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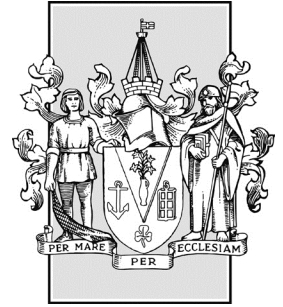
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Dear Councillor

PLACE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - MONDAY, 10TH OCTOBER, 2016

Please find enclosed, for consideration at the next meeting of the Place Scrutiny Committee taking place on Monday, 10th October, 2016, the following report(s) that were unavailable when the agenda was printed.

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Yours faithfully

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PUBLIC QUESTIONS FOR PLACE SCRUTINY

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Question from Mr Steven Kearney to the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Planning & Public Protection Services, Cllr Mark Flewitt

Whether scrutiny committee members are satisfied that the technical work on parking capacity is adequate, given the serious concerns already raised by seafront traders? It is important to be satisfied that this is right because it will have far-reaching consequences on the future of the seafront as a tourism destination and seafront traders have raised serious flaws in the technical work undertaken.

Answer

“The parking survey work was undertaken by Steer Davies Gleave, a nationally respected company specialising in this aspect of research and policy development. The report on parking is informed by actual survey data (surveys using video cameras). These surveys were carried out on the 13th and 15th August 2015 and the 23rd, 25th and 26th March 2016 and the 30th May 2016. Steer Davies Gleave are confident their research is robust and the data is perfectly adequate to inform the preparation of the SCAAP.”

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Question from Mr Steven Kearney to the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Planning & Public Protection Services, Cllr Mark Flewitt

Whether members are satisfied that the proposed policies are going to be effective in ensuring that the seafront remains an attractive destination for visitors, as they would seem to allow for a reduction in accessible spaces in favour of comparatively remote spaces that may not be attractive to visitors of the town, and do not appear to take into account the trip generation of the developments proposed on the car parks.

ANSWER

“It is not correct to say that the policies in the SCAAP would allow the reduction in accessible spaces. The relevant section of the SCAAP says this:

There are currently around 2,600 publicly available car parking spaces south of the railway line serving the seafront and southern parts of Southend Central Area. As a result of the peak capacity issues, as identified by the Parking Study, and to support the vitality and viability of the central seafront area, it is expected that there will be no net loss of public car parking south of the railway line, and where viable and feasible, the Council will seek further provision in association with development (pages 44/45).”

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