

Cllr Manda Rigby – statement to the Cabinet on 5th November 2020

Thank you for the opportunity to address you this evening.

I'd like to make a comment on one of your agenda items, the Local plan partial update.

The world has changed significantly since the last local plan was adopted, and because of reasons outside of our control a new Local plan will not be in place for at least a couple of years, so I really welcome the opportunity to do what we can right now to make our policies reflect our aspirations.

I am very pleased that our communities will have the opportunity through the consultation period to make their views known, and I will pick out a few elements in the short time I have available.

Our community will have the chance to say what they think about HMOs. About whether we need policies to protect those HMOs already licensed from growing too large for the nearby amenities, or change the nature of the locality to the detriment of providing a mix of property suitable for all of our residents.

Our community will have the chance to say what they think about where purpose built student accommodation is most appropriate, and if more should be built on the university campuses rather than in the heart of the City

Our community will be able to input into policies making the climate and ecological emergencies this council has declared real and tangible in a planning process, though some of this will need to be done in the full plan.

And lastly in my own ward of Bathwick, our community will be able to say what they see now as appropriate on the Rec, and I hope the cabinet takes the route of saying in this consultation that the best route is to delete SB2 in this local plan, and revisit in the full plan. Given the climate emergency, the ecological emergency not to mention covid, the previous allocation as potentially a larger capacity stadium, with an option

of a large car park, when we are trying to keep cars out of the centre, and the specifications for crowd management in the post covid era are unknown seems outdated and needing of a full review, which can best be achieved by deleting SB2 in this current refresh.

Thank you for your time.