

## QUESTIONS TO CABINET MEMBERS

Question Number	Question asked by Councillor:	Subject
<b>CABINET MEMBER FOR ECONOMY AND JOBS</b> <b>Councillor Mark Watson</b>		
CQ103-17	Creatura, M	Boxpark
<b>CABINET MEMBER FOR HOMES, REGENERATION AND PLANNING</b> <b>Councillor Alison Butler</b>		
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**CQ103-17            from Councillor Mario Creatura**

**Councillor Mark Watson**

Today news has emerged that Mud, a unit in BoxPark, is closing its doors.

It joins Donde, The Potato Project, Knot and many others who have shut up shop since BoxPark opened.

Could the Cabinet Member please detail the total number of units that have closed in this Council-subsidised business?

There have been whispered reports of poor management practices in BoxPark that may have influenced this spate of closures.

Could the Cabinet Member please research and detail the reasons why the units closed and whether he feels the rate of closure is indicative of an issue with the business model?

**Reply**

It is clear that there have been some changes at Boxpark since it opened with some units closing and some new ones taking their place. It is important to recognise that our businesses are facing increasing pressures; the rise in the cost for goods, increase in business rates and pension auto enrolment to name but a few. This is especially hard for new businesses just starting their journey or existing businesses expanding into new ventures.

In order to support their tenants Boxpark have delivered an extensive event and promotional programme to attract visitors. Between January and June 2017 Boxpark Croydon held 157 events (10 of these events were held in partnership with Croydon Council). These events featured 420 performers and were attended by 48,052 people.

Boxpark is seen as an extremely positive addition to the Croydon economy, offering a real draw for visitors and we are very keen that we work with Boxpark, their tenants and the surrounding business community to ensure the area continues to thrive.

This year the Council has spent a lot of time engaging with hundreds of businesses through the Small Business Commission. The aim of this work was to understand the barriers to, and opportunities for business growth so that we, in partnership with others, can create the right kind of environment for our small business community to thrive and prosper. The Commission has allowed us to work with stakeholders to understand and promote the Croydon business support offering.

I regularly meet with businesses to explore issues and will be holding a surgery in Boxpark for occupiers to better understand their concerns and to identify what the council, partners and Boxpark themselves can do to ensure continues success.

I recommend that any business in Croydon that needs help or advice is that they contact the Economic Development Team which is well placed to offer support with regards to loan financing and Discretionary Business Rates Relief as well as general signposting to business support through initiatives such as Business Hub Navigators. We and our partners have designed these services to delivery business growth and sustainability across Croydon.

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**CQ098-17            from Councillor Lynne Hale****Councillor Alison Butler**

Please advise the following:

1. The site of each Brick by Brick application which has been approved to date and the date of approval.
2. The date when you expect development to commence at each of these schemes
3. The date you expect new residents to move in.

**Reply**

<b>Site</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Planning Permission Date</b>	<b>Initial Works Start on Site Date</b>	<b>Forecast Completion Date</b>
Auckland Rise	Parcels Of Land Adjacent To Auckland Rise, Church Road And Sylvan Hill London SE19 2DX	Fri 23 Jun 2017	Nov-17	Dec-18
Ravensdale Gardens	Land Adjacent To The South Of 2 Harold Road And Land Adjacent To Ravensdale Gardens, Upper Norwood, London	Thu 22 Jun 2017	Nov-17	Dec-18
Rushden Close	Land Adjacent Rushden Close, Upper Norwood, London	Thu 01 Jun 2017	Nov-17	Dec-18
Kingsdown Avenue	Land To The East Of Montpelier Road And Land And Garages South Of 75-135 Kingsdown Avenue South Croydon CR2 6QL	Wed 26 Apr 2017	Jan-18	Jun-19

Tollers Lane	Land And Garages At Goodenough Way And Ellis Road Coulsdon CR5 1DX	Fri 23 Jun 2017	Nov-17	Apr-19
Regina Road	Land To The Rear Of 89 - 157 Regina Road South Norwood London SE25 4TR	Thu 20 Apr 2017	Nov-17	Jul-19
Northbrook Road	Land To The East Of 22 - 32 Northbrook Road Croydon CR0 2QL	Fri 07 Apr 2017	Nov-17	Dec-18
Malton House	Land To The Rear Of Malton House 193 Selhurst Road South Norwood SE25 6LE	Fri 07 Apr 2017	Nov-17	Mar-19
Marston Way	Land To The South Of 73 - 131 Marston Way Upper Norwood London SE19 3JB	Thu 01 Jun 2017	Nov-17	Dec-18
Homefield House	57 Homefield Road Coulsdon CR5 1ET	Thu 22 Jun 2017	Nov-17	Mar-19
Cheriton House	20 Chipstead Avenue Thornton Heath CR7 7DG	Thu 01 Jun 2017	Nov-17	Feb-19
Academy Gardens	Land Adjacent To Academy Gardens Croydon CR0 6QH	Thu 01 Jun 2017	Jun-18	Est Apr-19

Tollgate (Malling Close and (Stockbury)	Land Adjacent To Malling Close And Land Adjacent To Stockbury Road, Croydon	Thu 22 Jun 2017	Feb-18	Est Jun-19
Knole Close	Land Adjacent To Knole Close Croydon	Thu 01 Jun 2017	Feb-18	Est Jun-19
Longheath Gardens	Parcels Of Land Adjacent To Longheath Gardens And Long Lane Croydon CR0 1XT	Thu 15 Jun 2017	Dec-17	Est Jun-19
Hermitage Road	Land To The West Of 83, 85 And 113 Hermitage Road Upper Norwood London SE19 3QN	Thu 27 Apr 2017	Jun-18	Est Mar-19
Heathfield Gardens	Land And Garages South West Of The Junction Of Heathfield Road And Coombe Road Croydon CR0 1EL	Fri 23 Jun 2017	Jun-18	Est May-19
Drummond Road	Land North Of The Junction Of Church Street And Drummond Road And Land South East Of The Junction Of Tamworth Place And Drummond Road Croydon CR0 1RL	Tue 11 Jul 2017	Jun-18	Est May-19
Drovers Road	Land South Of 25-39 Drovers Road South Croydon CR2 6PR	Fri 23 Jun 2017	Jun-18	Est Mar-19
Thornloe Gardens	Garage Blocks Rear Of 38 - 40 Thorneloe Gardens Croydon CR0 4EN	Thu 22 Jun 2017	Feb-18	Est Dec-18

Coldharbour Road	Garages R/O 126-130 Coldharbour Road Croydon CR0 4DW	Thu 01 Jun 2017	Feb-18	Est Dec-18
Eagle Hill Garages	Garages South East Of Eagle Hill Upper Norwood London	Thu 01 Jun 2017	Feb-18	Est Jun-19
Oxford Road	Land To The North Of And Including 20-20C Oxford Road Upper Norwood London SE19 3JH	Fri 17 Mar 2017	Jun-18	Est Jun-19
Uvedale Crescent	Land And Garages Rear Of 94 And 96 Uvedale Crescent Croydon CR0 0BQ	Thu 13 Apr 2017	Jun-18	Est Jun-19
King Henry's Drive	Garages To The Rear Of 485 - 487 King Henry's Drive Croydon CR0 0AJ	Fri 07 Apr 2017	TBC	TBC
Warbank Crescent	Land And Existing Demountable Houses To The East Of Warbank Crescent New Addington Croydon CR0 0AZ	Thu 01 Jun 2017	Jun-18	Est Jun-19
Chertsey Crescent	Garages To The Rear Of 122 - 124 Chertsey Crescent Croydon CR0 0DB	Wed 12 Apr 2017	Feb-18	Est Jun-19
Station Road	24 Station Road South Norwood SE25 5AF	Thu 22 Jun 2017	Feb-18	Est Jun-19

As a general rule, we assume that residents will have moved into the new units within 3 months of practical completion although this may be earlier in practice.