



**Brighton & Hove  
City Council**

# **HOUSING & NEW HOMES COMMITTEE ADDENDUM**

**4.00PM, WEDNESDAY, 16 JANUARY 2019**

**COUNCIL CHAMBER, HOVE TOWN HALL, NORTON ROAD,  
HOVE, BN3 3BQ**



# ADDENDUM

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**WRITTEN QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

A period of not more than fifteen minutes shall be allowed at each ordinary meeting for questions submitted by members of the public who either live or work in the area of the authority.

**1) The following written question has been received from Michael Jenkins.**

“I am deeply grateful for the home that I am given to live in, and I love where I live.

The Outdoors Condition of Stanmer Heights breaks my Heart and deeply saddens me.

Each Year, all the people who live in Stanmer Heights pay £670,000, for living there.

Please can The Chair and The Executive Director, of Brighton and Hove City Council Housing create A Care Plan for Stanmer Heights, please, so that during this year everything is made nice in Stanmer Heights, and please can I assist you with the attention to detail needed for this Care Plan?”

**2) The following written question has been received from Graham Dawes**

“At the Parliamentary Select Committee Hearing on Leasehold Reform, on December 10, Executive Director, Larissa Reed, stated that there have been 500 leaseholder disputes over 10 years, and the council has “taken only four to tribunal....It is healthy.” There are 2380 leaseholders, so 500 represents 21%. If 21% of leaseholders have shown extreme dissatisfaction, why is this considered healthy? My question is limited to 100 words so please limit your answer to 100 words?”

**3) The following question has been received from Jane Thorp**

“In every case, until quite recently, major works undertaken on Brighton & Hove estates have done everything -windows, roofs, doors, cladding, cavity wall insulation - all at once, regardless of the need for the works, and without any consideration of the impact on the leaseholders who have to pay such high bills. As a simple example, a building survey on a block of 15 flats costs a cool £5000 - one survey. Why has this abuse of leaseholders been allowed? My question is limited to 100 words so please limit your answer to 100 words?”

**4) The following written question has been received from Dave Croydon**

“At the Parliamentary Select Committee Hearing on Leasehold Reform, on December 10, Executive Director, Larissa Reed, stated, “The highest bills are around £37,000”. There are estimates in existence for £39,000, £40,000, and £46,000. Estimates, not bills - not yet. This is known as bending the facts. Why can the council not acknowledge their

own estimates? My question is limited to 100 words so please limit your answer to 100 words?"

**5) The following written question has been received from Tony Camps-Linney**

"At Crown Hill, a block of 16 flats, a cost estimate has been provided of £46,774 per leaseholder. There is no building survey in existence for this block and the estimate is based on two other blocks on the estate that had surveys done 5 years ago. This estimate will be quoted by the council for conveyancing searches. The 5 year old surveys were obtained by leaseholders on a Freedom of Information request. The council did not offer them when asked for information. Is this early consultation? Please limit your answer to 100 words?"

**6) The following written question has been received from Charlotte Rogers**

"At the Parliamentary Select Committee Hearing on Leasehold Reform, on December 10, Executive Director, Larissa Reed, stated, "We do provide all the evidence of leasehold charges if it is requested." So, in the instance of the 5 year old surveys obtained on a Freedom of Information request, does this mean that we have to know about the existence of the information in order to request it? Because the surveys were not offered when we asked for costs. My question is limited to 100 words so please limit your answer to 100 words?"

**7) The following written question has been received from Judith Watson**

**"What detailed arrangements have so far been made for forthcoming environmental impact assessment at the Whitehawk Hill JVP high rise development site?** What are the dates for commencement and completion of the field work and presentation of the results? In detail, what kinds and categories of wildlife will be recorded and monitored?"

**8) The following written question has been received from Anne Glow**

**"What will be the form of general public consultation on the forthcoming JVP site on the Whitehawk Hill Local Nature Reserve and Race Ground?** Who will be consulted and in what way? When will the consultation take place, in terms of its beginning and end? We are concerned with detail here and wish for the names of organisations and individuals who will be consulted, and details of the area over which the consultation will take place."

**9) The following written question has been received from Amanda Bishop**

**"What work, legal and administrative, has been done so far to remove the covenants over the Whitehawk Hill JVP housing site set up under the terms of the 1822 enclosure deed?** Who is being consulted *vis a vis* this removal of the protective covenants? Has the local Access Forum been consulted? Have

concerned local, regional and national recreational, sports and access organisations, such as the Open Spaces Society, been consulted, and, if so, which ones? If they have not yet been consulted, then which organisations and individuals are to be consulted?"

**10) The following written question has been received from Maria Garrett-Gotch**

"The minutes of the last Housing Committee stated: **"Question Item 38.40: In response to a question on the Hyde/BHCC proposed property development the Chair said "Public consultation has taken place on all three sites with planning applications due by the end of this year."**

Upon what basis was this claim made? In detail, what was the nature of the public consultation?"

**11) The following written question has been received from Jim Deans**

"In Sept 2018 Chair announced the **Buying Back Former Council House Scheme** "A two-bedroom flat and three-bedroom house have been purchased and are already providing new homes for families. Three more flats are in the process of being bought and offers have been made on two other flats." Month later the council's newsletter states "9 new homes have been brought back into stock"

How many new homes have been completed how many families/individuals have moved into them.

What was the purchase price individually.

What was the cost in bringing up to "move in standard"

Are these properties set at "Social Rent"?"

**12) The following written question has been received from Jill Flowers**

"Hidden homes project, Council news letter dated 6 Nov 2018 states "The Hidden Homes project refurbishing and converting under-used and unused spaces in our housing buildings into new homes. Nine new homes have been completed so far, with a further six due to be ready this financial year and around 30 more in the pipeline."

What are the addresses of the 9 new homes,

Are they 1,2,3 bedroom

how many are now occupied

what has the cost been on the project so far

are the rents set at social rent."

