

## **COUNCIL – 8 JULY 2010**

### **QUESTIONS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL**

#### **QUESTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR PAPWORTH TO THE CABINET MEMBER – REGENERATION (COUNCILLOR MAHER)**

"Is the Cabinet Member aware of the widespread concern as to the proposed redevelopment at Crosby, and can he say what steps will be taken to protect existing businesses in the immediate area?"

#### **RESPONSE BY THE CABINET MEMBER – REGENERATION**

"Clearly, I am concerned about any potential loss of jobs in Sefton, but recognise that the proposal for Crosby submitted by Sainsburys, will bring significant investment to an ailing district centre and also new jobs in the new food store. It also provides opportunities for additional jobs in the conversion of the old Sainsburys building and in the replacement space along the realigned Moor Lane.

Obviously the Planning Committee will consider the planning application before coming to its decision will take into account all material planning considerations. During negotiations the applicant has been made fully aware of the views of officers, traders and local residents. These have included concerns for the future of existing shops within the centre. Whilst planning permission, if granted, may include conditions to support local businesses through the construction phase, matters concerning estate management are for Sainsburys and individual occupiers. However, we have done everything practical to encourage dialogue between all interested parties, which hopefully will result in a sensible resolution of these matters."