

Questions submitted on Notice for the Special Meeting of the Council – Thursday, 20 February 2025

Question No.	Question received from	Respondent	Question	Attending Meeting
1.	Leanne CARROLL	Councillor McEWAN	<p>"The Council owned land at Skerningham which forms part of planning application 24/00772/FULE is part of the equalisation agreement. As I understand it, the Council will deal with any disposal of the land in accordance with the appropriate statutory requirements which apply at the time of the sale. If the land was to be sold right now, for argument's sake, is the statutory requirement which applies at this moment in time Section 123(2a) of the Local Government Act 1972, whereby it would be advertised in two consecutive weeks in our local newspaper, or is the statutory requirement which applies something else?"</p>	No
2.	Jack JAMES	Councillor HARKER	<p>"For far too long the people of Darlington have had to make sacrifices. Sacrifices which are highly impacted by the decisions made here in this chamber and in Westminster.</p> <p>I understand that the Council has very few powers in comparison to the House of Commons but some decisions made in this council are just not in the interest of real working people who contribute to our society.</p> <p>In fact some of the content discussed by this council isn't even relevant to the people of Darlington. For example the motion brought to this council for "an immediate ceasefire in Gaza"</p> <p>I don't think there is any issue in me advocating for a focus on Darlington and nothing else. I agree with Councillor Durham on this issue and thank him for attempting to stop the avoidance of scrutiny from this Labour and Liberal coalition.</p> <p>I want to ask you Councillor Harker why you feel that your colleges should be discussing issues 2,374 miles away from this town whilst pensioners are freezing in their homes and young people are denied opportunities to grow and flourish as we sit here tonight.</p>	Yes

			<p>In the last meeting of this council I discussed our failing town centre and it was conveyed by Councillor McEwan that I was some doubter of our town, I'd like to remind you all that I am also a representative of this town therefore it is my duty to ensure the children I represent are taken seriously by you all.</p> <p>Do you agree with me that scrutiny in this council needs to be improved and the public need better, transparent leaders locally. It's pathetic that the outreach of this councils MTFP which contains £150 million of the public taxpayers money receives less outreach than our Youth Cabinet Children Health and Wellbeing Survey with 569 response from young people.</p> <p>I'm often told I work harder than certain members of this Council and I am inclined to agree on this occasion."</p>	
3.	David JAMES	Councillor WALLIS	"Since taxes are going up, can I assume the safety of children are at the forefront of the reason for that?"	Yes