

COUNCIL MEETING – 29 NOVEMBER 2016
QUESTION FROM ELECTOR UNDER PROCEDURE RULE 9

1. From Mr Carl Butler to Councillor Munawar

Slough High Street has developed a reputation among British locales and press as a terrible shopping centre. It is now overloaded with pound and polish shops, all of which look dirty and cheap and offer tatty retail experiences. Alongside this, large retail names have and continue to do a mass exodus out of the high street. I and many others no longer come to Slough as I have no interest in buying £1 items from bargain bins or shopping in Eastern European food stores and now head to superior shopping destinations such as Uxbridge, Reading or Staines.

Do the council have any plans to revitalise the high street and return to a quality shopping centre?

Reply

This question could not have been received at a more appropriate time. ADIA have just completed the £130 million purchase of the Queensmere and Observatory Shopping centres which includes Wellington House.

I am delighted these sites have been acquired by ADIA and we are looking forward to working with an organisation that shares our vision and our commitment to transforming the town centre.

This announcement and redevelopment of the centres that will follow will complement our current and future investment in the town centre and will contribute to creating a modern, attractive space.

We have been working behind the scenes for some time to assist ADIA and its great to finally be able to share this good news with residents.

We want to see a town centre with a mix of retail, leisure and high quality residential living that makes Slough a place where people want to live, work, shop and do business and we welcome ADIA to Slough.