

QUESTIONS TO CABINET MEMBERS

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| CABINET MEMBER FOR FAMILIES, HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE (FHSC) Councillor Louisa Woodley | | |
| CQ104-17 | Andy Stranack | Croydon Accessible Transport |
| CABINET MEMBER FOR HOMES, REGENERATION & PLANNING (HRP) Councillor Alison Butler | | |
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From Andy Stranack

Councillor Louisa Woodley

Question No. CQ104-17

The excellent Personal Independent Coordinators managed by Age UK have identified lack of access to transport as a key factor that leads to isolation amongst the over 65 population in Croydon. At the same time the CEO of Croydon Accessible Transport has recently said that due to cuts in Council Grants of 44% and increased operating costs due to new regulations imposed by Mayor Khan he cannot see a sustainable future for Community Transport in Croydon. Will the cabinet member commit to meeting with the CEO of the organisation to get an understanding of the pressures accessibility transport faces in Croydon?

Reply

Cllr Stranack – thank you for appreciating the excellent work done by the Personal Independent Coordinators.

I am, of course, happy to meet with the CEO of Community Transport in Croydon. However, may I remind you that any reduction in the organisation's grant is a direct result of your Tory Government austerity cuts to Local Government.

From Elizabeth Agyepong

Councillor Alison Butler

Question No. PQ008-18

In view of the desperate shortage of housing in Croydon at the moment and your commitment to build more homes, please could you tell me how many homes have been built by Brick by Brick so far?

Reply

Established in 2015, BXB is a multi-award winning development company delivering properly designed homes for all tenures and is currently looking to provide around 3000 units across 50+ sites throughout the borough. The Brick by Brick model is designed to maximise the return from development activity to local residents, while also addressing housing need.

Brick by Brick has a total number of 756 homes within its programme that have been granted planning permission with a further 513 homes forming planning applications currently being considered by the Local Planning Authority. Brick by Brick also has a number of pipeline sites currently being worked up with a view to submitting planning applications later this year.

From Elizabeth Agyepong

Councillor Alison Butler

Question No. PQ009-18

Please can you tell me, of the schemes so far approved, how many of these new homes will be affordable?

Reply

Brick by Brick has a total number of 756 homes within its programme that have been granted planning permission, this includes 261 affordable homes. There are a further 513 homes in planning, which include 269 affordable homes.

Background table:

| | Number of sites | Private Homes | Shared Ownership Homes/ Affordable Rent Homes | Total Number of New Homes |
|---|-----------------|---------------|--|---------------------------|
| Brick by Brick sites with planning approval | 29 | 494 | 261 | 756 |
| Brick by Brick sites in planning | 12 | 244 | 269 | 513 |
| Total | 41 | 738 | 530 | 1269 |

