

Response to the Letter submitted by Mr J R – Staincross

- 1 Within each of the 22 Wards in the borough, what is the population density and in the coming years, 2025-2030-2032 what is the forecast population densities in all these wards.**

Response of the Cabinet Spokesperson for Core Services

There are 21 Wards in total, however, we are unable to obtain data on future population density at a ward level as it is not available. We have checked with the Office of National Statistics and they do not produce subnational population projections at ward level.

- 2 A population increase will bring problems there will be more pressure placed on all the public services on health care, on education and providing and maintaining a safe, clean environment.**

Response of the Cabinet Spokesperson for Children's Services

Barnsley Council have a statutory duty to provide enough school places in the borough to meet the educational needs of children who live in our area.

To help us meet our statutory duty, now and into the future, we make sure that we have all the necessary information upon which to inform our decision and future planning.

Information includes analysis of demographic trends, as well as any housing development and Barnsley's Local Plan.

This ongoing analysis informs us where we may need to increase or decrease the number of school places, both in individual schools and in specific areas of the borough.

Where there is an identified need for a new school, the local authority invites proposals to establish an academy or a free school, a decision that is ultimately taken by the Department for Education.

Response of the Deputy Leader and cabinet spokesperson for Public Health

All partner organisations take a whole systems approach when planning our current and future health services to ensure they meet the needs of our local population. We have robust planning mechanisms in place that help us to assess the overall health needs of our local population and inform how these needs can be met in the most effective way currently and into the future taking into account changes to our population, such as new housing developments.

Response of the Cabinet Spokesperson for Environment and Transport

Barnsley Council have a statutory duty to provide a range on environmental services to collect household and commercial waste and recycling materials and to provide Pest control services for residents and businesses within the borough. In addition, we also provide services to ensure that land that is under the ownership or management of the

Council is kept clean and managed in terms of grass cutting, hedges and tree management.

As the borough's population increases then the services are required to support the additional households and businesses. These are reviewed on a regular basis.

Response of the Cabinet Spokesperson for Adults and Communities

Barnsley Council have a statutory duty, alongside our key statutory agencies, to address crime and disorder in order to maintain a safe borough for our residents. This work is overseen by the Safer Barnsley Partnership which undertakes an annual 'joint strategic intelligence assessment' which informs priority setting. This data-led exercise takes account of rates of crimes by population so any changes in population density would be factored in through this route.

- 3 The Council has a masterplan for building many thousands of homes in specific locations. At these locations, what problems and conditions have been identified and what and when will action be taken to eliminate an unwelcome impact in these communities**

Response of the Cabinet Spokesperson for Place (Environment and Transportation)

The development of the sites covered by Masterplan Frameworks will have a range of impact including environmental ones and the capacity of existing infrastructure. Each Masterplan therefore identifies ways of mitigating and compensating for impacts. Such measures are then expected to be incorporated into planning application submissions. You can read more on our website at www.barnsley.gov.uk/masterplanning