

NSC Health & Wellbeing Board

30th October 2024

Good afternoon

As you know I came to speak at the last board meeting in July. The minutes of that meeting on the council website haven't documented my Public Participation, despite me handing over a copy of what I said. You also haven't communicated back to me as agreed.

I find this approach quite rude and disheartening if you claim you want interaction with the public.

You may recall that I asked you to send me information on the long term health effects of eating 'alternative' foods, with less dairy and meat. Since I last came to speak the concern about farming has been raised in parliament.

"This followed an open letter written by Conservative MP Dr Luke Evans to the chief executives of the country's eight major supermarkets. He asked for a filter that would direct shoppers to homegrown food to help boost the economy and cut the UKs carbon footprint. The letter was co-signed by 126 cross party MPs and echoed by a long standing NFU ask dating back to 2016." This is because independent research shows that the public want to buy more British food from retailers"

I would have thought that as an organisation that has declared a Climate & Nature Emergency you would be more proactive. We talk about sustainability. As we all know the main three things we need to sustain us are air, water and food, why on earth would we sacrifice one of those, or part of one of those, for energy.

I would like to know what this board has done to protect farming and nutritious food in related policies, plans and activities since July, and I expect to be kept informed as this progresses in the future.