

**DEPUTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

A period of not more than fifteen minutes shall be allowed at each ordinary meeting for the hearing of depositions from members of the public. Each deposition may be heard for a maximum of five minutes following which the Cabinet Member may speak in response. The deposition will be thanked for attending and its subject matter noted.

**(a) Deputation concerning development of the former Caffyns site at 227-233 Preston Road – Mr Russell Gotham (Spokesperson)**

“Can the Cabinet Member for Planning, Employment, Economy & Regeneration instruct officers to work with ward councillors and residents in preparing a development brief for the former Caffyns site at 227-233 Preston Road?”

The Local residents steering group has expressed the view that any development on the site (bearing in mind the pre-Caffyns situation, its juxtaposition to Preston Village, and the fact that it is on the gateway to Brighton) should be of high design, small scale, and with low impact on the community (including parking). Uses meeting these criteria could be live/work units, craft workshops, or small retail units with accommodation, all of which would have the added advantage of generating economic benefits.

Bearing in mind the last meeting of the Planning Committee, where the undertaking was given to consult residents in the Village, the group also feels that suggestions meeting these criteria should be put by the Council to a specially convened meeting, perhaps at Knoyle Hall or Clermont Church.”

