

COUNCIL MEETING – 20TH JANUARY 2016
ITEM 6 – PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The following question has been submitted by Colin Rodgers for response by the Leader of the Council:-

“It is widely believed that when King Edwin School was acquired there were 2 four bedroom houses on site, which were both subsequently demolished. Bearing in mind the legal and moral obligation of the Council to pursue VFM on behalf of the local electorate would it not have been better to utilise the said houses for the following reasons;

- 1) Full refurbishment of these houses could have been achieved at a fraction of the acquisition costs of 118 Darlington Road alone.
- 2) The pre-stated requirement for a "semi-rural" location is achieved as they were located within the schools own grounds.
- 3) Extensive travel costs to and from remote locations would have been reduced to nil.
- 4) A controlled program of integrating the cared for children (on achieving a suitable record of conduct) to local schools on a day release, controlled and monitored manner, could have been realised.
- 5) The bad feeling within affected groups generated by the Councils questionable methods of buying these former residential properties, could have been avoided?”