MEETING
COUNCIL
DATE AND TIME
TUESDAY 4TH APRIL, 2017
AT 9.00 PM
VENUE
HENDON TOWN HALL, THE BURROUGHS, LONDON NW4 4BQ

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.

Item No	Title of Report	Pages
5.	OPPOSITION AMENDMENT IN THE NAME OF CLLR ROSS HOUSTON – OPPOSITION MOTION IN THE NAME OF CLLR ADAM LANGLEBEN – PLANNING AND PLANNING ENFORCEMENT IN BARNET	3 - 4

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AGENDA ITEM 5

Agenda item 5 – Opposition amendment in the name of Councillor Ross Houston

Opposition motion in the name of Councillor Adam Langleben: Planning and planning enforcement in Barnet

Delete all and replace with (additions in bold):

Council notes the poor performance of planning enforcement in the borough as evidenced by the long list of planning violations that have occurred since 2014 as set out in an answer to a Full Council question in November last year.

Council notes that this list of violations runs to 145 pages, and that the vast majority of instances had no further action taken by Barnet Council.

Council also notes two recent high profile cases where developers flouted planning rules: the first in Vivian Avenue, NW4 where the unauthorised work resulted in damage and a sinkhole to the neighbouring property following a demolition without planning permission; and the second, in The Burroughs, NW4 - The White Bear - where historic buildings were demolished without permission. Once again, no further action is being taken.

Council further notes the proceedings of the planning appeal into the Mill Hill Mausoleum **access road** that took place **recently**, where it would appear LB Barnet have more or less abandoned any defence of the Planning Committee's decision to refuse planning permission.

Council believes that, contrary to the Conservative administration's stated promise of 'Protect, Enhance and Grow', it is neither protecting nor enhancing Barnet when it fails to ensure that enforcement action is taken against development that does not have planning permission, or where planning decisions are not enforced and defended robustly.

Council calls for a review of Barnet's planning and planning enforcement function to ensure that it is fit for purpose. Council asks that this review is overseen by a cross-party panel of councillors - separate to the Re Ltd contract review - and the results are reported back to Performance & Contract Management Committee alongside the Re. Ltd review.

Council also instructs senior officers and Re to immediately begin enforcement proceedings against all major planning violations that are currently outstanding.

In addition, Council notes the plans from a developer to convert Barnet House into 254 'rabbit hutch' flats, 96% of which are proposed to be smaller than the

minimum space standard of 37 sqm. Council notes this is only possible under the extension of permitted development brought in by the Conservative-led Government in 2014.

Council asks the Leader of the Council and the Leader of the Opposition Group to jointly write to the Secretary of State for Communities & Local Government to lobby for a change in permitted development rules so that proper planning process cannot be bypassed in this way.