PETITIONS, PUBLIC STATEMENTS, QUESTIONS

(i) Have Your Say submissions from members of the public

Date of Meeting	Details of Members of the Public	Subject Matter	Form of Response	Date Completed
Local Plan Committee 15.01.2024	Chris Smith	City Centre Masterplan and Britannia Car Park	Verbal response provided by Joint Head of Planning (Simon Cairns)	15 January 2024
Local Plan Committee 15.01.2024	Nick Chilvers	City Centre Masterplan	Verbal response provided by Joint Head of Planning (Simon Cairns)	15 January 2024
Local Plan Committee 15.01.2024	Sir Bob Russell	City Centre Masterplan	Verbal response provided by Joint Head of Planning (Simon Cairns)	15 January 2024
Local Plan Committee 15.01.2024	Clare Marsh	City Centre Masterplan	Verbal response provided by Joint Head of Planning (Simon Cairns)	15 January 2024
Local Plan Committee 15.01.2024	Sam Good	City Centre Masterplan	Verbal response provided by Joint Head of Planning (Simon Cairns)	15 January 2024
Local Plan Committee 15.01.2024	John Burton	City Centre Masterplan	Verbal response provided by Joint Head of Planning (Simon Cairns	15 January 2024
Local Plan Committee 15.01.2024	Dorian Kelly	City Centre Masterplan	Verbal response provided by Joint Head of Planning (Simon Cairns)	15 January 2024

Local Plan Committee 15.01.2024	Richard Kilshaw	Middlewick evidence base and allocation	Verbal response provided by Joint Head of Planning (Karen Syrett)	15 January 2024
Local Plan Committee 15.01.2024	Dougal Urqhart	Middlewick evidence base and credibility of Stantec report.	Verbal response provided by Chair of Local Plan Committee, Cllr Tim Young.	15 January 2024
Licensing Committee, 17 January 2024	Shaun Moore	Issues affecting the Hackney Carriage trade in Colchester	Verbal response provided by the Licensing, Community Safety and Safeguarding manager.	17 January 2024
Licensing Committee, 17 January 2024	Christine Bell	Concerns concerning the use by Colchester taxi firms of vehicles licensed by other local authorities	The Committee will write to the Minister of Transport.	
Scrutiny Panel, 23 January 2024	Alan Short	Concern regarding allegation that correspondence regarding Middlewick was not given to elected members	Verbal response provided by Councillor Laws, Chair of Scrutiny Panel	23 January 2024
Cabinet, 24 January 2024	Sir Bob Russell	City Centre Masterplan	Verbal response provided by Councillor King, Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Strategy.	24 January 2024
Cabinet, 24 January 2024	Trevor Orton	Cleanliness of city centre, particularly telephone boxes	Verbal response provided by Councillor King, Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Strategy.	24 January 2024
Cabinet, 24 January 2024	Ian Drew	5G and influence of international organisations	Verbal response provided by Councillor King, Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Strategy.	24 January 2024

Cabinet, 24 January 2024	Frances Wagstaff, Liz Austin of CO1 Residents Association	Repairs to bridge at Middle Weir and associated issues	Verbal response provided by Councillor Goss, Portfolio Holder for Neighbourhood Services and Waste, Councillor King, Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Strategy and Councillor Cory, Portfolio Holder for Resources.	24 January 2024
Cabinet, 24 January 2024	Christina Reed-Welham	Proposed closure of Leisure World café	Verbal response provided by Councillor King, Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Strategy and Councillor Cory, Portfolio Holder for Resources.	24 January 2024
Environment and Sustainability Panel, 8 February 2024	Martin Pugh	The ecological importance of Middlewick Ranges	Verbal response provided by the Head of Sustainability (Mel Rundle) and Councillor Nissen, Chair of the Panel.	8 February 2024
Environment and Sustainability Panel, 8 February 2024	Steven Vince	Use of a village green in Mersea for commercial purposes by the Council.	Verbal response provided by the Head of Sustainability (Mel Rundle).	8 February 2024
Environment and Sustainability Panel, 8 February 2024	Alan Short	The continued inclusion of Middlewick Ranges in the Local Plan.	Verbal response provided by the Head of Sustainability (Mel Rundle) and Councillor Nissen, Chair of the Panel.	8 February 2024
Environment and Sustainability Panel, 8	Kemal Cufoglu	The Council's Woodland and Biodiversity Project, and trees provided by the Council for planting.	Verbal response provided by the Head of Sustainability (Mel Rundle) and Councillor Nissen, Chair of the Panel.	8 February 2024

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Scrutiny Panel, 13 February 2024	Carla Hales	Request for free use of Castle Park bandstand by community groups.	Verbal response provided by Councillor Laws, Chair of Scrutiny Panel	13 February 2024
Scrutiny Panel, 13 February 2024	Robert Johnstone	Request for free use of Castle Park bandstand by community groups.	Verbal response provided by Councillor Laws, Chair of Scrutiny Panel	13 February 2024
Scrutiny Panel, 13 February 2024	Rachel Matthews	Request for Scrutiny Panel to scrutinise the Climate Change Emergency, declared by Full Council.	Verbal response provided by Councillor Laws, Chair of Scrutiny Panel	13 February 2024
Scrutiny Panel, 13 February 2024	Carinna Cooper	Claims of not receiving answers to past queries, and allegations of improper behaviour against planning officers.	Verbal response provided by Councillor Laws, Chair of Scrutiny Panel, and Councillor King, as Leader of the Council	13 February 2024
Scrutiny Panel, 13 February 2024	Cheryl Taylor	Complaint regarding security searches at formal meetings of the Council and allegations of not receiving response from the Council.	Verbal response provided by Councillor Laws, Chair of Scrutiny Panel	13 February 2024
Local Plan Committee 22 February 2024	Glyn Evans	Middlewick's inclusion in the Local Plan	Verbal response provided by Joint Head of Planning (Karen Syrett)	22 February 2024
Council, 21 February 2024	Richard Martin	Middlewick's inclusion in the Local Plan	Verbal response provided by Councillor King, Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Strategy	21 February 2024

Council, 21 February 2024	Nick Chilvers	The impact of the development of Middlewick	Verbal response provided by Councillor Luxford Vaughan, Portfolio Holder for Planning, Environment and Sustainability	21 February 2024
Council, 21 February 2024	Chris Piggott	The impact of the budget proposals on the Council's services	Verbal response provided by Councillor King, Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Strategy	21 February 2024
Council, 21 February 2024	Angela Linghorn Baker	Parking issues in Shrub End	Verbal response provided by Councillor Smith, Portfolio Holder for Housing	21 February 2024
Council, 21 February 2024	Alan Short	Correspondence from Natural England in respect of Middlewick	Verbal response provided by Councillor Goss, Portfolio for Neighbourhood Services and Waste and Councillor King, Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Strategy	21 February 2024
Council, 21 February 2024	Sir Bob Russell	Town Deal Board	Verbal response provided by Councillor King, Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Strategy	21 February 2024
Council, 21 February 2024	Alderman G. Oxford	Investment in Highwoods	Written response to be sent	
Council, 21 February 2024	Bevan Waghorn	Council budget proposals	Verbal response provided by Councillor King, Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Strategy	21 February 2024
Council, 21 February 2024	Rachel Mathews	Climate changes issues and in particular their impact on farming and food supply	Verbal response provided by Councillor King, Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Strategy	21 February 2024

Council, 21 February 2024	Carinna Cooper	Trust in government and concerns about how the Council handled applications for 5G masts	Verbal response provided by Councillor King, Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Strategy	21 February 2024
Council, 21 February 2024	Carla Hales, Parish Councillor Robert Johnstone	Council Events Policy	Verbal response provided by Councillor King, Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Strategy. Further information to be provided in due course when the review of the issue was complete.	21 February 2024
Council, 21 February 2024	James Cracknell	The impact of the Council budget proposals on the Council's services	Verbal response provided by Councillor King, Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Strategy	21 February 2024
Council, 21 February 2024	Simon Collis	The declaration of a housing emergency	Verbal response provided by Councillor Smith, Portfolio Holder for Housing	21 February 2024
Council, 21 February 2024	Brian Reece	The Council's authority over members of the public	Verbal response provided by Councillor King, Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Strategy	21 February 2024
Council, 21 February 2024	Melina Spantidaki	Community 360 and alternative proposals for Holy Trinity Church	Verbal response provided by Councillor King, Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Strategy	21 February 2024
Local Plan Committee 22 February 2024	Richard Martin	Biodiversity issues surrounding Middlewick Local Plan allocation	Verbal response provided by Joint Head of Planning (Karen Syrett)	22 February 2024
Local Plan Committee 22 February 2024	Martin Pugh	Biodiversity issues surrounding Middlewick Local Plan allocation	Verbal response provided by Joint Head of Planning (Karen Syrett)	22 February 2024

Local Committee 22 February 2024	Sir Bob Russell	Colchester Conservation Area No. 4 North Station Road and Environs	Verbal response provided by Historic Buildings and Areas Officer (Eirini Dimerouki)	22 February 2024
Local Plan Committee 22 February 2024	Sir Bob Russell	Colchester Local Plan Review – Evidence base and call for sites update	Verbal response provided by Principal Planning Policy Officer (Bethany Jones)	22 February 2024
Local Plan Committee 22 February 2024	John Akker	Colchester Local Plan Review – Evidence base and call for sites update	Verbal response provided by Principal Planning Policy Officer (Bethany Jones)	22 February 2024
Local Plan Committee 22 February 2024	Graham Barney	Colchester Local Plan Review – Evidence base and call for sites update	Verbal response provided by Principal Planning Policy Officer (Bethany Jones)	22 February 2024
Local Plan Committee 22 February 2024	Nigel Sagar	Colchester Local Plan Review – Evidence base and call for sites update	Verbal response provided Principal Planning Policy Officer (Bethany Jones)	22 February 2024

(ii) Petitions

Date petition received	Lead Petitioner	Subject Matter	Form of Response	Date Completed
16 January	Simon Lane	Keep Leisure World Café	Petition due to close on 20	20 February
2024		open	February 2024	2024