

NOTICES OF MOTION

Executive Summary

The following Notice of Motions were received before the deadline following the publication of the Council agenda.

1. Councillor I Johnson

“That the Council, in relation to York Road Project

- a) appreciates the valuable work of the Project to support Woking’s homeless people through its hostel, move on services and day facilities,
- b) recognises the need of the Project to find permanent modern facilities fit for the challenges of the future and
- c) resolves to work with the Project and a developer, potentially as part of the Housing Infrastructure Fund, to provide such facilities in, or near to, the town centre.”

2. Councillor L S Lyons

“Following new practice as a result of the coronavirus pandemic, this Council has operated hugely successfully without the need to print papers and courier them to Members across the Borough.

- (i) As a permanent matter of policy, this Council will operate all public meetings and task group meetings without printed papers, instead distributing them to Members and relevant Officers by electronic digital means.
- (ii) This Council will work towards operating all functions, involving all members of staff and associated contractors, without the need for printed papers.
- (iii) Exceptions may be made for complex planning documents containing diagrams and images, or which may be presented on non-standard paper sizes.
- (iv) Due consideration and exceptions will be made for those Members and Officers with additional physical needs.
- (v) Appropriate training will be offered to Members and Officers to enable them to use electronic digital alternatives to printed papers effectively.

3. Councillor L S Lyons

“The pedestrian underpass underneath Woking Station has become dilapidated and is in a poor state of repair and decor. It has also become an eyesore in the town centre. At times, it can be unpleasant for pedestrians transiting between south Woking and the town centre.

- (i) This Council will take advantage of the significantly lower numbers of pedestrians using the underpass underneath Woking Station as a result of the current coronavirus restrictions, and arrange for its refurbishment at the earliest opportunity.
- (ii) This Council will seek to make such arrangements with other stakeholders as are necessary to achieve the refurbishments.”

4. Councillor L S Lyons

“CS12 of the Council’s Core Strategy requires that new developments over 15 dwellings will provide at least 40 per cent affordable homes onsite, and that those brought forward by this Council will provide 50 per cent of affordable homes onsite.

- (i) This Council notes that some applicants have successfully avoided having to provide any or all of these affordable homes as a result of viability assessments which have concluded that such a development would not be economically viable, were they to do so.
- (ii) Irrespective of any viability assessment, this Council, along with any of this Council’s arms-length companies (including but not limited to Thameswey), will not have any involvement in a development - save for determining its planning application - unless at least 40 per cent of the homes provided onsite are affordable homes.”

5. Councillor L S Lyons

“In accordance with the Control of Pollution Act (Noise) 1974, construction sites operating in Woking must currently limit site noise to the hours of 08:00 and 18:00 Monday to Friday, 08:00 and 13:00 on Saturday and not at all on Sunday, with no noise permitted to be audible from the site boundary outside of those hours.

- (i) These times are to be confirmed as a matter of Council policy, and any review of, or amendments to, these times must be determined by the Council.
- (ii) Any permission to vary from these times may only be granted to an applicant with the permission of the Planning Committee.
- (iii) Any such permission by the Planning Committee will only be granted in exceptional circumstances, and for a limited and specified period.
- (iv) Permission to vary these times on a single occasion, for a maximum period of one day, may be granted by relevant Officers under delegated powers. Subsequent applications, or applications for longer than one day, must be considered by the Planning Committee.
- (v) On all such instances of permission to vary from these times being granted, residents likely to be affected will be notified by post.
- (vi) Works deemed to be an emergency will continue to be exempt from these restrictions.”

Background Papers: None.

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