

<b><u>MEETING</u></b>
<b>COUNCIL</b>
<b><u>DATE AND TIME</u></b>
<b>TUESDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2015</b>
<b>AT 7.00 PM</b>
<b><u>VENUE</u></b>
<b>HENDON TOWN HALL, THE BURROUGHS, LONDON NW4 4BQ</b>

Dear Councillors,

Please find enclosed additional papers relating to the following items for the above mentioned meeting which were not available at the time of collation of the agenda.

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11.2	Referral from the Assets, Regeneration & Growth Committee, 1 June 2015 - Land at Pavilion Way, Burnt Oak – Amendment in the name of Councillor Ammar Naqvi	1 - 2
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**Item 11.2 – Referral from the Assets, Regeneration & Growth Committee –  
Land at Pavilion Way, Burnt Oak  
Amendment in the name of Cllr Ammar Naqvi**

Insert after Recommendation 1:

Recommendation 2

That subject to Belleview Place Education Trust and the Education Funding Agency entering into a legal agreement with the Council to:

- a) Include in the future planning application for permanent school buildings on-site community sports facilities suitable for junior and senior age groups to a specification agreed by the Council;
- b) That subject to planning consent being granted, they will deliver the community sports facilities no later than the first date that the permanent school buildings are occupied;
- c) That they will set the charges and hours of public access to the sports facilities as specified from time to time by the Council aligned with Council facilities in schools elsewhere in the borough.

Existing recommendations 2 and 3 to be renumbered as i) and ii) as sub-sections of new recommendation 2, following the wording above, and both being subject to the condition at the start of the new recommendation 2.

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**AGENDA ITEM 14**  
**Opposition motion in the name of Cllr Kathy Levine – Abbots Depot**  
**Amendment in the name of Cllr Geof Cooke**

Delete last paragraph and replace with:

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Council notes that the seller’s profit from Barnet residents’ pockets is £12.75m on an outlay of £0.75m (1,700%) for Cergold Ltd (a Comer Group company that apparently borrowed the purchase price from Galveston Investments SA, a Comer-linked company registered in the tax haven of Luxembourg) or a profit of £10.85m on an outlay of £2.65m (a mere 409%) counting from the original acquisition agreement by Opecprime Properties Ltd (another Comer Group company) that was actually enacted by Ridgeland Properties Ltd (yet another Comer Group company).

Council notes that the Comer Group has donated to the Finchley and Golders Green Conservative Association (via its Brookstream Properties Ltd company) and that now it is seeking planning permission from Conservative-controlled Barnet Council via Hindale Ltd (yet another Comer Group company) for a lucrative development of the North London Business Park site just up the road from Abbots Depot.

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**Amended Motion to read:**

**Abbots Depot:**

Council notes the recent information uncovered by residents and Labour councillors that according to the Land Registry the purchase prices for the Abbots Depot site (spelled incorrectly by the council in all reports to date) in the last 13 years have been £2.65m + VAT in December 2002 and £750,000 in June 2014.

These purchase prices are significantly below the figure of £8m that the council informed councillors the site had been sold for 7/8 years ago - information that was key to the November Assets, Regeneration & Growth Committee decision that the council should purchase the site for £13.5m and also key information for the subsequent December Full Council meeting where that decision was referred, but information that was not provided to councillors making those decisions.

Council notes that the first of these Land Registry records was received by HB Public Law on behalf of the Council on 09/12/14 and the same is likely to be true also for the second record. That is a week before councillors at Full Council on 16/12/14 took the final decision (on the Mayor's casting vote – there was no majority) to purchase the site for £13,500,000.

Council also notes that councillors were informed by the council that the site was vacant, which was later found to be incorrect as part of the site is being used by Winters Haulage.

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## **Emergency Motion to Council in the name of Cllr Gill Sargeant - Grahame Park Community Provision**

Under Council Procedure Rule 7.1 and 7.2 Cllr Gill Sargeant seeks to move the Suspension of Full Council Procedure Rules 2.1 and 23.1, asking Council to agree to take a motion in her name as a matter of urgency. This will be in addition to the Administration and Opposition Items to be debated.

**Council notes the deep concern of Colindale Councillors that long standing plans to locate a community centre at Plot 8 in Grahame Park have been dropped because of the space required for the new council office block.**

**Council therefore re-affirms its commitment to building a new community centre at the heart of the Grahame Park development in line with the agreed Masterplan and at the earliest opportunity.**

Under Full Council Procedure Rule 23.5: 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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