters in April but that made no difference. At the July Full Council meeting Cllr Fiddler repeated his many promises that it was being dealt with as a priority and without further delay. Residents complained to the Ombudsman but his decision in Feb 2020 was that there had "not been unreasonable delay by FBC in discharging planning conditions". Residents have now written again to ask the Ombudsman if, with the site mostly built & occupied, he is of the same view. To compound matters, the unauthorised drainage that has been installed along the boundary is compromised and the Development Officer and his water engineer saw that for themselves on their site visit in April this year but no action has been taken. In his last update on 11 August, the Development Officer confirmed that he'd had information back from the developer (in July) and that "Reviewing this is on my 'to do' list and will be done as soon as my other work priorities permit". Nothing since. Question At the recent (constructive) meeting between FBC and Warton councillors and officers, Cllr Fiddler freely admitted that the Warton community had been badly let down by Fylde Council for far too long and that it was a moral imperative that Fylde started to deliver on the various commitments and improvements promised to Warton in the Local Plan. I'm sure Cllr Fiddler agrees that there is also a moral imperative that planning commitments made by developers and Fylde officers are fully executed and, if not, appropriate enforcement action taken. Given that three of the four major housing developments in Warton started construction without pre-commencement planning conditions relating to drainage being discharged, can Cllr Fiddler explain why officers consistently ignore their own mandated planning conditions which are designed to limit and control the way in which a planning permission is implemented?"