

**Question and Statement from Members of the Public
County Council – 8 November 2018**

Question

Question from Mark White, Resident of Gillingham to the Cabinet Member for Community and Resources and Natural and Built Environment in relation to proposed demolition of St Martins House in Gillingham

Question:

This Council wishes to demolish St Martins House in Gillingham. The building is locally listed with the District Council as a heritage asset and is given the same level of importance in the Gillingham Neighbourhood Plan. The Plan, supported by Gillingham Town Council reflects the wishes of the people of Gillingham with regard to future development. It was ratified by the District Council in July 2018 after a 91% approval from a local referendum. Given the level of opposition to the loss of St Martins, will this Council rescind the Demolition Notice and commence a full public consultation?

Statement

Statement from Peter Sibthorp, Chairman of the Ridge Moors Action Group in relation to the Moors at Arne

I am here to alert you to some of the potential risks.
Ridge Moors Action Group represents around 200 people from Ridge.

TRAFFIC

The single track roads will be overwhelmed by construction and visitor traffic.

FLOOD RISK

This will be made worse as the sponge like capacity of The Moors to absorb rainwater will be much reduced and there will be insufficient room for water.

SILTING

The planned River Frome breach at Turners Cove will cause silting to occur which will reduce depths of water thus limiting navigation to Wareham.