

RUGBY BOROUGH COUNCIL

QUESTION PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 10

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QUESTION H

Councillor Moran to ask the Growth and Investment Portfolio Holder, Councillor Picker:

“Please could the Portfolio Holder ensure an urgent programme of consultation with a cross section of town centre businesses is undertaken, such that the views of key stakeholders can be collated and fed into the Town Centre Working Group at the earliest possible opportunity (and ideally ahead of any substantive decisions being taken) and a means of ongoing consultation be constituted to ensure the consultation process remains as relevant as possible for the duration of the Working Group?”

Councillor Picker, Growth and Investment Portfolio Holder, to reply as follows:

“The Council has consulted extensively with town centre businesses throughout the development of the town centre strategy, and through the business breakfasts held for local businesses.

As Councillor Moran is aware the Town Centre Working Group has been established to deliver on the strategy and is comprised of members across all political parties.

The terms of reference of this group, as agreed by Councillor Moran, is to champion town centre regeneration projects with relevant stakeholders. Any form of consultation is the responsibility of this group and, if agreed by the group would form part of the work programme for the group. I look forward to discussing this during the upcoming meetings.”