



After the publication of the agenda for the 4th December 2017 Council meeting, but before the deadline for submission of questions, the following question was received from a member of the council.

The question will be asked under agenda item 5.

Question from Councillor Paul Hayhurst

“We are currently experiencing climatic changes which are creating increasingly regular flash floods in many parts of the Borough. This is happening whilst we are being encouraged by the government to allow house building in unprecedented numbers with the result that areas of the Borough which normally would not have received planning permission are now being approved for housing. In the past few weeks I have received numerous complaints of flooding in the Division that I represent on the County Council with the most serious being in Greenhalgh with Thistleton, Staining and Westby. The latter being moss land where thousands of new houses are planned.

In virtually every case that I have investigated the flooding has occurred due to either inadequate drainage plans or builders failing to comply with plans and in the more extreme cases builders building on or blocking drainage ditches. Will the Chairman of the Planning Committee please assure members and residents of the Borough that more resources will in future be devoted to ensuring that drainage plans are adequate for new developments and that they are rigorously enforced before houses are signed off for habitation?”