Supplementary Question:

Asked by Councillor David Levett to Councillor Sean Prendergast (Executive Member for Housing and Environmental Health).

"A report in the Daily Express on Monday September 25, there was an article that said the government is, the Home Office must now consult Councils legally to ask the number of people they can accommodate, have we been asked that question yet and what would the answer be?"

Answer:

"No, the Home office hasn't asked this of us. If they did the answer would have to be zero at this current time. 33% of asylum seekers in the eastern region are in Hertfordshire, and we already have high demands for housing assistance, resulting in around 100 homeless households currently residing in temporary accommodation."