

**COUNCIL  
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**TITLE OF REPORT: QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS**

In accordance with Standing Order 4.8.11(b), three questions were submitted by Members by the deadline date for questions set out in the Council's Constitution.

**(A) Houses of Multiple Occupancy (HMOs)**

Councillor Terry Tyler to Councillor David Levett (Executive Member for Planning, Enterprise and Transport):

"You will be aware that the highest density on HMO's in the district is Great Ashby a part of my Chesfield Ward. Indeed, in at least one road over 70% of the houses are HMO's. These dwelling in high density do exasperate already stretched parking and can have a negative effect on community values.

I know that in these days, where our young folk find it near impossible to get on the housing ladder, that controlled HMO's are an important part in providing accommodation and that my concerns are the application of controls and lack of planning permission now required for small HMO's, which can lead to high densities of uncontrolled and unregulated HMO's.

In the light that Stevenage Borough Council's decision to bring Small HMO's (6 or less occupants) back into requiring planning permission, this puts an extra strain on the District, not only on Great Ashby, but many other district areas.

Can you tell me what the North Herts District Council are doing regarding tightening up on new HMO regulating to ensure that those types of accommodation, which is essential for ensuring younger generations can live close to where they work, are of good quality and properly regulated?"

**(B) Breaches of Planning Consent**

Councillor Lisa Nash to Councillor David Levett (Executive Member for Planning, Enterprise and Transport):

"How many breaches of planning consent have been reported to the Council in the last 3 years?"

**(C) Royston Parking Review**

Councillor Ruth Brown to Councillor David Levett (Executive Member for Planning, Enterprise and Transport):

"When will the Royston Parking review be completed?"