

Full Council, Tuesday, 15th October 2024

A question has been received under Council Procedure Rule 13 (questions received from members of the public):

Question received from Tina Brooker (on behalf of concerned residents):

"We are constantly being told that net zero/"green" policies are critical to protecting the planet and the environment, so how is it seemingly being used to enable greedy developers to bulldoze precious green spaces and build carbuncles upon them?

I use Whitehill green space and Cobham Lodge (the latter, incorporating prime woodland), as a couple of examples of recently approved environmentally destructive planning applications.

I am at a loss to understand how, by any stretch of the imagination this can be sold as environmentally friendly or a biodiversity net gain, which I understand is now a major planning consideration."

So, our question is:

Please could the Council explain to the general public and those people in neighbourhoods whose outlook and quality of life are about to be devastated how the prima facie fraudulent claims of biodiversity net gain used within the planning process are saving the environment?"