

Sheffield South East Local Area Committee public meeting Wednesday 11th Jan 2023

In 2022 about 20% of new car sales were electric. This will increase year by year until 2030 when all new car sales will be exclusively electric.

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“Electric Vehicle Charging Points (New Buildings) Volume 699: debated on Tuesday 13 July 2021” “I am glad that the Government have brought forward to 2030 the date when we ban the sale of new petrol and diesel cars.” “By mandating that all new-build offices and homes have these charging points, we will be able to address a lot of these concerns. Residential users will know that they can charge their cars overnight,” “The Bill is also important because it forces developers to buy into net zero.” Bill read the First time; to be read a Second time on Friday 22 October 2021 and to be printed (Bill 146).

Questions from Michael Meredith:

Question 1:

Please could you explain how Sheffield City Council's planning service intend to incorporate **Government Legislation** with regard to Electric Vehicle Charging Points into The Draft Sheffield Housing Supply Plan.

Question 2:

Will Sheffield South East Local Area Committee be making sure that all new-build offices and homes in Sheffield South East have these charging points? Will new homes on Site E in Owlthorpe be included? The cost of charging point is not excessive. “The Bill is also important because it forces developers to buy into net zero.”

I presented evidence to government inspector O S Woodward regarding building in Owlthorpe.

At the round table event regarding housing supply, I made a number of suggestions and observations.

Attendees to the housing supply round table meeting Inspector O S Woodwards, Richard Sagar Barrister for Avant Homes, Guy Williams Barrister for Sheffield City Council, Roland Bolton Strategic Planning Research Unit, Mrs Stephens Sheffield City Council, Mrs Hull Sheffield City Council, Michael Meredith Ecological Owlthorpe, Mr Woods of (OAG) was invited by the inspector, but declined to attend.

One of my suggestions to the inspector was that Avant Homes should move their project to the disused Aerodrome at Norton, which is a Brownfield site by definition boasting many derelict buildings in need of redevelopment. I thought this would be a win win situation for all concerned and would conform with the statement announced by the then Secretary of State. I believe that government funding was available to retain **Our Owlthorpe award-**

winning oasis which was opened in 2012 by Clive Betts MP for Sheffield South East. The Land management was undertaken and monitored by Natural England by their Higher-Level Stewardship Scheme. Some 795 local school children were involved in the project together with hundreds of members of the local community who now use the oasis on a regular basis. I also believe government funding would be available to redevelop Norton Aerodrome. Guy Williams, Barrister acting for Sheffield City Council, thanked me for trying to obtain funding from two separate government funds.

I suggested that Sheffield (LPA) has concentrated on student accommodation but neglected social housing. I asked what was happening to Park Hill Flats which were built as social housing in the 1960's. Although some of it has been re-developed, Roland Bolton, Strategic Planning Research explained the rest is scheduled to become student accommodation. University students are at university for a short time, three to five years, and after leaving University many graduates do not want to return to the family home. Having experienced a measure of independent living whilst at university many of these post graduates would prefer to live in city centres rather than the suburbs.

Regarding this, I made a suggestion at round table event which I feel is still relevant now. My thought is that as retail properties in the city centre become vacant, they might be converted into residential properties, leaving the ground floor for retail or office use. Properties that have recently become vacant are Debenhams and John Lewis, for instance. Many cities in the UK and around the world are adopting this approach in city centres as an alternative to urban sprawl therefore saving space, reducing transport costs and protecting green spaces in the suburbs. This would factor into the city centre economy and provide a much-needed boost to the existing cafes, restaurants, shops and facilities etc.

Councils around the UK are under pressure to meet government housing supply demands.

Question 3:

Have any feasibility studies been undertaken by Sheffield (LPA) as to whether building in the city Centre would help meet government housing supply demands?

Question 4:

Have any decisions been made about redevelopment of the Aerodrome at Norton? The derelict buildings have now been removed.

Extract from Government Legislation <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-laws-to-guarantee-payment-for-solar-homes-providing-excess-electricity> "New laws to guarantee payment for solar homes providing excess electricity. Homes and green businesses generating renewable and low-carbon electricity to be guaranteed money for power supplied to the grid. The Government is also offering £1000.00 towards costs. Many energy suppliers are offering to install with no upfront costs."

Question 5:

Should it be made compulsory for all new builds to have solar technology as well as car charging point? This would help the grid and reduce energy costs for all residents of new builds.

Thank you for your attention

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