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THE COUNCIL - THURSDAY, 2ND MARCH, 2023 SUPPLEMENTARY PACK

Please find enclosed, for consideration at the next meeting of the The Council taking place on Thursday, 2nd March, 2023, the following items that were unavailable when the agenda was printed.

Agenda No Item

4. **Questions from the Public (Pages 3 - 6)**
Questions and Answers sheet attached
5. **Questions from Councillors (Pages 7 - 10)**
Questions and Answers sheet attached
22. **Minutes of the meeting of Standards Committee held Tuesday, 28 February 2023 (Pages 11 - 12)**
Minutes attached
24. **Review of Committee Proportionality (Pages 13 - 18)**
List of Changes to Committees attached
25. **Draft Calendar of Meetings 2023/24 (Pages 19 - 22)**
Draft calendar attached
26. **Opposition Business - 85,000 soil HGV vehicle movements to Gunners Park development (Pages 23 - 26)**
 - (a) Opposition Business Motion attached
 - (b) Amendment to Opposition Business Motion attached

Rob Harris
Principal Democratic Services Officer

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Public Questions

1. Question from Mr Andrew Brookes to the Leader of the Council (Cllr George)

Question

Could the Leader grace me with a simple request by doing a simple Structured Query Language (SQL) to clarify how many families in the Kursaal ward are on incomes of 1800 or less and thus qualify for Council Tax reduction but are not receiving it?

Answer

Unfortunately, I am unable to provide you with the answer you seek as the Council will not hold the details of the income of any of its residents until such time as they apply for a Council Tax Reduction award. If a person applies for a reduction in Council Tax and their circumstances mean they are qualified for an entitlement, then this will be granted. However please note that entitlement is based on several factors. Including, but not limited to, who is in the household, ages, and relationships, how much income and what type of income the household has, how much and what type of capital the household has.

In summary, I am unable to provide you with a definitive answer, Mr Brookes, as there is no figure of income that automatically qualifies a person for entitlement.

2. Question from Mr Andrew Brookes to the Leader of the Council (Cllr George)

Question

I understand the Council is moving the bulk of its computer architecture to the cloud, so for the remaining physical PC's when will the Council stop helping propagate the monopoly which produces Windows and get better value for money and be more ethical by using Linux?

Answer

Our key drivers for moving to the cloud are efficiency, value and savings. As we progress through this programme of work to move to the cloud, we constantly seek opportunities to save costs and add value. Microsoft underpins a lot of the technology already in use in the Council and a move to Linux would be a much longer-term move, as any move to Linux in the short term would still incur Microsoft licensing as well as the added costs of moving the estate to Linux and securing it.

3. Question from Mr Paul Mardon to the Cabinet Member for Environment, Culture and Tourism (Cllr Mulroney)

Question

There have been many debates in Council chambers over the past few months about the Made from this Land project which has seen local artist Emma Edmondson connect with many local community groups and make over 500 bricks by hand from locally dug clay with more than 100 residents, myself included, over the past two years. This project celebrates the rich industrial heritage of Southend alongside endangered artisan craft techniques and traditional bricklaying techniques.

The last phase of the project is the construction and installation of a walking sculpture trail commemorating the brickmaking industry of this area, but this has now apparently been brought into question by some councillors. The whole 'Made from this Land' project has been through all the correct processes and planning permissions so why do some councillors choose to ignore its engagement with the local community and its due process to challenge this installation and thereby jeopardise this celebration of our local heritage and history?

Answer

The issue of the installation of the project markers has been conflated out of all proportion into not just a planning matter.

The planning side of the proposals has seen three applications for the marker installations granted, one determined by officers, the others approved by councillors. It is the third which has caused the controversy despite its approval by a sizable majority. All objections were taken into account. Development Control Committee's duty is to judge planning applications on their merits and it is not there to arbitrate on matters of

taste. Yet a councillor sought to do this in what was a very unpleasant manner. There were no valid reasons to refuse the planning permission hence the large majority approval.

However, the rumpus caused has given the opportunity to other Opposition members (some of whom voted for the approval) to call into question the veracity of the system of selection of public art.

In a way this is nothing against Ms Edmundson's project, but it is being used as an opportunity to call into a question a system which has worked well for years under all different administrations without problem. And I am deeply sorry that something so worthwhile in terms of the arts and the heritage of this great city has been denigrated in this way.

I am hopeful that this is purely a matter of procedure and not trying to instil any form of censorship due to the unmerited and frankly ridiculous references to 'phallic symbols'. We only have to look around the whole of the country for obelisks marking great events or patrons, post boxes and even garden wall piers, even if it were not part of the artistic culture of the world to reflect life in all its forms.

The planning permission granted stands and cannot be expunged from the records and is implementable within 3 years. The highways department has confirmed they are happy with the location on a very wide pavement. I am confident it will attract passing interest and for those interested in the heritage trail. But I anticipate this would be no more than people popping to that corner to post a letter.

We should be supporting the heritage of this city not hiding it away and we should be supporting all art forms for the betterment of our culture.

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Councillor Questions

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1. Question from Councillor Cowdrey to the Cabinet Member for Environment, Culture and Tourism (Cllr Mulroney)

Question

I think all Councillors will be aware of the difficult decision to ask the renowned Jazz Centre UK to move to an alternative site. Notice was given in July last year for it to move from its base within the Beecroft Gallery on Victoria Avenue by 1st August 2023.

Trustees of TJC UK had a clear impression that there could be some flexibility about the 1st August. However, in November, this was abruptly withdrawn so that 1st August is now a hard deadline. As a consequence, TJC UK is in real jeopardy after six successful years.

I understand that the motivation behind this move is to facilitate the public display of currently stored artefacts and the financial savings of reducing storage facilities. However, I do understand that TJC UK has offered to negotiate a financial contribution towards the Beecroft's running cost during an interim period which would allow them to identify and secure a suitable site for this valuable resource and contribute to revenue.

I understand that a potential site had been identified but is now off the table following the lack of success with the Levelling Up bid.

Can the portfolio holder please advise where we are with the negotiations and whether any agreement to temporarily extend the lease has been made to date?

Answer

Unfortunately, the levelling up bid was unsuccessful which we were notified about in December. Since then, some other possibilities have been shared and introductions made for the Jazz Centre Trustees. We will continue to meet with them and offer support in their search for a long-term solution. Our intention is to display more of our own heritage collection in the space currently occupied by JCUK which will in turn free up current items in storage and provide much needed research and restoration space.

2. Question from Councillor Cowdrey to the Cabinet Member for Public Protection (Cllr Terry)

Question

I think we all, as councillors, are concerned about revenue. It would seem safe to assume that enforcement of fines and licences, etc., and even criminal prosecutions, whether due to anti-social behaviour, fly tipping or licensing breaches is generating some form of income for the Council. I accept this must be offset by costs.

But it is clear that the role of our Enforcement Officers is essential. For example, the new Private rented sector Housing Enforcement Policy seems to point to the need for strengthening enforcement responses.

Could the portfolio holder please advise how many enforcement officers we have in each of our various departments across the Council, as well as those which have been commissioned externally, and which enforcement areas they cover?

Answer

Thank you for your question. There are six service areas of the Council employing Enforcement Officers:

- The Community Safety Unit currently employs 7 Officers (with 1 currently on secondment). The Community Safety Officers use Fixed Penalty Notices (FPN) as part of the enforcement process for Public Space Protection Orders (PSPO). The purpose of a PSPO is to protect the public from persistent anti-social behaviour. It should also be noted that the enforcement policy makes it clear that education should be provided in the first instance of an offence being identified.
- Waste Services currently has two Environmental Care officers, one of which is an agency member of staff.
- Planning currently has 2 posts, with one filled on a part time basis.
- The Foreshore & Pier team do not have any specific enforcement officers at present. Training is due to take place to our foreshore team to enforce new PSPOs and likely to be around 10 officers that would be able to issue FPNs.
- Highways has 4 enforcement officers.

- Regulatory Services has 19 Regulatory Services Officers and 11 Enforcement Officers and 1 Animal Warden within its team. Working across food safety, standards, infectious disease, air quality, contaminated land, nuisance, health and safety, stray dog service, animal welfare, licensing (premises / gambling / animal / special treatments / taxi and private hire), public health burials, private sector housing and selective licensing.

It should be noted that not all the fines generate income that can be retained by the Council.

3. Question from Councillor Cowan to the Leader of the Council

Question

In 2019, the Leader of the Council reaffirmed this administration's commitment to supporting the WASPI campaign following the motion proposed by my late colleague Cllr Julian Ware-Lane, and passed by this Council.

Would the Leader of the Council once again reaffirm this administration's commitment to support the aims and values of the WASPI campaign and confirm that a special event will be held at Porters Lodge on International Women's Day to commemorate the WASPI campaign and those women in Southend fighting for pension justice?

Answer

I am more than happy to this Administration's commitment to support the aims and values of the Women Against State Pension Inequality (WASPI) campaign.

Furthermore, this administration recognises the great difficulty and sense of unfairness felt by the thousands of affected women living here in Southend. Whilst this is a matter for national government to resolve, this administration supports the WASPI campaign and urges government to work with the WASPI campaign to achieve a fair and equitable outcome for those affected women here in Southend and across the country.

I am pleased to confirm that the Mayor will lead a short ceremony at 4pm on 8th March, to raise the WASPI Flag at Porters Civic House on International Women's Day, to commemorate the WASPI campaign and those women in Southend fighting for pension justice.

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SOUTHEND-ON-SEA CITY COUNCIL

Meeting of Standards Committee

Date: Tuesday, 28th February, 2023
Place: Committee Room 1 - Civic Suite

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Present: Councillor I Shead (Chair)
Councillors B Hooper (Vice-Chair), M Borton, K Buck, T Cowdrey,
J Moyies and *D Jarvis

*Substitute in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 31.

In Attendance: G Gilbert, R Harris, R Davies
J Morgan and J Tetley (Independent Persons)

Start/End Time: 6.30 pm - 8.05 pm

688 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor A Jones (no substitute) and Councillor Nelson (substitute: Cllr Jarvis). Apologies for absence were also received from Councillors Cowell and Healey (Leigh Town Council).

689 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest at this meeting.

690 Arrangements for dealing with complaints alleging a breach of the Members' Code of Conduct for Members

The Committee considered a report of the Director of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer presenting the updated Complaints Against Members Rule for discussion.

Resolved:

That further consultation and engagement be undertaken with Political Groups, non-aligned Councillors and the independent persons on the new Complaints against Members Rules using the new Rules set out at Appendix 1 to the submitted report as a basis for discussion.

Chair: _____

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SOUTHEND ON SEA CITY COUNCIL

Council Meeting – 2nd March 2023

CHANGES TO COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP (to reflect proportionality)

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APPEALS COMMITTEE (A)
(No Cabinet Members)

| Party | Members | Total | Substitutes |
|--------------|--|--------------|---------------------------------|
| | | 7 | |
| CON | Brian Beggs Steve Buckley Fay Evans | 3 | All |
| LAB | Margaret Borton (Vice-Chair) Daniel Cowan | 2 | All (Except Cabinet Members) |
| IND | Ian Shead (Chair) | 1 | All (Except Cabinet Members) |
| LD | Ashley Thompson | 1 | All (Except Cabinet Members) |

APPEALS COMMITTEE (B)
(No Cabinet Members)

| Party | Members | Total | Substitutes |
|--------------|---|--------------|---------------------------------|
| | | 7 | |
| CON | Nigel Folkard John Harland Chris Walker | 3 | All |
| LAB | Martin Berry Anne Jones (Chair) | 2 | All (Except Cabinet Members) |
| IND | Ian Shead (Vice Chair) | 1 | All (Except Cabinet Members) |
| Non-aligned | Keith Evans | 1 | N/A |

DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE

| Party | Members | Total 17 | Substitutes |
|--------------|---|---------------------|--------------------|
| CON | Kevin Buck Alan Dear Fay Evans David Garston Steve Habermel Derek Jarvis Chris Walker | 7 | All |
| LAB | Martin Berry Margaret Borton (Vice Chair) Matt Dent Anne Jones Maxine Sadza | 5 | All |
| IND | Ian Shead Nick Ward (Chair) | 2 | All |
| LD | Carole Mulroney Ashley Thompson | 2 | All |
| RF | Ron Woodley | 1 | All |

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

| Party | Members | Total 9 | Substitutes |
|-----------------|--|--------------------|--------------------|
| CON | James Courtenay Tony Cox Derek Jarvis | 3 | All |
| LAB | Matt Dent Anne Jones (Vice-Chair) Aston Line (Chair) | 3 | All |
| IND | Maggie Kelly | 1 | All |
| LD | Ashley Thompson | 1 | All |
| Non- Aligned | Mike Stafford | 1 | N/A |

LICENSING COMMITTEE

| Party | Members | Total 15 | Substitutes |
|-----------------|---|---------------------|--------------------|
| CON | Brian Beggs Steve Buckley Alan Dear Nigel Folkard John Lamb Chris Walker | 6 | All |
| LAB | Martin Berry (Vice Chair) Margaret Borton Anne Jones Aston Line | 4 | All |
| IND | Martin Terry | 1 | All |
| LD | Ashley Thompson (Chair) | 2 | All |
| RF | Tricia Cowdrey | 1 | All |
| Non- Aligned | Keith Evans | 1 | N/A |

PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

(No Cabinet Members)

(NB: Council appointed representative on Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust (EPUT) must NOT be appointed as a Member or Substitute to this Committee)

| Party | Members | Total 17+7 | Substitutes |
|-------------|---|---------------|---|
| CON | Brian Beggs Tony Cox Alan Dear Nigel Folkard (Vice Chair) John Harland Darryl Jones Lesley Salter (Chair) | 7 | All (Except Cabinet Members) |
| LAB | Martin Berry Anne Jones Lydia Hyde Kathy Murphy Mandy O'Connor | 5 | All (Except Cabinet Members and Cllr Sadza (rep on EPUT)) |
| IND | Ian Shead | 1 | All (Except Cabinet Members) |
| LD | Beth Hooper Ashley Thompson | 2 | All (Except Cabinet Members) |
| Non-aligned | Mike Stafford | 1 | N/A |
| RF | Tricia Cowdrey | 1 | All |
| | <u>Co-opted Members</u> Church of England Diocese – Revd. Canon Louise Williams (Voting on Education matters only) Roman Catholic Diocese – VACANT (Voting on Education matters only) Parent Governors – (1) VACANT (Voting on Education matters only) (2) VACANT (Voting on Education matters only) Southend Association of Voluntary Services – Kristina Jackson (Non- Voting) Healthwatch Southend – Owen Richards (Non-Voting) Southend Carers Forum – Tim Watts (Non-Voting) | 7 | |
| | <u>Observers:</u> Southend Youth Council (1) TBA (Non-voting) (2) TBA (Non-Voting) | 2 | |

PLACE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
(No Cabinet Members)

| Party | Members | Total 17 | Substitutes |
|--------------|--|---------------------|---------------------------------|
| CON | Kevin Buck Steve Buckley James Courtenay (Chair) Meg Davidson Derek Jarvis James Moyies Jack Warren (Vice Chair) | 7 | All (Except Cabinet Members) |
| LAB | Martin Berry Margaret Borton Matt Dent Lydia Hyde Anne Jones | 5 | All (Except Cabinet Members) |
| IND | Maggie Kelly Nick Ward | 2 | All (Except Cabinet Members) |
| LD | Ashley Thompson Peter Wexham | 2 | All (Except Cabinet Members) |
| RF | Ron Woodley | 1 | All |

POLICY & RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
(No Cabinet Members)

| Party | Members | Total 17 | Substitutes |
|-----------------|---|---------------------|---------------------------------|
| CON | Helen Boyd Tony Cox Meg Davidson Fay Evans David Garston (Chair) Dan Nelson (Vice Chair) Chris Walker | 7 | All (Except Cabinet Members) |
| LAB | Margaret Borton Daniel Cowan Anne Jones Aston Line Maxine Sadza | 5 | All (Except Cabinet Members) |
| IND | Ian Shead | 1 | All (Except Cabinet Members) |
| LD | Rob McMullan Peter Wexham | 2 | All (Except Cabinet Members) |
| Non- Aligned | Keith Evans | 1 | N/A |
| RF | Tricia Cowdrey | 1 | All |

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

| Party | Members | Total 9+4 | Substitutes |
|--------------|--|----------------------|--------------------|
| CON | Kevin Buck Tony Cox James Moyies Dan Nelson | 4 | All |
| LAB | Margaret Borton Matt Dent Anne Jones | 3 | All |
| IND | Ian Shead (Chair) | 1 | All |
| LD | Beth Hooper (Vice Chair) | 1 | All |
| | 2 Leigh-on-Sea Town Council nominees (Non-Voting): Cllr Jill Healey & Cllr Vinice Cowell | 2 | |
| | 2 Independent persons: J Tetley and J Morgan (Observers). | 2 | |

NB: Standards Committees complies with the requirements of the LOCALISM ACT 2011.

Calendar of Meetings 2023-2024

2023

MAY

ANNUAL COUNCIL

COUNCIL (Appointment of Committees etc

3.30pm

6.30pm

Thursday, 11th May

Thursday 18th May

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JUNE

Place Scrutiny Committee – **Cycle 1**

6.30pm

Monday 5th June

People Scrutiny Committee – **Cycle 1**

6.30pm

Tuesday 6th June

Development Control Committee

2.00pm

Wednesday, 7th June

Policy & Resources Scrutiny Committee – **Cycle 1**

6.30pm

Thursday 8th June

Southend Health and Wellbeing Board

5.00pm

Thursday, 15th June

CABINET – Cycle 1

6.30pm

Monday, 26th June

JULY

Place Scrutiny Committee – **Cycle 2**

6.30pm

Monday, 3rd July

People Scrutiny Committee – **Cycle 2**

6.30pm

Tuesday, 4th July

Development Control Committee

2.00pm

Wednesday, 5th July

Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee – **Cycle 2**

6.30pm

Thursday, 6th July

Shareholder Board

6.30pm

Wednesday, 12th July

COUNCIL – Cycle 1

6.30pm

Thursday, 13th July

Audit Committee

6.30pm

Wednesday, 19th July

CABINET – Cycle 2

6.30pm

Monday 24th July

AUGUST

Development Control Committee

2.00pm

Wednesday 2nd August

Place Scrutiny Committee – **Cycle 3**

6.30pm

Tuesday 29th August

Development Control Committee

2.00pm

Wednesday, 30th August

People Scrutiny Committee – **Cycle 3**

6.30pm

Wednesday, 30th August

Policy & Resources Scrutiny Committee – **Cycle 3**

6.30pm

Thursday 31st August

SEPTEMBER

Southend Health and Wellbeing Board

5.00pm

Wednesday, 6th September

COUNCIL – Cycle 2

6.30pm

Thursday, 7th September

Development Control Committee

2.00pm

Wednesday, 13th September

Traffic Regulations Working Party & Cabinet Committee

6.30pm

Thursday, 14th September

CABINET – Cycle 3

6.30pm

Monday, 18th September

OCTOBER

Shareholder Board

6.30pm

Monday, 16th October

Development Control Committee

2.00pm

Wednesday, 18th October

COUNCIL – Cycle 3

6.30pm

Thursday 19th October

Audit Committee

6.30pm

Wednesday, 25th October

Place Scrutiny Committee – **Cycle 4**

6.30pm

Monday, 30th October

People Scrutiny Committee – **Cycle 4**

6.30pm

Tuesday, 31st October

NOVEMBER

Development Control Committee

2.00pm

Wednesday, 1st November

Policy & Resources Scrutiny Committee – **Cycle 4**

6.30pm

Thursday, 2nd November

Traffic Regulations Working Party & Cabinet Committee

6.30pm

Monday, 6th November

CABINET – Cycle 4

6.30pm

Monday, 20th November

Development Control Committee

2.00pm

Wednesday, 29th November

DECEMBER

Place Scrutiny Committee – **Cycle 5**

6.30pm

Monday 4th December

People Scrutiny Committee – **Cycle 5**

6.30pm

Wednesday, 6th December

Policy & Resources Scrutiny Committee – **Cycle 5**

6.30pm

Thursday, 7th December

Southend Health and Wellbeing Board

5.00pm

Tuesday, 12th December

Development Control Committee

2.00pm

Wednesday, 13th December

COUNCIL – Cycle 4

6.30pm

Thursday, 14th December

2024

JANUARY

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|---|---------------|--|
| Development Control Committee | 2.00pm | Wednesday, 3 rd January |
| Audit Committee | 6.30pm | Wednesday, 10 th January |
| CABINET (including initial Council Budget consideration) – Cycle 5 | 6.30pm | Thursday, 11th January |
| Development Control Committee | 2.00pm | Wednesday, 31 st January |

FEBRUARY

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|---|---------------|---|
| Policy & Resources Scrutiny Committee (Budget) | 6.30pm | Thursday, 1 st February |
| COUNCIL – Cycle 5 | 6.30pm | Thursday, 8th February |
| Place Scrutiny Committee – Cycle 6 | 6.30pm | Monday, 12 th February |
| CABINET (Council Budget) | 6.30pm | Tuesday, 13th February |
| People Scrutiny Committee – Cycle 6 | 6.30pm | Wednesday, 14 th February |
| Policy & Resources Scrutiny Committee – Cycle 6 | 6.30pm | Thursday 15 th February |
| Traffic Regulations Working Party & Cabinet Committee | 6.30pm | Monday, 26 th February |
| Shareholder Board | 6.30pm | Tuesday, 27 th February |
| Development Control Committee | 2.00pm | Wednesday, 28 th February |
| COUNCIL (Budget) | 6.30pm | Thursday, 29th February |

MARCH

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|-------------------------------------|---------------|--|
| CABINET – Cycle 6 | 6.30pm | Monday, 4 th March |
| Southend Health and Wellbeing Board | 5.00pm | Tuesday 5th March |
| Development Control Committee | 2.00pm | Wednesday 6 th March |
| COUNCIL – Cycle 6 | 6.30pm | Thursday, 21st March |

APRIL

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|---|--------|-----------------------------------|
| (NB: Maundy Thursday 28th March, Good Friday 29th March, Easter Monday 1st April) | | |
| Development Control Committee | 2.00pm | Wednesday, 3 rd April |
| Audit Committee | 6.30pm | Wednesday, 24 th April |

MAY

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|---|---------------|-------------------------------------|
| ANNUAL COUNCIL | 3.30pm | Thursday, 9th May |
| COUNCIL (Appointment of Committees etc.) | 6.30pm | Thursday 16th May |
| Development Control Committee | 2.00pm | Wednesday, 29 th May |

NOTE:

Holocaust Memorial Day Commemoration Service – 27 January 2024

School Term Dates:

Summer Term starts Monday 17th April 2023 to Friday 21st July 2023.

Half Term: 30th May to 2nd June, and May Bank Holiday, 1st May, Coronation Holiday 8th May, Spring Bank Holiday 29th May 2023

Autumn Term starts Friday 1st September 2023 to Wednesday 20th December 2023

Half Term: 23rd October to 27th October 2023 Summer Bank Holiday 28th August 2023

Spring Term starts Thursday 4th January 2024 to Thursday 28th March 2024
Half Term: 19th February to 23rd February, Easter Bank Holidays 29th March & 1st April 2024

School Summer Term 2023 starts Monday 15th April 2024

Note:

Lib Dem Conference: 23 – 26 September 2023

Conservative Conference: 1 – 4 October 2023

Labour Conference: 8 – 11 October 2023

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Opposition Business

Notice of Motion

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Proposed 85,000 HGV vehicle movements to and from Gunners Park development.

2nd March 2023

The Council is proposing to allow 120 HGVs per day to transport earth to the Gunners Park development site over a two and a half year period. This would equate to 85,000 additional HGV vehicle movements. Concerns have been raised about the sewage line under Thorpe Hall Avenue which is part of the proposed route. Anglian Water has stated in a letter to Southchurch councillors that the structural integrity of the sewage line cannot be guaranteed to withstand the impact of these proposed additional HGV vehicle movements.

This Council therefore resolves that:

1. This Council believes either waterways or rail should be used to transport earth to the Gunners Park development site.
2. The Council will open negotiations with Bellway in order to look at delivering earth to the site by barge and/or by train.
3. This Council apply for a temporary Traffic Regulation Order for a weight restriction along Thorpe Hall Avenue to allow Anglian Water, as the body responsible for the maintenance, to do an engineering assessment to see if the sewage line in Thorpe Hall Avenue is robust enough to take the proposed additional 85,000 HGV vehicle movements.
4. Structural surveys are undertaken on house foundations along Thorpe Hall Avenue and all roads on the proposed route.

Proposed By: Cllr Nelson

Seconded By: Cllr Beggs
Cllr Boyd
Cllr Buck
Cllr Buckley
Cllr Courtenay
Cllr Cox
Cllr Davidson
Cllr Dear
Cllr Evans
Cllr Folkard
Cllr Garne
Cllr Garston
Cllr Habermel
Cllr Jarvis
Cllr Darryl Jones
Cllr Lamb
Cllr McGlone
Cllr Moring
Cllr Moyies
Cllr Salter
Cllr Walker
Cllr Warren

Opposition Business - Amendment

Notice of Motion

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This Council therefore resolves that:

1. This Council believes either waterways or rail should be used to transport earth to the Gunners Park development site.
2. The Council will open negotiations with Bellway in order to look at delivering earth to the site by barge and/or by train.

In the event that the options of the use of waterways or rail be ruled out, the following are undertaken prior to any final decision being made:

3. This Council apply for a temporary Traffic Regulation Order for a weight restriction along Thorpe Hall Avenue to allow Anglian Water, as the body responsible for the maintenance, to do an engineering assessment to see if the sewage line in Thorpe Hall Avenue is robust enough to take the proposed additional 85,000 HGV vehicle movements.
4. Structural surveys are undertaken on house foundations along Thorpe Hall Avenue and all roads on the proposed route.

Proposed By: Cllr Cowdrey

Seconded By: Cllr Woodley