

COUNCIL MEETING – 5TH MARCH 2014
ITEM 5 – PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The following questions have been submitted by Sandra Mcleavy for response by the Leader of the Council:-

1. “The five year supply is demonstrated in the quarterly review to be dwindling. This being the result of a combination of the slowing of Housing Trajectory and an outdated housing requirement calculation. I would like to ask the following:

According to NPPF – deliverability is key. To be considered deliverable, sites should be available, be a suitable location for development, be achievable (i.e. with a realistic prospect that housing will be delivered within five years). It is noticeable in the quarterly reports that timescales well in excess of five years are being accepted from developers. Can you explain why. The housing need was set several years ago and there have been major changes in the economy during that time. Since the abolition of housing targets the planning authority has been in a position to recalculate the need. When is this expected to be done? If it is not planned why not?

2. Why was it necessary for Save Stockton South to be pressured by Stockton Council into declaring support for the NPPF motion?”