

QUESTIONS TO CABINET MEMBERS

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CQ020-19 from Councillor Andrew Pelling**Councillor Tony Newman**

Please detail the highlights and successes of each of the authority's visits to MIPIM Cannes since 2015 including any entities owned by or partnered with the authority.

Reply

MIPIM is a prime opportunity to engage with the property industry to promote Croydon as a credible and attractive place to invest and develop. Croydon partners with the local development community through 'Develop Croydon' to communicate a strong and clear message of being open for business and collaboration to bring growth and regeneration to Croydon. By consistent attendance Croydon has built developer confidence and maintains the borough's profile to be front and central as a location of choice for investment within the development community. Croydon has positioned itself as an innovative, big thinking and bold borough with a clear direction of travel that has been successful in changing previously poor perceptions of the borough which is now evidenced by the current plethora of cranes and construction sites throughout the borough. This has resulted in the delivery of 9932 new homes since 2014/15. Senior officers have actively promoted Croydon through securing speaking opportunities on panels and debates and being available to delegates on the Croydon stand. They have highlighted specific key messaging around Fairfield Halls refurbishment, Croydon's cultural offer, the creation of Brick by Brick, design quality, delivery and implementation, the Whitgift redevelopment, education and the Creative Campus.

CQ021-19 from Councillor Andrew Pelling**Councillor Tony Newman**

Please detail the significant commercial transactions closed by the authority at each of the visits to MIPIM Cannes since 2015.

Reply

MIPIM provides the opportunity for Croydon officers, developers and investors to make new contacts, reaffirm relationships and exchange information and intelligence. Regeneration and development is by its nature a long and complex process, often taking many years to come to fruition; with trust and confidence critical components to actually delivering schemes. The many major schemes now on site in Croydon town centre that have started since 2015, whilst not directly attributable to attendance at MIPIM, are the result of confidence by the development community in Croydon Council, which has been nurtured through MIPIM attendance. Significant schemes on site now, not including those with extant planning consents are;

- Menta Morello Phase 1 and 2 Cherry Orchard Road
 - Greystar and Tide Construction 101 George Street
 - Pocket Living Addiscombe Grove
 - Bellways Dingwall Road
 - Carolyn House Dingwall Road
 - Leon House High Street
 - Skillcrown Cairo New Road
 - College Tower College Road
 - Hub Taberner House
 - R&F Queens Square
 - The Waldrons
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CQ018-19 from Councillor Andrew Pelling

Councillor Paul Scott (Job Share)

For each of the financial years 2017-18 and 2018-19 please advise of the number of planning applications received by the authority, the number of these applications securing approval, the number refused, the number withdrawn and the number pending.

Reply

Below are the number of planning applications received by the authority, the number securing approval, the number refused, the number withdraw and the number pending.

2017/18

Received - 5448
Approved - 3854
Refused - 589
Withdrawn - 259
Pending – 44

2018/19

Received - 5259
Approved - 3565
Refused - 389
Withdrawn – 221
Pending - 469

CQ019-19 from Councillor Robert Canning

Councillor Paul Scott (Job Share)

What regulations, standards or guidance apply in respect of the provision of fire prevention measures and fire escapes where houses are converted into self-contained flats?

Reply

The Building Regulations 2010 (as amended) apply. Especially Part B Fire Safety where the Approved documents contain guidance on how to achieve compliance with the actual regulations. (links below)

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2010/2214/contents/made>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/approved-documents>

https://www.planningportal.co.uk/info/200135/approved_documents/63/part_b_-_fire_safety