

RUGBY BOROUGH COUNCIL

QUESTION PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 10

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Councillor Sandison to ask the Growth and Investment Portfolio Holder, Councillor Picker:

“What planning gain would the portfolio holder hope to see in terms of transport infrastructure in terms of redevelopment of the former prime retail area bordered by North Street ,Evreux Way and Corporation Street?”

Councillor Picker, Growth and Investment Portfolio Holder, to reply as follows:

“It is usual for all major planning applications that are determined by the Council to be accompanied by a legal agreement, normally referred to a S106 agreement, which secures money or works for infrastructure and / or social housing to mitigate the impacts of the development.

Every site is considered on its own merit and every s106 agreement is agreed depending on the individual circumstances of the site and the impacts that need to be mitigated. This is necessary to ensure that each agreement meets the requirement of Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations.

The emerging Town Centre Regeneration Strategy and the amendments to the Supplementary Planning Document for Planning Obligations which is currently out for public consultation set out what the aspirations are for transport infrastructure and how these could be secured. In addition, Warwickshire County Council are also developing a Local Transport Plan which will also provide a guide for transport improvements.

The Council is also looking to adopt a Local Community Infrastructure Levy which is also out for public consultation with an Examination expected in the Spring. Once adopted many schemes would be subject to a charge per sqm rather than individual agreements.

Transport matters are also a matter for Warwickshire County Council as the Local Highway Authority. As part of their responses to the planning application they will provide comment on any highway improvements required, contributions towards public transport infrastructure and any other highway / transport mitigation measures.”