

Kent County Council
Affordable Housing Select Committee

Hearing Day 5

Friday 21st February 2020

Witness Guide for Members

Below are suggested themes and questions. They have been provided in advance to the witnesses to allow them to prepare for the types of issues that Members may be interested to explore. All Members are welcome to ask these questions or pose additional ones to the witnesses via the Committee Chairman.

Themes and Questions

**Mark Pullin, Chief Planning Officer, Ebbsfleet Development Corporation,
and Chair of the Kent Planning Officers Group**

- Please introduce yourself, and please provide an outline of both the Ebbsfleet Development Corporation and the Kent Planning Officers Group and your roles and responsibilities within them.
- In your view, does the range of affordable housing products need expanding?
- Please discuss the impact of the “Help to Buy” scheme on the housing market.
- In your view, are there any issues around the quality of affordable homes?
- Please discuss the potential benefits and challenges, if any, around the construction of affordable homes on smaller sites.
- In your opinion, what more could KCC do to support affordable, specialist housing for older residents and disabled people in Kent?

- In your view, what impact are “viability assessments” having on the supply of affordable housing in Kent?
- What more could KCC do, if anything, to support the delivery and provision of affordable housing in Kent?
- Are there any other issues, with relevance to this review, that you wish to raise with the Committee?