

REIGATE AND BANSTEAD BOROUGH COUNCIL

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PUBLIC QUESTIONS

No.	Question by:	To be answered by:	Subject
1.	Kanika Sachdeva	Cllr K. Foreman, Executive Member for Planning Policy	Planning Polices / Affordable Housing

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Kanika Sachdeva will ask the **Executive Member for Planning Policy, Councillor K. Foreman** the following question:

Question:

Planning Policies on Affordable Housing

First of all I would like to thank our Planning policy team for working so hard on the much needed affordable housing for young families in our borough. These programs however do come with their fair share of challenges, key one being parking. I have noticed in few development plans that not every flat come with a dedicated parking space. Can the policy team please advise how the infrastructure around the proposed development i.e. roads etc. would cope with this, keeping in mind that there is a minimum of one car in most of the house holds.

Response / Observations:

The Council does work hard in securing affordable housing and on constrained, brownfield, town centre sites there is very often a balance to strike between getting a viable development and securing affordable housing and parking is often part of that balance. The Development Management Plan (DMP) which is currently under examination seeks to introduce a new parking standard, moving away from a maximum provision to a minimum provision which should help to address part of the issue. The proposed standard reflects a site's location meaning less sustainably located sites will have to provide more parking than those with good transport links, within Redhill town centre for example, where car ownership tends to be lower. Hearings on the DMP were held last month and it is hoped it can be adopted early next year.