

<p><b><u>MEETING</u></b></p> <p><b>COUNCIL</b></p>
<p><b><u>DATE AND TIME</u></b></p> <p><b>TUESDAY 6 NOVEMBER, 2012</b></p> <p><b>AT 7.00 PM</b></p>
<p><b><u>VENUE</u></b></p> <p><b>HENDON TOWN HALL, THE BURROUGHS, NW4 4BG</b></p>

Dear Councillors,

Please find enclosed additional papers relating to the following items for the above mentioned meeting agenda.

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## **Administration Business Item – 3.1: Councillor Helena Hart**

### Barnet & Chase Farm Hospitals NHS Trust

Amendment in the name of Councillor Arjun Mittra

AGENDA ITEM 3.1

#### **Insert before last paragraph:**

Council believes that the financial viability and sustainability of Barnet & Chase Farm Hospitals would be less in doubt were it not for the:

- completely unnecessary £3bn top-down NHS re-organisation that was in neither the Conservatives election manifesto nor the coalition agreement;
- £20bn of NHS cuts from this coalition government
- break-up of the NHS into competing units
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Council asks for a properly resourced scrutiny panel to gather evidence of the likely effect in Barnet of the NHS changes which should report its findings to Council on 5th March next year.

#### **Substantive Business Item to read:**

Council welcomes the decision of Barnet & Chase Farm Hospitals NHS Trust to seek to partner with another NHS organisation in order to create a clinically excellent and financially sustainable NHS Foundation Trust

Noting that the Royal Free London NHS Foundation Trust was the only appropriate NHS Trust both to fulfil the necessary criteria – particularly that of the successful implementation of the BEH Clinical Strategy – and to express an interest in considering such a partnership, Council would very much like to welcome and support the principle of such a partnership and the progression to a full Business Case for consideration by the respective Trust Boards and the SHA.

This Council has a long history of support for both the Royal Free and Barnet & Chase Farm hospitals and for much greater partnership working between them – our submission of the Barnet Option for the BEH Clinical Strategy being a prime example of this. This is based not only on the essential part both institutions play in the provision of Acute hospital services for the people of Barnet but on the integral part they both play in the broader health economy of the Borough and to our dedication to the provision of high quality integrated health and social care for local residents.

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Council asks for a properly resourced scrutiny panel to gather evidence of the likely effect in Barnet of the NHS changes which should report its findings to Council on 5th March next year.

In the interests of securing a safe viable and sustainable future not only for Barnet and Chase Farm Hospitals but also for the very many opportunities that such a partnership would bring for the continued clinical excellence and sustainability of the Royal Free London NHS Foundation Trust itself, Council requests that the Cabinet Member writes to the Chairman of both the Royal Free and Barnet & Chase Farm Hospitals expressing our firm support for such a partnership.

## **Administration Business Item – 3.1: Councillor Helena Hart**

### Barnet & Chase Farm Hospitals NHS Trust

Amendment in the name of Councillor Barry Rawlings

#### **Add at the end:**

Council also asks that officers work with the relevant agencies to ensure that the properly funded Primary Care Strategy is implemented and that transport links between all three hospitals are enhanced, including the possible introduction of a bus route from East Finchley to the Royal Free Hospital, all as a matter of urgency.

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**Opposition Business Item – 3.2: Councillor Alan Schneiderman**

Christmas parking boost for Barnet's town centres

Amendment in the name of Councillor Pauline Coakley Webb

AGENDA ITEM 3.2

**Add at the end:**

Council notes that at least 130 commercial properties owned by LB Barnet are not “in use” and calls on Cabinet to actively work with our local traders on bringing empty properties and shop fronts into use and on economic regeneration initiatives to support our Town Centres including potential Business Improvement Districts.

**Substantive Business Item to read:**

Council notes the eye-watering parking charge increases that have been introduced in Barnet, and the introduction of cashless parking which has resulted in fewer people shopping in our town centres and more and more local traders and businesses suffering as a consequence.

Council believes we need to be doing all we can to support our town centres and our local traders and businesses, especially during the Christmas and New Year sales period, and so Council asks Cabinet to introduce a “Free after 3 and all day weekends” Christmas and New Year parking sale in our town centres to run from 1 December 2012 until 7 January 2013.

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**Opposition Business Item – 3.2: Councillor Alan Schneiderman**

Christmas parking boost for Barnet's town centres

Amendment in the name of Councillor Dean Cohen

**Amend first sentence to read:**

Council notes the many factors affecting our high streets across the country.

**Amend second sentence to read:-**

However, Council believes we need to be doing all we can to support our town centres and our local traders and businesses, especially during the Christmas and New Year sales period.”

**Substantive item to read:**

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**Non Executive Business Item – 3.3: Councillor Pauline Coakley Webb**

Road Safety Strategy in Barnet

Amendment in the name of Councillor Andreas Ioannidis

AGENDA ITEM 3.3

**Add after penultimate paragraph:**

As part of any road safety review, and not excluding any other streets, Council believes LB Barnet should look at whether safety measures are required in the following streets:

Chase Way (Brunswick Park)

Brunswick Park Road (Brunswick Park)

Arlington Road (Brunswick Park)

Hampden Way (Brunswick Park)

Osidge Lane (Brunswick Park)

Parkside Gardens (Brunswick Park)

Silkstream Road at the junction of Barnfield Road (Burnt Oak)

Stirling Corner (Underhill)

Colindeep Lane (Colindale)

Nether Street, between Courthouse Gdns and Alexander Grove (West Finchley)

Park Road (West Hendon)

Beaufort Drive (Garden Suburb)

Glenhurst Road, between Friern Park and Torrington Park (Woodhouse)

Oakhampton (Woodhouse)

Ashurst Road (Woodhouse)

Squires Lane (Woodhouse & West Finchley)

Granville Road (Woodhouse)

Bramber Road (Woodhouse)

Lewis Road (Woodhouse)

Windsor Drive (East Barnet)

**Substantive Business Item to read:**

Council notes that Barnet has the second highest number of casualties from road traffic accidents in London, with 1,382 casualties last year – although there has been a reduction compared with the year before.

Council notes the recent call by local residents and councillors at Resident's Forums and Area Environment Sub Committees for road safety measures in numerous locations in Barnet, but that the administration does not appear to have any overall

strategy for road safety across the Borough that is properly thought through and resourced.

In particular, Council notes that the Road Safety TFG has only met once so far, that no borough wide assessment of road safety has been done, and that no consistent system is in place for prioritising and agreeing what schemes are required and in which locations – which has led to some schemes being pursued against residents' wishes (eg Russell Lane).

Council calls on Cabinet to allocate enough resources to allow the Road Safety TFG to complete its work as soon as possible. Nevertheless, Cabinet should produce a Borough Road Safety Strategy, which also needs to be properly resourced, as a matter of urgency.

As part of any road safety review, and not excluding any other streets, Council believes LB Barnet should look at whether safety measures are required in the following streets:

Chase Way (Brunswick Park)

Brunswick Park Road (Brunswick Park)

Arlington Road (Brunswick Park)

Hampden Way (Brunswick Park)

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Nether Street, between Courthouse Gdns and Alexander Grove (West Finchley)

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Glenhurst Road, between Friern Park and Torrington Park (Woodhouse)

Oakhampton (Woodhouse)

Ashurst Road (Woodhouse)

Squires Lane (Woodhouse & West Finchley)

Granville Road (Woodhouse)

Bramber Road (Woodhouse)

Lewis Road (Woodhouse)

Windsor Drive (East Barnet)

Council also notes that later this month Road Safety Week will be taking place, and asks Cabinet to advise what they will be doing for this event to publicise road safety in Barnet.

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**Non Executive Business Item – 3.3: Councillor Pauline Coakley Webb**

Road Safety Strategy in Barnet

Amendment in the name of Councillor Dean Cohen

**Amend first sentence to read:**

Council notes that in Barnet with reference to the number of casualties from road traffic accidents there has been a sizeable reduction compared with the year before.

**And replace the wording that follows with:-**

Council applauds the efforts of the administration to improve road safety in the borough.

Council further urges the administration to continue their good work in working closely with TFL to bring forward schemes such as the very successful and welcomed Henley's corner scheme.

Council encourages the administration to continue to bring forward what ever measures can reasonably be applied in improving road safety in the borough.

**Substantive Business Item to read:**

Council notes that in Barnet with reference to the number of casualties from road traffic accidents there has been a sizeable reduction compared with the year before.

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**Non Executive Business Item – 3.4: Councillor Arjun Mitra**

Horace White Memorial Bench

Amendment in the name of Councillor Andreas Ioannidis

AGENDA ITEM 3.4

**Add at the end:**

Council also asks Cabinet to appeal to the public for donations to help fund the Memorial to Horace.

**Substantive Business Item to read:**

Council notes with sadness the passing of Finchley legend Horace White whose funeral this month was attended by over 400 people.

Council asks Cabinet to fund and deliver a fitting tribute to Horace in the form of a Memorial Bench to be placed in an appropriate location in Finchley.

Council also asks Cabinet to appeal to the public for donations to help fund the Memorial to Horace.

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 on at the meeting.

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**Non Executive Business Item – 3.4: Councillor Arjun Mittra**

Horace White Memorial Bench

Amendment in the name of Councillor Brian Salinger

**Delete the 2nd paragraph and substitute**

Council considers that a fitting tribute to Horace would be a memorial bench (or benches in North and East Finchley). However Council does not consider that it would be appropriate to spend public money on such a bench. .

Council notes that Councillor Brian Salinger has invited Councillor Mittra to find the cost of the bench from their own resources on 50/50 basis.

**Substantive Business Item to read:**

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Council considers that a fitting tribute to Horace would be a memorial bench (or benches in North and East Finchley). However Council does not consider that it would be appropriate to spend public money on such a bench.

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**Non Executive Business Item – 3.4: Councillor Arjun Mittra**

Horace White Memorial Bench

Amendment in the name of Councillor Jack Cohen

**delete second paragraph and substitute with:**

Council notes that Horace was a popular personality in and around North Finchley and beyond. In particular Council notes that Horace spent many hours inside Sainsbury and outside MacDonald's. Council asks cabinet to fund ( seeking contributions from local businesses , especially Sainsbury and McDonalds) and deliver a fitting tribute to Horace in the form of a Memorial Bench in an appropriate location in Finchley.

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## **Non Executive Business Item – 3.5: Councillor Pauline Coakley Webb**

### Friern Barnet Library

Amendment in the name of Councillor Anne Hutton

AGENDA ITEM 3.5

#### **Delete after “go to a full trial” and replace with:**

Council believes that the Conservatives’ Library Strategy is now in tatters following the announcement that LB Barnet is withdrawing its proposal to develop a Landmark Library at the artsdepot as a replacement Library for Friern Barnet Library.

Council notes that the decision to close Friern Barnet Library was only taken on the basis that the Library services there would be transferred to the Landmark Library at the artsdepot.

Council also notes the potential adverse impacts of closing Friern Barnet Library on all the community, and those specifically listed in the Library Strategy Equalities Impact Assessment including:

- impact on current library users who are older, have mobility challenges or a disability, travel with children, or prefer to walk to a local branch.
- impact on those with disabilities who, under the new model of service provision, cannot access public or private transport to reach a library site and are also not eligible for the home library service.
- impact on the proportion of Black and Minority Ethnic groups and those with disabilities or mental health conditions who are currently using Friern Barnet library.

Council further notes that the Library Strategy Equalities Impact Assessment said

“The development of the Landmark Library model as part of the proposed library strategy aims to mitigate a range of the impacts noted above.”

Council believes that now that the Landmark Library at artsdepot has been abandoned, LB Barnet should re-open Friern Barnet Library.

Council asks Cabinet to mediate with the Library campaigners to achieve a permanently re-opened council run Friern Barnet Library as soon as possible.

#### **Substantive Business Item to read:**

Council notes the extraordinary events that have unfolded since the Conservative administration closed Friern Barnet Library in April under the One Barnet programme. These events include:

- Over 4,300 residents signing a “re-open Friern Barnet Library” petition.
- The failure of the administration to open a Landmark Library at the artsdepot that was supposed to be a replacement Library for Friern Barnet residents.

- The occupation of the Library by campaigners who have re-built the book stock from donations from the public and are opening the Library to the community.
- The Library campaigners making it known to the Council that they want a Library in Friern Barnet.
- The moves by LB Barnet to evict the Library campaigners who are occupying Friern Barnet Library, and the Judge's view that it was in the public interest for the matter to go to a full trial.

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## **Non Executive Business Item – 3.5: Councillor Pauline Coakley Webb**

### Friern Barnet Library

Amendment in the name of Councillor Kath McGuirk

#### **Add at the end**

Council believes that the Library Strategy is now in tatters and calls on the Cabinet Member, Councillor Robert Rams, to resign.

#### **Substantive Business Item to read:**

Council notes the extraordinary events that have unfolded since the Conservative administration closed Friern Barnet Library in April under the One Barnet programme. These events include:

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Council believes that it would be better to keep the Library at Friern Barnet open than continue spending the huge sums of money on the 4th floor Library with very limited opening hours that LB Barnet has opened at the artsdepot as a temporary solution to the closure of Friern Barnet Library.

Council also believes LB Barnet should enter into mediation with the residents and Library campaigners occupying Friern Barnet Library to find a solution acceptable to all

in order to save on costly legal and court fees.

Council asks Cabinet to instruct officers to enter into this recommended mediation with immediate effect

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## **Non Executive Business Item – 3.5: Councillor Pauline Coakley Webb**

### Friern Barnet Library

Amendment in the name of Councillor Robert Rams

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Delete under the One Barnet programme and replace with

“Due to financial problems caused by the previous government.

Adds the word “Notes”

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Delete to end and replace with “It thanks officer for all their hard work for trying to make the Library in the Artsdepot happen but highlights its frustration towards the Artsdepot organisation who were initially very welcoming to the project but for some reason changed their mind.

Furthermore the council is disappointed in the financial situation left by the previous government which means we have to make tough choices for our library service but welcome the investment in new stock, that we are opening our libraries for longer and will make every primary school child a member of our library service.

Council further notes what is happening in other library services across London;

Barking and Dagenham have closed three libraries and by April 2014 will only have two council run libraries

Brent have closed 6 Libraries

Ealing have cut their opening hours by 9%

Islington have cut their opening hours by 11%.

And is pleased that we have not let this happen in Barnet.

The Council welcomes the investment that is now going to happen in North Finchley Library.

**Substantive Business Item to read**

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- The Library campaigners making it known to the Council that they want a Library in Friern Barnet.

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## **Non Executive Business Item – 3.6: Councillor Melvin Cohen**

### Safeguards to permitted development

Amendment in the name of Councillor Anita Campbell

AGENDA ITEM 3.6

#### **Change first sentence to read:**

Council notes Cllr Melvin Cohen's desire to urge the government to introduce safeguards that will protect suburbia when making changes to what is allowed by permitted development, but believes this does not go far enough.

#### **And add after:**

Council endorses the Member's Item in my name unanimously passed by the Planning & Environment Committee that expressed concerns about:

- Plans to strip individual local councils of responsibility for planning if they are deemed to be too slow to approve developments - a move that Conservative Chair of the Local Government Association described as "a blow to local democracy."
- Suggestions from the Chancellor, George Osborne, that the rules on building on the greenbelt should be relaxed (denied by Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, Eric Pickles at Conservative Party Conference).
- Proposals to allow larger home and business extensions (almost double the size) without planning permission.

Council notes that:

- The Planning and Environment Committee believe these suggestions and proposals are an attack on local democracy and Localism, they will result in an attack on green and open spaces, and the greenbelt, they will set resident against resident (in the case of larger extensions), and they should be opposed at all costs.

Some local authorities have already stated their opposition to these proposals, including Richmond, who are seeking ways to defy any new legislation on allowing larger extensions without planning permission.

- The Planning & Environment Committee opposes the government's current proposals on larger extensions without planning permission, including plans in the government's consultation.
- The Planning & Environment Committee requested that the Leader write to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government relaying their views and concerns.

- The Planning & Environment Committee RESOLVED – That the Leader of the Council write to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government relaying the Committee's views and concerns.

Council calls on the Leader to write this letter as a matter of urgency.

**Substantive Business Item to read:**

Council notes Cllr Melvin Cohen's desire to urge the government to introduce safeguards that will protect suburbia when making changes to what is allowed by permitted development, but believes this does not go far enough.

Council endorses the Member's Item in my name unanimously passed by the Planning & Environment Committee that expressed concerns about:

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Some local authorities have already stated their opposition to these proposals, including Richmond, who are seeking ways to defy any new legislation on allowing larger extensions without planning permission.

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- The Planning & Environment Committee RESOLVED – That the Leader of the Council write to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government relaying the Committee’s views and concerns.

Council calls on the Leader to write this letter as a matter of urgency.

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## **Non Executive Business Item – 3.6: Councillor Melvin Cohen**

### Safeguards to permitted development

Amendment in the name of Councillor Jack Cohen

#### **add;**

Council note in particular that the Planning and Environment Committee at its latest meeting unanimously voiced its opposition to the Government Proposals to permit house extension up to 8 meters without the need for planning permission. Council notes that other Councils such as Richmond and such as Sutton are already drawing up plans to circumvent proposed regulations as well as openly opposing these Government proposals. Council therefore;

1. calls on Cabinet to draw up robust policies to ensure that in Barnet there are no changes to current permitted Development and;
- 2 requests that the Chief Executive writes to the relevant Secretary Of State on behalf of Council opposing these changes to permitted development.

#### **Substantive Business Item to read:**

Council urges the government to introduce safeguards that will protect suburbia when making changes to what is allowed by permitted development.

Council note in particular that the Planning and Environment Committee at its latest meeting unanimously voiced its opposition to the Government Proposals to permit house extension up to 8 meters without the need for planning permission. Council notes that other Councils such as Richmond and such as Sutton are already drawing up plans to circumvent proposed regulations as well as openly opposing these Government proposals. Council therefore;

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**Non Executive Business Item – 3.7: Councillor Andrew Strongolou**

NSCSO

Amendment in the name of Councillor Alison Moore

AGENDA ITEM 3.7

**Change first sentence to read:**

Council notes that Councillor Andrew Strongolou believes the procurement process for NSCSO is going so well and that he looks forward to an early conclusion of said.

**And add after:**

However, Council has no information to suggest that the procurement process for NSCSO is going well as the whole process has been mired in secrecy.

Council therefore wishes to wait until recommendations are published before drawing any conclusions.

Council asks that before any decision is taken by Cabinet on either the NSCSO or DRS service bundles, all councillors should have detailed information about the process that has been followed, the details of the proposals and governance implications, and an opportunity to debate these prior to Cabinet taking the decision to proceed.

**Substantive Business Item to read:**

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Council therefore wishes to wait until recommendations are published before drawing any conclusions.

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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.

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**Non Executive Business Item – 3.7: Councillor Andrew Strongolou**

NSCSO

Amendment in the name of Councillor Jack Cohen

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**And add after:-**

Council believes that the Administration must take into account the real fears of residents, employees, and many Members of Council that the process is flawed and will lead to unacceptable risk taking.

**Substantive Business Item to read:**

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**Non Executive Business Item – 3.8: Councillor John Marshall**

No increase in Council Tax in 2013-14

Amendment in the name of Councillor Alison Moore

AGENDA ITEM 3.8

**Change first sentence to read:**

Council notes the announcement by George Osborne that the government will fund a freezing of Council tax in 2013-14.

**And add after:**

Council also notes the introduction of the Pickles' Poll Tax which will mean many Barnet residents on low incomes, single parent families and vulnerable and disabled individuals will be forced to pay more council tax.

Council further notes that this comes into force next April, on the same day Chancellor George Osborne cuts the tax bill for thousands of millionaires by £40,000, so those self-same millionaires who will be getting the £40,000 tax rebate will also see a freeze in their council tax, while those on low incomes and vulnerable residents who can least afford it will effectively get a council tax increase.

Council believes this shows that we are not "all in it together".

Council asks the Leader to write to George Osborne and Eric Pickles demanding that they withdraw this new 'Poll Tax' proposal so that those who are in lower paid jobs do not face a demand for more council tax.

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## **Non Executive Business Item – 3.10: Councillor Anita Campbell**

### Stirling Corner

Amendment in the name of Councillor David Longstaff

AGENDA ITEM 3.10

#### **Insert after first paragraph**

Council notes that on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012 the residents of Arkley organised a 'Meet your Local Representatives' evening. The Conservative councillors of High Barnet and Underhill, along with the MP for Chipping Barnet and two members of the local Police Safer Neighbourhood Team met with residents. Those present agreed to pursue extended hours of operation for the Stirling Corner traffic lights. The Conservative local councillors then contacted the new GLA member, the new Cabinet Member and the interim Director of Environment, Planning and Regeneration in pursuit of this request.

Replace 'open' with 'further pursue' in next sentence:

Council asks the Cabinet Member to further **pursue** discussions with Hertsmere Council and Transport for London for urgent safety improvements to take place; and to look at the following:

- Extended hours of traffic light operation
- Safer pedestrian crossing
- Safety measures for cyclists

#### **Amend 4<sup>th</sup> bullet point**

- Safety for cars joining the roundabout from Barnet Lane, Barnet Road and Stirling Way.

the issue is about joining the roundabout, not leaving it; and adding Stirling Way, which is the service road for Morrisons and Screwfix et al where traffic movements have increased.

#### **Replace final paragraph with:**

Council asks the Leader to support this request and sign a cross party letter including the Chipping Barnet MP, Cabinet Member, the local councillors concerned and the GLA Member asking the Mayor of London for action.

#### **Substantive Business Item to read:**

Council acknowledges that all local Councillors, of all parties who represent the areas adjacent to Stirling Corner are in agreement that further safety measures need to be implemented.

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