

Planning Committee South 25th March 2025 – Public Questions

Annexe A – Public Questions	
Name of person submitting	Questions
Emma Snead	<p>My question relates to the news that two King’s Counsel, including one appointed by Somerset Council, have agreed that nutrient neutrality mitigation can be achieved by relying on third party actions, such as Wessex Water’s new treatment facilities designed to remove 17 tonnes of phosphate per year to accommodate future housing growth. Assuming the Council will want to pursue, with the utmost urgency, this opportunity to unblock the development pipeline, the next issue that needs urgent attention is the slow progress on agreeing section 106 agreements. Outstanding s106 agreements are another major impediment to reaching a 5-year housing land supply in South Somerset – but one largely in the control of the Council itself. Given this tremendous opportunity, what steps is the South Somerset planning team taking to increase the rate of section 106 review and agreement, to ensure the area reaches a deliverable 5-year housing land supply as soon as possible, and is able to return to plan-based decisions?</p>
Response	<p>Lead officer verbal response to be given at the meeting.</p> <p>Full written response to be distributed within 5 working days of the meeting</p>

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