

## **Marianne Hosken**

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**Subject:** Question at Council Meeting 26th April

Dear Councillors,

Chichester resident Linda Boize will be asking the following question at the City Council Meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> April :-

**My name is Linda Boize and I live in the Southern Gateway area. My question is to do with the Neighbourhood Plan.**

**Councillors Richard Plowman and Julian Joy have stated the process for developing the Plan needs to be restarted, to be inclusive and transparent so that the City's 5 wards' residents, businesses and the like are comprehensively engaged in contributing to the Plan. Richard Eastham of Feria has emphasised that the Plan must not be prescriptive, it must be bottom-up, enabling, giving all 5 Wards a voice to contribute to plans, thereby to build places from local knowledge, aspiration, and collective dreaming.**

**Addressing inclusivity and transparency, at the moment we have the Neighbourhood Plan – Update on Progress as a standard agenda item within the busy monthly Planning and Conservation Committee. Updates have been limited in scope and detail. Similarly, the infrequent Full Council meetings have provided little information. The Facebook page has had very few postings from past and present Steering Committee members. The Chichester Community Network, a voluntary body, introduced Feria to participating members last week. Following this, a few postings have appeared on Facebook. What will the Steering Committee do to harness Facebook information, decide on its relevance, summarise it, put it in context and share it with the wider public ie to include people not using Facebook? All this to put a structure into how Plan activities are reported, dealt with and communicated.**

**What does the Plan's Steering Committee and the City Council, who are leading this project, intend to do to make inclusivity and transparency happen, to what timetable, so that Councillors and the public are properly briefed in a timely way, that questions are raised and considered though discussion, feedback from Feria is fed back, so that it is clear to all that the City Council is firmly in the accountable driving seat?**