

MEETING

COUNCIL

DATE AND TIME

TUESDAY 19TH OCTOBER, 2021

AT 7.00 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.

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Council: Tuesday 19 October 2021

**Amendment to Administration Motion: Cllr Kath McGuirk
Protecting Our Green Belt**

AGENDA ITEM 14.1

Delete all and replace with:

Council notes that:

1. The Mayor of London proposed robust protections of London's Green Belt and Metropolitan Open Land (MOL) in his draft London Plan including that any de-designation of Green Belt would not be supported, and that MOL should be afforded the same protections as the Green Belt.

2. The Conservative Government through their Planning Inspectorate suggested, and later imposed, amendments that reduced the Mayor's protections of the Green Belt and Metropolitan Open Land. These Government imposed amendments were:

- To make Green Belt and MOL policies consistent with national planning policy
- In Policy G2:
 - o to allow development proposals that would harm the Green Belt 'if very special circumstances exist'
 - o to allow the boundaries of Green Belt to be altered 'in exceptional circumstances'
- In Policy G3:
 - o to delete that "Development proposals that would harm MOL should be refused." and "that the quantum of MOL is not reduced..."

3. The Mayor of London objected to these amendments and urged the Government to change its position.

4. The Government did not change its position and these protections to Green Belt and MOL have now been reduced and removed from the London Plan.

5. The Government have imposed the massive 1,350 property over-development scheme at North London Business Park, and, as a result, the developer has now come back with an even larger scheme for 2,500 homes.

6. Conservative councillors on Barnet's Planning Committee have agreed development schemes to build out of character tower blocks of up to 27 storeys across Barnet including in Colindale, West Hendon and most recently, Cricklewood on the B&Q site.

7. There are concerns that LB Barnet's regeneration plans for North Finchley are likely to include high-rise tower blocks, including on Lodge Lane car park because the Conservative administration will not stand-up to developers.

8. The Government's ridiculous housing targets will mean even more tower blocks in the future.

Council believes that:

1. There must be no development on or de-designation of the Green Belt.
2. Metropolitan Open Land should not be reduced.
3. Our suburbs must be protected from over-development.

Council resolves to:

1. Protect our Green Belt and MOL from development
2. During the Local Plan's inspection stage, make any amendments necessary to protect our suburbs and stop overdevelopment

Council: Tuesday 19 October 2021

**Amendment to Administration Motion: Cllr Claire Farrier
Protecting Animals from the Effects of Fireworks**

AGENDA ITEM 14.2

Delete all and replace with (additions in bold, no deletions):

Council notes that:

1. Fireworks are used lawfully by residents throughout the year to mark various celebrations
2. The unpredictable, loud, and high-intensity noises that many fireworks make can cause fear and distress in pets, livestock, and wildlife. In the worst cases, animals require behavioural therapies and drug treatments for their fear responses, and they may never recover fully
3. The RSPCA expects an 18% rise in the number of residential garden firework displays in England and Wales in 2021, compared to 2019
4. Animal welfare is a widely held concern for residents in Barnet and across the country
5. Residents have a statutory duty under the Animal Welfare Act 2006 to protect from suffering those animals for which they are responsible.

6. Barnet Council's Licensing Committee on 10 February 2021 agreed to support the proposed RSPCA recommendations:

- **To require all public firework displays within the local authority boundaries to be advertised in advance of the event, allowing residents to take precautions for their animals and vulnerable people**
- **To actively promote a public awareness campaign about the impact of fireworks on animal welfare and vulnerable people – including the precautions that can be taken to mitigate risks**
- **To write to the UK Government urging them to introduce legislation to limit the maximum noise level of fireworks to 90dB for those sold to the public for private displays**
- **To encourage local suppliers of fireworks to stock 'quieter' fireworks for public display.**

Council believes that:

1. Residents should give their neighbours reasonable advance notice if they are

planning to host a private firework display, so that arrangements can be made regarding the wellbeing of pets and livestock

2. The Council should do more to promote awareness of the impacts that fireworks can have on pets, livestock, and wildlife.

As per the Licensing Committee decision, Council resolves to:

1. Require where possible that all public firework displays within the local authority boundaries to be advertised in advance of the event, enabling residents to take precautions for their pets

2. Actively promote a public awareness campaign about the impact of fireworks on animal welfare including the precautions that can be taken to mitigate risks.

Council: Tuesday 19 October 2021

**Amendment to Administration Motion: Cllr Alan Schneiderman
Sustainable Energy in Barnet**

AGENDA ITEM 14.3

Delete all and replace with:

Council notes that:

- Barnet currently produces approximately 3GWh of renewable energy per year.
- Barnet needs to generate 69GWh of renewable energy by 2030 if the national target set by the Committee on Climate Change is to be reached.
- Barnet would need to generate 132GWh of renewable energy a year to match the best performing similar local authority – which is the Friends of the Earth ‘stretch’ target for the Borough.
- Barnet needs to install 1,219 EV charging points by 2030 to meet the Committee on Climate Change target – there are currently only 139 fitted.
- Barnet needs to fit 28,667 eco-heating systems in housing, such as heat pumps to meet the Committee on Climate Change target by 2030 – there are currently only 36 Government-funded systems fitted.
- 47% of homes need to be properly insulated in Barnet to meet the Government target of 89% by 2035 – roughly 8,798 homes a year.
- 2489 new green jobs could be created in Barnet by 2030, according to the Local Government Association – including in the energy sector.
- Friends of the Earth are calling for 1470 green apprenticeships in Barnet by 2023.
- Barnet Council’s Pension Fund invests £30,661,059 in fossil fuels, of which £20,339,496 is in oil and gas and £10,321,563 is in coal, according to Friends of the Earth.

Council believes that:

- Investing in sustainable energy will help clean Barnet’s air and will save the Council, our residents and businesses money, and create new green jobs
- More needs to be done to create the green apprenticeships in Barnet, so young people can get the skills to work in the green economy
- LB Barnet should agree more ambitious targets for increasing the number of EV charge points in the Borough to take advantage of a huge growth market, with its potential to reduce pollution and carbon emissions
- More needs to be done to ensure that renewable energy is part of future development schemes.
- More needs to be done in Barnet to insulate current homes and fit eco-heating systems.
- Barnet Council should commit to divesting completely from Pension Fund investments in fossil fuel companies as soon as possible.
- Barnet’s sustainable energy plans need to be more ambitious to meet the national targets.
- Barnet’s Sustainability Strategy is overdue and needs to be expedited quickly.

- The Borough can and must do more to produce and use sustainable energy in Barnet.

Council resolves to:

1. Ensure that Barnet invests more in sustainable energy, and at a faster pace
2. Develop a more comprehensive communication and community engagement strategy on sustainability, including for renewable energy
3. Make sustainability a core part of Council policy and decision-making, as well as including 'environmental implications' in all reports for decision – as proposed by Labour councillors at Environment Committee
4. Ensure the Council's Sustainability Strategy and its sustainable energy plans include an action plan to meet the national targets as set out above
5. Do all it can to do its bit to help the UK reduce its emissions by reaching net zero carbon in Barnet by 2030, in line with the London Plan and other councils.

Council: Tuesday 19 October 2021
Amendment to Opposition Motion: Cllr Sara Conway
Reinstate the universal credit uplift

AGENDA ITEM 14.4

Delete all and replace with (additions in bold, no deletions):

Council notes the cruel decision by this Conservative Government to press ahead with the removal of the £20 a week universal credit uplift for those hard-pressed and working families struggling to make ends meet during a cost-of-living crisis and before we have fully emerged from the pandemic.

Council notes that, according to the latest Government figures, it will cost an estimated 37,898 people in Barnet £1,040 a year each - which is a potential loss of £39,413,920 to the local economy.

Council asks all Barnet's councillors to defend the 37,898 residents and the local economy from this cut by agreeing to jointly lobby the Government to reinstate the uplift.

Council asks the Chief Executive to write to the relevant Government Ministers, on behalf of all Barnet's councillors, asking them to reinstate the universal credit uplift.

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Council: Tuesday 19 October 2021

**Opposition Motion in the name of Cllr Ross Houston
Amended by Cllr Richard Cornelius**

AGENDA ITEM 14.5

Viability Assessments

Council notes that:

1. The Government advises all councils as local planning authorities to make viability assessments for developments publicly available except in exceptional circumstances
2. Viability assessments are made publicly available as and when submitted to support a planning application, unless there is a stated 'exceptional circumstance' reason not to
3. It is stated on the Council website that these assessments will be made public (<https://www.barnet.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planning/submit-planning-application>)

Council resolves to:

1. Continue to publish all viability assessments, when submitted to support a planning application, unless there is a stated 'exceptional circumstance' reason not to.

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Council: Tuesday 19 October 2021
Amendment to Opposition Motion: Cllr Tim Roberts
Viability Assessments

Delete all and replace with (additions in bold, no deletions):

Council notes that the Government advises all councils as local planning authorities to make viability assessments for developments publicly available except in exceptional circumstances.

Council notes that LB Barnet is not yet doing this.

Council notes that for one scheme in Barnet the undisclosed viability assessments of both the developer and the Council suggested the scheme would not be viable with any affordable housing contribution.

An independent review of the viability assessments, once published, found that an affordable contribution of several million pounds was payable.

Council believes that publishing viability assessments is crucial to ensure that there is transparency in the planning process, that affordable housing is not lost to the Borough and the public purse is protected.

Council resolves to publish all viability assessments unless there is a stated 'exceptional circumstance' reason not to.

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Council: Tuesday 19 October 2021

**Opposition Motion in the name of Cllr Gabriel Rozenberg
Amended by Cllr Dean Cohen**

AGENDA ITEM 14.6

Promoting sustainable transport solutions ahead of COP26

Council notes that:

1. The Council has an ambitious Long-Term Transport Strategy
2. The Council is developing a sustainability strategy, which is currently in draft and will be released for consultation in early 2022.

Council believes that:

1. Climate change is the defining challenge of our lifetime.
2. As we approach the COP26 meeting in Glasgow next month, sustainability should be embedded in all of the Council's activities and strategies.
3. Each of our daily activities, from the way we heat our homes, to our building construction systems, to the way we travel around Barnet, must be re-examined to find ways to significantly reduce the use of carbon-burning fuel.

Council resolves to:

1. Release a sustainability strategy that will, among other things, recognise our beliefs and set out what can be done to improve sustainable transport options for Barnet residents.
2. Aim to help all of its residents lower their own carbon emissions, year after year, as we work towards a Net Zero future.
3. Continue to invest in sustainable transport solutions – from using recycled tyres in road paving roads, to installing ever more electric vehicle charging points and encouraging rather than mandating, all types of active transport.

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Amendment to Opposition Motion: Promoting Sustainable Transport Solutions Ahead of COP26 (item 14.6) in the name of Cllr Gabriel Rozenberg

Amendment by: Cllr Gabriel Rozenberg

A1000 Cycle Lane

Add the following at the end:

The A1000 Cycle Lane, introduced in 2020, is a positive development for the local area and it deserves to be improved rather than attacked.

Barnet Council therefore calls on the Environment Committee (taking into account the consultation responses and equality impacts) to give consideration to keeping and improving the A1000 Cycle Lane on a permanent basis.

Under Full Council Procedure Rule 17.17: 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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Council: Tuesday 19 October 2021

**Opposition Motion in the name of Cllr Jess Brayne
Amended by Cllr Daniel Thomas**

AGENDA ITEM 14.7

Encouraging every eligible resident to get their Covid-19 vaccine booster shots

Council notes the following:

- Vaccines are a safe and proven method of reducing both the risk and the transmissibility of Covid-19.
- At the same time, there is growing evidence that their declines over time, particularly in the case of the Pfizer vaccine. This decline appears to start from six months after the second dose. For this reason, the booster vaccine is recommended, as it will extend the protection for a longer time.
- Since 16 September the NHS has been offering booster vaccines to those most at risk of COVID-19, to ensure that those most at risk, and those on the frontline such as care workers, are protected as we head into winter.

Council therefore resolves as follows:

- As a Council, we will continue to support community and NHS efforts to encourage take up of first and second vaccines, for those who have not already received them.
- We will support the roll out of booster vaccines in the same wholehearted way, so Barnet residents are fully protected from this terrible virus.

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Council: Tuesday 19 October 2021

**Opposition Motion in the name of Cllr Anne Clarke
Amended by Cllr Dean Cohen**

AGENDA ITEM 14.8

The Energy Crisis: How we can change things to help residents, small businesses, the local economy and the environment in Barnet

Council:

(i) Recognises

- that very large financial setup and running costs involved in selling locally generated renewable electricity to local customers result in it being impossible for local renewable electricity generators to do so,
- that making these financial costs proportionate to the scale of a renewable electricity supplier's operation would create significant opportunities for local companies and community groups to be providers of locally generated renewable electricity directly to local people, businesses and organisations in Barnet, if they wished, and
- that revenues received by such local companies or community groups that chose to become local renewable electricity providers could be used to help improve the local economy, local services and facilities and to reduce local greenhouse gas emissions;
- Barnet is committed to becoming an ever-greener borough – investing in sustainable solutions and developments.

(ii) Notes that the House of Commons Environmental Audit Committee, as a result of its 2021 Technological Innovations and Climate Change inquiry, recommended that a Right to Local Supply for local energy suppliers be established to address this;

(iii) Accordingly resolves to support the Local Electricity Bill, currently supported by a cross-party group of 266 MPs and which, if made law, would establish a Right to Local Supply which would promote local renewable electricity supply in Barnet by making the setup and running costs of selling renewable electricity to local customers proportionate to the size of the supply company; and

(iv) Further resolves to

- inform the local media of this decision,
- write to Barnet's three MPs, asking them to support the Bill, and
- write to the organisers of the campaign for the Bill, Power for People, (at Camden Collective, 5-7 Buck Street, London NW1 8NJ or info@powerforpeople.org.uk) expressing its support.

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Council: Tuesday 19 October 2021

Amendment to Opposition Motion: Cllr Alan Schneiderman

The Energy Crisis: How we can change things to help residents, small businesses, the local economy and the environment in Barnet

Delete all and replace with (additions in bold, no deletions):

Council:

(i) Recognises

- **That more must be done to move away from fossil fuels, and to generate more renewable energy in Barnet to meet the net zero carbon target by 2030.**
- that very large financial setup and running costs involved in selling locally generated renewable electricity to local customers result in it being impossible for local renewable electricity generators to do so,
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