

Council – 10 December 2020

Item 20 - General Questions supplement

3. Question from Councillor Ian Harvey

“Can the Leader please confirm that his administration remains implacably opposed to a single Surrey Unitary Authority which would result in the dissolution of Spelthorne and the potential loss of income, services and assets to this Borough. I ask this due to the very close links between his administration and that of Surrey County Council, at the highest levels, who are known to still be pursuing the Single Unitary Surrey plan. A simple “Yes we remain opposed” or “No we are not opposed” will suffice.

4. Question from Councillor Ian Harvey

“In an article in the 25 October 2020 edition of the Observer newspaper LibDem Member Cllr Lawrence Nichols described Spelthorne as a “rotten Borough”. Regardless of whether you accept the Wikipedia or the Blackadder definitions of “rotten Borough” most people will interpret this as an extremely derogatory insult on both those democratically elected in Spelthorne, including our MP, and also Officers and all residents of the Borough. Does the Leader agree with Cllr Nichols, and if he agrees with him, how does he feel about leading a “Rotten Borough”?”

5. Question from Councillor Ian Harvey

“Can the Leader please advise with regard to Community Infrastructure Levy, since 26th June 2020:

- The sums paid out
- The sums formally committed to projects
- Projects and sums currently under consideration but not yet formalised

6. Question from Councillor Ian Harvey

“The Leader is to be congratulated on surviving for almost six months. Could he please enumerate what he believes his administration’s significant tangible achievements have been in this period?”

7. Question from Councillor Bernie Spoor

“Would the Portfolio Holder for Planning agree that as the Bugle Nurseries site has had two applications rejected by the Planning Committee on the grounds of green belt, but the local community want the development to go ahead as it clears the industrial use and mess currently there. And

given that any submission to the Secretary of State is rejected would the Portfolio holder ensure that the enforcement team, or whoever is best suited, at SBC take action by instructing the owners, Angle Properties, to return the site to as near as possible its Green Belt appearance?”