

Public Question to Council on 27th November 2025

1) Question from Mr Alastair Kent

Thousands of houses are in the pipeline for areas of King's Lynn and West Norfolk. Given that present developments such as the Broad Oaks Estate on the edge of Downham Market are likely to be typical, these houses will be built cheek by jowl with tiny gardens and few significant green open spaces where children can play or residents could, for example, develop community gardens or aspire to an allotment. Given that access to such open spaces has been proven to benefit physical and mental health, what requirements will be imposed on developers to ensure that there is significant provision of such green spaces that are proportionate to the size of the development, and not mere tokens too small to be of significant benefit to the community?

2) Question from Mr Andrew Riley

As one of the area's biggest employers, will this administration commit to signing up as a Vanguard employer, showing leadership locally? Will the Leader write to other borough and county council leaders to encourage them to seek Vanguard employer status, particularly in any future establishment of Unitary Council(s) in Norfolk, so that more employers in West Norfolk are encouraged to support residents with thriving, and not just coping, at work?