

## **COUNCIL**

**30 JUNE 2015**

### **ITEM 6 – QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS**

#### **QUESTION FROM COUNCILLOR N CLARKE TO COUNCILLOR R D BAYLISS**

The approved budget for 2015/16 identified £400k which was to be used to purchase sites for affordable housing developments. Does the portfolio holder believe that the land where the Cocked Hat Public House once stood on Cropston Drive Coalville to be ideal for such a development? If so, what efforts are being made to secure the site for affordable housing and what time scales are involved in this matter?

#### **RESPONSE FROM COUNCILLOR R D BAYLISS**

The Housing Service is currently considering the council's options for the provision of more affordable housing, including new build. A feasibility report on developing several sites across the district from the consultant, Housing Quality Network was received earlier this year.

Officers have identified suitable in-fill sites in and around our existing housing stock, and are currently testing their potential for development with planners. I can confirm that we will actively consider the potential for any suitable site in the district, including privately owned sites such as the former Cocked Hat public house plot that you refer to, as part of this process.

Any recommendations to acquire sites not in the council's ownership will normally have to be approved by Cabinet in accordance with the council's Acquisitions Policy approved in February this year.