

Local Plan Committee – Wednesday, 18 March 2026

PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

QUESTION FROM MR MICHAEL ELTON

We are aware that a specialist underground gas survey has been commissioned because of the risks of underground gas on site C77. An assessment was carried out by Castledine Environmental, who recommended that ground gas measures are installed within new properties within the vicinity of C77. This has also led to boundary restrictions stretching close to C77 due to the risks involved. How can the site therefore be viable as a safe place to build new affordable homes?

RESPONSE FROM THE CHAIR OF THE LOCAL PLAN COMMITTEE

Officers have liaised with the site promoter who has confirmed that the Ground Gas Assessment concluded that there are no detectable methane concentrations and whilst carbon dioxide has been detected, this is at a level considered appropriate for residential development and can be mitigated with respect to foundation and floor slab design.