Cabinet – 23 July 2007

Public Question

The following question has been received from John Foxley which he wishes to ask the Lead Councillor for Planning, Councillor Gardiner:

Ref Agenda item 8.8 – Report No 136/07 (entitled "South Downs National Park (SDNP): To Consider the SDNP Inquiry Inspector's Report, and Related Material, Published for Consideration by DEFRA"

Preamble to the Question:

There is significant local support for the creation of the SDNP and recognition of the District Council's stance to include the land South of Chyngton Way within the proposed National Park Boundary. This complements earlier decisions to establish AONB's, Seaford Nature Reserve, The Heritage Coastline, The Seven Sister's Country Park and land held by The National Trust.

Residents in South East Seaford have grouped to form FOSH - Friends of Seaford Head, to support a campaign to restore the original boundary line and thereby retain the naturalised transition between the town and the countryside currently available today.

This generation has a responsibility to safeguard the experience for future 'generations'!

Question:

With regard to Agenda item 8.8 (entitled "South Downs National Park (SDNP): To Consider the SDNP Inquiry Inspector's Report, and Related Material, Published for Consideration by DEFRA" - Appendix 1 - Deletion No. 10:

"Bearing in mind the long history of environmental strategies already in place in and around Seaford Head, will the Council continue to recognise the importance of the land South of Chyngton Way, Seaford, by supporting its re-instatement within the National Park"?