

**COUNCIL MEETING – 12<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2012**  
**ITEM 7 – MEMBERS’ QUESTION TIME**

**The following question has been submitted by Councillor Lupton for response by the Leader of the Council:-**

“The recent decision by Labour Members and one IBIS Member on the Council’s Planning Committee to approve the application for 350 homes at Morley Carr Farm, Yarm has caused significant distress to local residents who believe sufficient weight was not given to their objections when the application was under consideration.

The report presented to the Planning Committee on Morley Carr Farm, notwithstanding the recommendation to approve, clearly highlighted that the application was contrary to a number of the Council’s adopted policies. The Council’s own Spatial Planning expert, even went so far as to say that the current shortfall in the five year supply was only a temporary problem and did not in itself represent sufficient reason to approve the application. The decision to approve this application has potentially set a very dangerous precedent.

The Council are currently undertaking consultation on the Regeneration and Environment Local Development, Preferred Options Document does he not believe that by approving this application the Council has denied the right of the community to consider the implications and impact of all of the proposed sites under consideration and that it will weaken the Council’s position when considering future applications?”