

MEMBER'S WRITTEN QUESTION



Name of Member submitting the question: Councillor Robin Stuchbury	
Date received by Democratic Services: 18 July 2016	
To the Cabinet Member for: Cabinet Member for Growth Strategy (Councillor Mrs Paternoster)	
Question: <p>“My constituent, Mr Tony Finnis, has produced a paper entitled “Clarence Park Development – A Resume” (distributed by e-mail attachment to all AVDC Councillors and other entities) concerning failure of the planning process at Clarence Park. Mr Finnis is just one of many who are concerned about this matter.</p> <p>Until now, the Planning Department have alleged there is no breach of a planning condition (stipulated by the Environment Agency) which required that an undeveloped zone of 9 metres alongside the River Great Ouse should be left as an undisturbed habitat for wildlife using the river corridor. Despite an undertaking of compliance with the condition, the developer removed many of the trees and destroyed the undergrowth in the 9 metre zone. The paper sets out considerable evidence, much of it obtained from the Planning Department under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which clearly shows there has indeed been a planning breach.</p> <p>This brings the planning process into disrepute and shows a lack of interest in biodiversity and wildlife preservation on the part of AVDC.</p> <p>When is enforcement action going to take place to restore the 9 metre zone as far as possible to its former state.”</p>	
Response: <p>“I am aware of the concerns raised by Mr Finnis and I will look into this matter in consultation with the Chairman of the Environment and living Scrutiny Committee.”</p>	
Signed: Councillor Mrs Paternoster	Date: 19/7/2016

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