

**QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS - ITEM 13**

**QUESTION FROM CLLR CHRIS CASWILL, CHIPPENHAM MONKTON  
DIVISION**

**TO CLLR TOBY STURGIS, CABINET MEMBER FOR WASTE, PROPERTY,  
ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT CONTROL SERVICES**

**Question 1**

You will be familiar with the Market Quarter area in Chippenham, given your involvement in the planning decisions there. Linden Homes have recently announced major changes to the parking arrangements there, including the putting up of warning notices which do not have the required planning permission.

- a. Given that the lives of several hundred Wiltshire residents are being adversely affected by these notices, will he ask enforcement officers to prioritise action on these notices?
- b. What were the parking provisions in the approved application, in terms of the total number of spaces and the number of visitor parking spaces?
- c. Would it be legally acceptable to leave a private site of this size without any visitor or disabled parking spaces?
- d. If the changes proposed by Linden Homes prove to be contrary to the parking provisions specified in the original, approved plans, will he also ask enforcement officers to act swiftly to get Linden Homes to restore the original space provisions?

**Response**

- a) & d) Any complaint regarding unauthorised signage or other development will be investigated in accordance with the general approach to enforcement set out in the Council's adopted enforcement strategy, which prioritises breaches of planning control according to their perceived seriousness, see:

[http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/wilts\\_council\\_enf\\_policy\\_-\\_pdf](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/wilts_council_enf_policy_-_pdf)

- b) The approved plans demonstrate a total of 322 car parking spaces, with 17 labelled as being for visitors.
  
- c) The 17 visitor parking spaces are protected by condition 12 of permission 06/01005/FUL, which specifies the spaces should be kept free from obstruction and only used for the parking of vehicles in connection with the development.