

**Council 29 January 2008**

**Motion 8.6 in the name of Councillor Brian Coleman**

**Amendment: Councillor Wayne Casey**

Delete the fourth paragraph from the end beginning...

“Therefore, Council is appalled...” and ending “on suburban streets.”

And replace with the following three paragraphs:

“Council notes that the Liberal Democrat candidate for Mayor of London, Brian Paddick, has condemned the use of bendy buses in Central London for their poor manoeuvrability and the part they play in increasing congestion. Council also notes that Brian Paddick would redeploy these vehicles onto straight roads, away from residential areas and away from areas with existing congestion problems – in short away from Boroughs like Barnet & Camden.

“Council contrasts this practical and deliverable approach with the ill thought out fantasy scheme of Tory Boris Johnson – which would consign these buses to the scrapheap, wasting millions of pounds of taxpayers’ money, and replace them with a so-called redesign for the Routemaster (which has yet to move from the concept to design stage and for which there are no development costs included in any budget proposals from the Conservative Party). Council notes that this silly scheme could only have come from someone who is not a serious candidate for the position of London Mayor.

“The Council asserts that the post of Mayor of London is a serious job for a serious Londoner.”

All else to remain the same except for the removal of all the words in the penultimate paragraph starting with “and could be replaced...”

Council, Tuesday 29 January, 2008

Amendment in the name of Cllr Kath McGuirk to motion in the name of Cllr Brian Coleman.

Under Standing Order Part 4, Section 1, 31.5: if my item is not dealt with by the end of the meeting I ask that it be voted upon at the council meeting.

No Bendy Buses in Barnet

Delete all after "Council notes..." and insert:

"...that articulated ("bendy") buses were introduced by the Mayor of London, Ken Livingstone, in 2002, and not in 2004 as claimed by Cllr Coleman.

Council also notes that, contrary to Cllr Coleman's claims, Bendy Buses replaced Routemasters on only 3 routes (12, 38 and 73), with the majority of Routemaster buses replaced by the popular wheelchair accessible double decker buses.

Council further notes that, according to the facts, Bendy Buses are at least as safe as other types of buses; that Bendy Buses do not in fact operate on the 10 routes where most accidents take place in London; and that only four fires occurred on Bendy Buses between 2003 and 2005 compared to 22 fires on other types of buses in 2006 alone.

Council notes that articulated buses were introduced only on the very busiest of routes in order to expedite the quicker movement of larger numbers of people than is possible on other buses, and that their replacement with double-deckers including new 'Routemasters' would result in at least 200 more buses on the network, which would cause more congestion, increase carbon emissions and mean longer journey times.

Council recognises that it is already a matter of public record that the Mayor of London, Ken Livingstone will not introduce Bendy Buses in the suburbs – including Barnet.

Since the replacement of Bendy Buses with Routemasters could cost £hundreds of millions, Council asks the Chief Executive to write to the Conservative Candidate for Mayor of London and ask him to reconsider his ill-conceived policy or provide exact costings for his scheme - which he has so far failed to do - so that Barnet residents may judge the impact on their fares, services and council tax for themselves."