

**COUNCIL MEETING – 28<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2015**  
**ITEM 13 – PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

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

“Abbeyfield House in Eaglescliffe is a former care home which has a restrictive covenant on the building, which states that it must be used for over 55's accommodation only. Recently, Stockton Council have told me that the property owners would like the restriction lifted, despite not making their intentions for the building clear. This kind of ambiguity is concerning. Therefore, I would be grateful if a cabinet member will tell me whether the council will demand that the owner reveal their intentions, and allow local residents the chance to be consulted before the covenant is potentially lifted?”