

Council: Tuesday, 5 November 2013

Non-Executive Business Item: Councillor Pauline Coakley Webb

Amendment in the name of Councillor Joanna Tambourides

Supporting 'mixed' and sustainable high streets through planning

In paragraph 2 delete all after "make it easier for" and replace with "businesses to open and develop in our high streets and provide employment for our residents."

Delete paragraph 3.

Replace paragraph 4 with "Council is aware that there is an increase in the number of betting shops, payday lenders and pawnshops in particular local areas only, and notes that this is not a problem in most of the borough. Council also notes that this relaxation has allowed businesses to respond more easily and quickly to public demand in the high street. However, Council requests that the Cabinet Member for Planning makes representations to the DCLG to investigate ways of bringing these types of businesses under planning control, including the possibility of a new use class, so as to give more powers to local government to ensure that our local high streets are mixed and sustainable."

Substantive Business Item to read:

Council notes that on 9th May 2013 the Government laid before Parliament *The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (Amendment) (England) Order 2013* which came into force on 30th May 2013 and changed the rules on high street planning without any parliamentary debate.

Council notes that the new rules mean a number of types of business will no longer have to apply for permission to convert a building for a new business use. This will make it easier for businesses to open and develop in our high streets and provide employment for our residents".

Council is aware that there is an increase in the number of betting shops, payday lenders and pawnshops in particular local areas only, and notes that this is not a problem in most of the borough. Council also notes that this relaxation has allowed businesses to respond more easily and quickly to public demand in the high street. However, Council requests that the Cabinet Member for Planning makes representations to the DCLG to investigate ways of bringing these types of businesses under planning control, including the possibility of a new use class, so as to give more powers to local government to ensure that our local high streets are mixed and sustainable.

Under Council Procedure Rule, Section 1, Standing Order 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.