

RUGBY BOROUGH COUNCIL

QUESTION PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 10

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QUESTION H

Councillor Mrs O'Rourke to ask the Leader of the Council, Councillor Lowe:

“Will the leader of this Council proactively look at introducing a policy to adopt open space on new developments?”

Councillor Lowe, Leader of the Council, to reply as follows:

“Land ownership and management of open space/green space on residential developments is separate to the planning process. Whilst through s106s Planning can secure the requirement of the land for public open space through our policies and make sure it remains in perpetuity, the Council cannot control who ultimately takes over the management of the land and cannot insist that the developer transfers such land to the Council. Open Space management by developers or their contractors is not currently regulated as an activity.

Where possible the Borough Council seek to adopt new open space/green space, as long as it does not place unnecessary liabilities and risks on the Council.”