

Extraordinary Meeting of the Council of the London Borough of Barnet

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
THAT THE WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR HAS CALLED AN
EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE LONDON
BOROUGH OF BARNET TO BE HELD AT HENDON TOWN HALL
THE BURROUGHS, HENDON, NW4 4BG ON
TUESDAY 4TH APRIL 2017 AT 9.00PM (OR AT THE CONCLUSION
OF THE PRECEDING COUNCIL MEETING)**

A G E N D A



All Councillors are hereby summoned to attend the Council meeting for
the transaction of the business set out.

Andrew Charlwood
Head of Governance

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| 1. | Apologies for absence | | |
| 2. | Elect a Member to preside if the Mayor is absent | | |
| 3. | Declarations of Interest | | |
| 4. | Report of the Monitoring Officer (if any) | | |
| 5. | Cllr Adam Langleben - Planning and planning enforcement in Barnet | | 3 - 4 |

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Motion in the name of Councillor Adam Langleben

Planning and planning enforcement in Barnet

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 that took place last week, 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.

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