

Council – 19 December 2019

Item 7. Questions from members of the public

1. Question from Caroline Nichols

“As the building known as Ceaser Court One grows upwards to dominate the skyline in Green Street, I am wondering why the site never went to public consultation for complete redevelopment. The site could have accommodated a lower broader housing development more in keeping with the street scene and providing better privacy to the homes on the Benwell Estate. Why was there no public involvement in deciding the form and function of the development when the site was first acquired?”

2. Question from Caroline Nichols

“The next Great British Spring Clean is scheduled for 20th March to 13th April 2020 and the Keep Britain Tidy campaign gives awards to the best performing councils. In Spelthorne there are many local groups and individuals who support the Council with litter picks but there is still more to do. Would the Council be agreeable to raising the profile of the next Great British Spring Clean and publish it prominently in the next edition of the Borough Bulletin with a view to competing for an award?”

3. Question from Martin Shortland

“If Spelthorne BC did not fund the costs required [airfare, accommodation, transportation, meals] for the Council Leader and Chief Executive’s visit to Mauritius in November 2019 when they were officially representing the Council who did fund them and why?”

Were the details and supporting documents of this official visit published?

On which dates did the Council Leader and Chief Executive leave and return to the UK?”

4. Question from Shadia Doerfel

“As it is understood that the Council's Monitoring Officer, Michael Graham, will be leaving Spelthorne Borough Council around February 2020 after a number of years' service, will he continue his role as Company Secretary for Knowle Green Estates Ltd (the council's property and real estate buying and selling company whom I understand can also make planning applications)? Mr Graham is still listed as company secretary to Knowle Green Estates Ltd with other listed directors, one of whom I understand is Cllr Harman - and Spelthorne Borough Council itself is listed as a "person with active significant control" of the company - does that mean the whole council, including opposition councillors, therefore have control of this company?”