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Cllr B Cutts  
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Dear Councillor Cutts

**Council Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> March and Reconvened 10<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

Thank you for the question you submitted for the above meeting at which I was unfortunately not able to attend. Please find below a written response.

**“With an increasing population in Rotherham why are we building on agricultural land and allotments when it is illegal?”**

The Council adopted the Sites and Policies section of the Local Plan in June 2018. This allocated land for Housing for the next 15 years and was subject to an examination in public in front of an independent Inspector. Some land was released from the Green Belt to accommodate the increasing population, but this is now allocated for housing and would not be illegal to build on.

Some of the land allocated for housing in the Local Plan is statutory allotment land and before planning permission is granted on any of these sites an assessment of the allotments on site and available allotments within the wider area will be essential to determine whether allotment holders can be re-located or must remain in situ in accordance with the Allotments Act 1950.

I hope that the above information is helpful in answering your question.

Yours sincerely,



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