

Questions under Procedure Rule 10

The following question has been submitted by Councillor Martin Wale under Procedure Rule 10:

Whilst I'm sure all members were delighted to learn that SSDC now has a six year supply of housing to satisfy the needs of the Local Plan could an explanation be given for the following questions:-

1. When was the new supply of housing found to be at its current level?
2. During the recent Members Planning Workshops, and as late as mid October, members were being informed that the calculation was between 4.2 and 4.5 years of supply. Can the Council explain how the new 6 year became available in less than two months?
3. If the 6 year supply is now correct how many applications have been allowed, mainly on the lack of 5 year housing supply, which could have been refused as not being acceptable under the Current Local Plan.
4. Would the fact that we did not have a 5 year housing supply have weakened our bid for a 'Stronger Somerset'?