

**WRITTEN QUESTIONS – DECEMBER 2010**

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|    | <p><b>Received 20<sup>th</sup> December 2010</b></p> <p><b>Target response by 6<sup>th</sup> January 2011</b></p> | <p><b>Councillor E Lynch</b></p> <p><b>Question to the Leader</b></p> <p>Can I refer the Leader to a press statement in the Braintree And Witham Times around middle of September “That the Leader would happily meet with the Braintree Town Football Club to discuss the problems facing the Club ”?</p> <p>As one of the local Ward Members can the Leader update me if this meeting has taken place, and did it discuss the current dilemmas facing the Club?</p> <p>Is the Leader able to divulge the contents of this meeting?</p> <p>Thank you</p> | <p><b>Councillor G Butland, Leader of the Council</b></p> <p>Braintree District Council officers met with Lee Harding of Braintree Football Club on the 18<sup>th</sup> November 2010, this meeting took place at the Club’s ground at Clockhouse Way.</p> <p>The meeting focused primarily on what improvements were required to the current ground in case Braintree FC got promoted this season.</p> <p>Lee Harding outlined the proposals to improve the ground. Officers took the view that these proposals would require planning permission. Officers also indicated that they could not foresee any significant difficulties which would prevent granting of permission once an application was submitted. A follow up e-mail was sent in November regarding parking and signage at the site and stating that a transport assessment would be required. This extra assessment came about from a meeting with Essex County Council Highways.</p> <p>The main concern for the Club was the relatively tight timescale for ensuring the ground improvements are in place by the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012, the date when the Club’s ground needs to be grade “A” standard if they win promotion this season.</p> <p>A follow up letter was sent to the football club outlining the Council’s support for the Club in both the short and long term and urging them to submit a planning application as soon as possible.</p> | <p>06/01/11</p> | <p>06/01/11</p> |

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