



Request

A1) What menu is Cllr Ready referring to when he cites "£100 steaks"

A2) Does his reference to "£100 steaks" confirm that you have received details from potential suppliers from a procurement process?

If yes, are menus included & do these include any "£100 steaks"?

If yes, how many suppliers are being considered?

If no, how can Cllr Ready go on public record with his personal opinion. Does this not go against the Councillors Code of Conduct regarding being open minded & not interfering with the procurement process?

If no, does his public comment give a potential supplier insight into what kind of offering an individual Cllr may favour?

B- Cllr Ready made the following comment "I don't want people looking through the window at rich people eating"

B1) Cllr Ready refers to "I", should this not be "we"?

B2) Does his personal comment demonstrate he has been given the sole responsibility of deciding who will win the procurement process?

B3) Has a supplier already been offered the contract / won the procurement process?

B4) Does his comment not risk alienating visitors from outside of Wigan, who may read his comment on a national news site, & feel they are not welcome here?

B5) Please can you ask him for his definition of "rich"? At what price point would a visitor / diner be deemed "rich"?

Response

These are not valid FOI questions as they are not requests for recorded information.

No "supplier" has been offered the contract. There will be an open tender process from spring 2026

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C - The hospitality offering has changed since the Masterplan was revealed. The funding for levelling up stage 2 states that the plan was overwhelmingly accepted during consultation.

C1) When & how were the new plans shared with the public?

A publicly accessible planning application was submitted in October 2025 detailing all internal plans for the hall including the hospitality offer

C2) If shared with the public, how was the results of any consultation recorded & what was the outcome?

No further public consultation has been undertaken

C3) If not shared with the public then are you now not contradicting the basis on BBC which the funding was granted - support? How can support be given to something that has not been shared / consulted on?

Please see response to point C1 in relation to the publicly accessible planning application

C4) The funding specifically references our group as the Council winning round support yet this was for the original Masterplan & we have not been consulted on the new plans. Again, does this not contradict the basis on how the development was portrayed & how funding was requested / achieved?

Further public consultation was not required. We are delivering against the objectives set out in our Levelling Up application.