

Public Questions – Full Council (25 November 2020)

1. **Bill Walford to Councillor Middleton (10/11/20 – 13.55)**

Re: current Evolve proposals for changes to Windmill Hill Golf Course.

Please provide approximate current values for the following:

1. the minimum market value of the whole of Windmill Hill Golf Course as a going concern,
2. the minimum market value of the whole of Windmill Hill Golf Course if sold off for housing and other developments,
3. the minimum likely annual income for MK Council from leasing Windmill Hill Golf Course to Evolve as per their latest plans.

2. **Alan Hastings to Councillor Middleton (10/11/20 – 16.45)**

Following the Council's recent adoption of Cllr Rankine's motion, 'Saving Golf at Windmill Hill will benefit all MK Citizens', which includes at item 3 (f):

"That this Council calls upon the Cabinet to ensure that all commercial options for the regeneration of the Windmill Site are fully explored to find a proposal that satisfies the commercial viability of the site, delivers for golfers and properly addresses the concerns of Windmill Hill neighbours",

as a Council Taxpayer, my question is what steps are now being taken or planned to fully explore "all commercial options".

3. **Virginia Bell to Councillor J Wilson-Marklew (12/11/20 – 12.16)**

You will be aware that the production and consumption of meat and dairy is one of the biggest drivers of climate change, contributes to land, water and air pollution, and is also a factor in ill health. To help reverse these dangers, I ask the Council to lead by example by enacting a policy of not serving meat and dairy on Council premises, and of offering plant-based meals instead, preferably organic. Similarly, I ask that you require schools to reduce servings of meat and dairy, phasing them out in favour of plant based, meals, organic if possible. Older students would gladly engage in discussions about improved food and nutrition. Can you commit to action on this crucial matter which involves promoting improvements for our city's nutrition and health, and improvements for the health of the planet?

4. **Iain Layden to Councillor Middleton (19/11/20 – 09.30)**

In Cllr Middleton's response to the petition I presented at the Council Meeting on 18th March to Save Windmill Hill 18-Hole Golf Course, he said that he would (and I quote) "take a step back to review the arguments both for and against the development and to take account of the consultation currently being undertaken by Evolve."

Could he please advise whether or not he has received the results of the consultation undertaken by Evolve, and will he make those results available to members of the public and to Parish Councils in the areas that will be affected by the proposed development?

5. **Tarun Goel to Councillor Middleton (19/11/20 – 22.25)**

Cllr Middleton has repeatedly stated that Windmill Hill Golf Course is not profitable and has been unprofitable for years. When previously asked, he has not had access to one life accounts to show golf course performance in recent years. His view seems to be originating from old data. On what basis Cllr Middleton is claiming that Windmill Hill Golf Course is not profitable?

6. Phil Gerrella to Councillor Baume (23/11/20 – 07.04)

Regarding estate renewal and specifically the Estate Renewal Forums, while RoRE welcome the revised Terms of Reference, what KPI's are being used and how will you measure and communicate those targets?

7. Alderman Bartlett to Councillor Walker (23/11/20 – 16.44)

Central Government has provided tens of thousands of pounds in support of some of the most vulnerable children and their families in Milton Keynes through special funds for free school meals during the Coronavirus pandemic and additional sums for Universal Credit and continuing special vouchers for the purchase of food and I ask Cllr Walker, who has been active with Cllr Bowyer, Cllr Cryer Whitehead and others in supporting the delivery of food, if he will confirm his commitment to supporting the most vulnerable and in particular school children, and ensure that the £722,000 pounds, which equates to over £6000 per child who are assessed as living in poverty in MK, recently allocated to Milton Keynes Council by the Government reaches those children?

8. Adam Rolfe to Councillor Darlington (23/11/20 – 16.57)

It has been found that Mellish Court flats do not have a sprinkler system installed, despite it being recommended by the Bucks Fire and Rescue Service and £300,000 being put aside for its installation. I welcome that there is now a fire warden on site 24/7, but this is not enough to ensure the safety of residents living there. Therefore, I would like to ask: Why has a sprinkler system not been installed, and if it is not to be installed, what will be happening to the £300,000 that had been put aside to install it?

9. Turan to Councillor McCall (23/11/20 – 18.38)

In view of the repeated failures to produce a report into the Blakelands warehouse, do you as group leader of the Liberal Democrats in Milton Keynes support the call for a further audit and if not, why not?

10. John Fernandez to Councillor Cannon (23/11/20 – 19.32)

In view of the 15 missed deadlines, the failure to produce a report after 20 months and the error ridden preliminary findings, how can the residents of Blakelands and Milton Keynes have any confidence in this Council's ability to review the "biggest planning blunder" in its history?