

## **PLANNING POLICY COMMITTEE – 1 JUNE 2021**

### **AGENDA ITEM 4 – PUBLIC QUESTION TIME – ORDER IN WHICH THE CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE WILL INVITE QUESTIONS BELOW RECEIVED IN WRITING IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING**

1. From Mr Chester to the Chair of the Planning Policy Committee, Councillor Bower

### **FULL DETAIL OF THE QUESTIONS TO BE ASKED IS DETAILED BELOW**

Note, the Chair will:

- invite questions from members of the public who have submitted in writing their questions in line with the Council's Constitution;
- explain that the questions received will be answered by the Chair or other appropriate Members of the Committee
- confirm that Public Question Time allows Members of the public to ask one question at a time and that a maximum of one minute is allowed for each question.
- state that questions will be invited in the order in which they have been received and that if there is time remaining from the 15 minutes allowed for Public Question Time, questioners will be allowed to ask a supplementary question.

#### **QUESTION ONE**

##### **From Mr Chester to the Chair of the Planning Policy Committee, Councillor Bower**

Paragraph 1.1 of the report on Littlehampton West Bank refers to poor ground conditions adding cost to the development, further eroding its viability. Could you please explain the nature of the ground conditions as discovered in surveying, what would it be necessary to do to counter this and the likely cost of doing so. Including this cost, what is the latest estimate of the cost of all the infrastructure work required to deliver the allocation (flood defence, new highway access, foul water drainage etc.)?

##### **Response**

The ground to the west of the marina has a high percentage of alluvium which extends to a significant depth. This will impact upon the construction methods to be used for buildings, in particular foundations. The work, to be undertaken as part of the report to be commissioned, will include securing updates on costs to inform viability appraisals.