

WRITTEN QUESTIONS – JANUARY 2010

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1	<p>Received 13th January 2010</p> <p>Target response by 26th January 2010</p>	<p>Councillor Abbott</p> <p>BDC will be conducting an important consultation over the coming months into key elements of the Local Development Framework (LDF), including the proposed Growth Location for 300 houses in the countryside off Forest Road and Rectory Lane in Rivenhall Parish.</p> <p>At the January 12th Witham Local Committee (WLC), concern was expressed by Councillors and the public about the way in which three previous tiers of consultation on this site allocation (the public, the WLC and the LDF Panel), resulting in a consistent recommendation to delete the site and seek another, was overturned by a politically whipped vote at Council.</p> <p>Many residents will wish to take part in the next important stage of consultation. If their clear view is once again that the site be deleted in favour of an alternative, will the administration again use its political majority to force through the allocation ?</p> <p>Or can the Leader guarantee that the consultation on this site is a worthwhile exercise that has not been predetermined and that Councillors at the LDF Panel and Council will be <u>free</u> to decide this issue on its planning merits?</p>	<p>Councillor Butland, Leader of the Council</p> <p>All proposed Growth Locations have been and will continue to be determined on their planning merits.</p>	20/01/10	20/01/10