

**Agenda Item 15 - Written Questions received in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 12:**

**1. Question from Councillor Richard Turner to Councillor Stephen Gauntlett (Cabinet Member for Planning and Infrastructure).**

There are many occasions over the years when we, on the Planning Committee, are faced with changes in Affordable Housing numbers at reserved matters. Should viability be assessed in decision making?

There are occasions when the applicant at Reserved Matters stage submits detailed evidence of the new extra costs that have changed since the application and this reduces the Affordable Housing. A separate valuation is also submitted.

Whilst there are occasions when extra costs must be considered for genuine reasons. As the Conservative Shadow Lead Member for Planning, I would ask that reviews should be included in our new local plan policies as far as viability. This would strengthen the Planning Committee's decision making and give the Council strength to any appeal.

**2. Question from Councillor Manley to Councillor Julie Carr (Cabinet Member for Recycling, Waste and Open Spaces) or Councillor Zoe Nicholson (Leader of the Council)**

Why is Lewes District Council finding it so difficult to keep the A27 clean, and to stop other authorities strimming litter? What else is LDC doing to improve the state of our roadsides with regards to litter?