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Sent: Monday, September 16, 2024 2:16 PM
To: Philippa Penney; Martin; Committee Administration; Lucy Shomali
Cc: Mike Bell (Councillor)

Subject: RE: Speaking to The Executive Tuesday, 17 September 2024, 3.30 pm

Dear Mr Slade,

Further to your email correspondence with Phillippa Penny this morning, I'd like to add my apologies for the fact you are still waiting for a response to the concerns you raised at the Executive meeting in June.

The issue of food security sits within my portfolio and that of the councillor responsible for the Local Plan, and cuts across several council departments and policy documents. Unfortunately, with staff and councillor holidays in July and August – including my own - work on this has been severely delayed.

Furthermore, proposed changes to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) will not only affect housing numbers but introduce new legislation for local renewable energy generation, which in turn could impact localised food production. The consultation on the draft NPPF is ongoing and Planning Officers are carefully considering how this might impact our Local Plan and how to respond to the consultation.

I met with officers again two weeks to further discuss your concerns about food security, but it was felt that before formally responding to you, more information was required about how the new planning legislation impacts the issues you raised. We have asked the Head of Planning for advice, and currently await a response. I will email you as soon as I have received this.

Once again, my apologies that this is taking a long time, but we felt your concerns needed a considered and detailed response, especially in light of the proposed changes to the NPPF.

I will be in touch again soon. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

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