

**WAVERLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

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**Item 7. Questions from Members received in accordance with Procedure Rule 11.**

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**The following question has been received from Cllr Jerry Hyman:**

“In respect of Cllr Macleod’s response to my Question to the Executive, on p34 of the Council Agenda papers, I am grateful for the confirmation that the Executive accepts that appropriate assessment of proposed and/or available mitigation is required before residential consents in the vicinity of their TBH and WH SPAs can be lawfully granted.

Please confirm that no such assessment yet exists, and hence consents cannot be granted lawfully until such assessment is available.

Thank you.”

**Response from the Leader:**

“The appropriate assessments you refer to are carried out lawfully and in consultation with Natural England. For this reason, planning consents affected will continue to be granted lawfully. The answer given to your question to the Executive on 8 October 2019 provides further detail in this respect and on Habitats generally. Please also note that external Counsel is giving an all-Councillor training on EIA and Habitats on 6 November, where time will be allowed for questions from Councillors.”