



Havering
LONDON BOROUGH

COUNCIL, 30 JANUARY 2013

MOTIONS FOR DEBATE

A CCTV IN RAINHAM

Motion on behalf of the Independent Residents' Group

Given the success of CCTV cameras in reducing crime in the borough's town centres, in the interest of the residents south of the borough, this Council will continue with that success and make further progress in reducing crime with the installation of CCTV cameras in Rainham town centre.

A1: Amendment on behalf of the Administration

Amend to read:

This Council notes the success of CCTV cameras in Havering and accepts that, when the further funding becomes available, priority will be given to those communities in Havering where official crime statistics suggest that the local need is greatest.

A2: Amendment on behalf of the Labour Group

Amend as follows:

In the first line, insert after the word "cameras" the following:

"and Safer Neighbourhood Teams"

At the end of the motion, after the word "centre" insert the following:

"and oppose vigorously the proposal of the Mayor of London to close front counter facilities of the Rainham SNT and to cut its dedicated resources"

[Note – the motion would then read:

Given the success of CCTV cameras and Safer Neighbourhood Teams in reducing crime in the borough's town centres, in the interest of the residents south of the borough, this Council will continue with that success and make further progress in reducing crime with the installation of CCTV cameras in Rainham town centre and oppose vigorously the proposal of the Mayor of London

to close front counter facilities of the Rainham SNT and to cut its dedicated resources.]

B CLOSURE OF POLICE STATIONS

Motion on behalf of the Residents' Group

In recognition of the valuable role Police Stations play in the community, this Council expresses its serious concern over any proposals to close our police stations and resolves to:

- a) Express our collective concerns in writing to the Mayor of London, the Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police
- b) Seek the support of our MPs and GLA Member in opposing any closures
- c) Support any other London wide activity in opposing such closures

B1: Amendment on behalf of the Administration

Amend to read:

This Council is aware of the on-going consultation by the MPS on future strategies for policing in Havering. We note with concern the proposals to close some police stations, but welcome the proposed increased in manpower. We therefore call on all of Havering communities to play an active part in the current consultation.

B2: Amendment on behalf of the Labour Group

Amend as follows:

In the second line after the words "any proposals" insert the following:-

"by the Mayor of London and the Metropolitan Police Authority"

In the third line after the word "stations" insert the following:-

"and to close Safer Neighbourhood front counter facilities"

In the third line after the word "and" insert the following:-

"reduce the dedicated resources to the SNTs and"

[Note – the motion would then read:

In recognition of the valuable role Police Stations play in the community, this Council expresses its serious concern over any proposals by the Mayor of London and the Metropolitan Police Authority to close our police stations and to close Safer

Neighbourhood front counter facilities and reduce the dedicated resources to the SNTs and resolves to:

- a) Express our collective concerns in writing to the Mayor of London, the Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police
- b) Seek the support of our MPs and GLA Member in opposing any closures
- c) Support any other London wide activity in opposing such closures

C CLOSURE OF ST GEORGE'S HOSPITAL, HORNCHURCH

Motion on behalf of the Labour Group

This Council acknowledges the invaluable contribution that St George's Hospital has made to the quality of life of the people of Havering, particularly older people and their dependents. It is therefore with deep regret that after various unsuccessful attempts at justifying closure of the site the Primary Care Trust has now achieved its objective.

In light of this the Council places on record its strongly held view that the future use of the site should have regard to the heritage of the site and to the needs of the people of Havering. It is widely accepted that Havering has one of the largest growing elderly populations in London. To this end, and subject to the appropriate planning processes, the Council will seek to influence any proposed development of the site.

In particular it will enter into urgent discussions with the Primary Care Trust and its successors to reinforce the strength of local feeling that the future use of the site should reflect its long-standing historical medical and community care relationship with the local community. Those discussions should explore the possibility of a pathfinding development of an older persons' village. For example, this might comprise a mixed development of retirement homes for sale and rent (involving private developers and housing associations), sheltered housing, a resource centre encompassing medical and nursing facilities, residential care facilities and provision for a luncheon club, together with other local amenities. Such development should attempt to retain as much as possible of the current architectural heritage of the site with new buildings reflecting architectural sympathy with that heritage.

In pursuance of this the Council will also:

1. Consider including a specific policy or site allocation in the forthcoming Havering Local Plan enshrining these objectives and the necessary planning principles;
2. Make urgent representations to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government as to the desirability of, and seeking his support

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for, a pathfinding scheme of this nature as a demonstration of 'the new localism' and as a measure of joined up government seek his liaison with the Secretary of State for Health regarding ownership and disposal of the site;

3. Consult with appropriate heritage bodies regarding possible measures for the protection and preservation of existing buildings on the site.

This Council believes that such a development would be ideally located, in a pleasant environmental setting and close to essential transport hubs. It would provide opportunity for self-help among a community of retired and older people and would be likely to attract resource from voluntary and community organisations. It would also be of benefit to the health and well-being of those people and help facilitate more people to live independent lives for longer and avoiding loneliness.

The Council concludes that in addition to the obvious community benefits, the principle of such a development would have a positive impact on the increasingly stretched resources of the various public sector agencies, including the NHS.

C1: Amendment on behalf of the Administration

Amend to read:

Although the St Georges Hospital site in Hornchurch is a matter for the CCG, this Council wants to work in partnership achieved the following for its local community:-

- 1) Establish a specific health facility on the site.
- 2) Protect Havering's Greenbelt,
- 3) Ensure any proceeds from the sale of the site must be spent on the local health economy in havering.

D HILLDENE SHOPPING AREA: PARKING

Motion on behalf of the Labour Group

This Council agrees to withdraw the Administration's proposal to introduce Pay & Display Parking and Resident Parking Permits at the Hilldene Shopping Area in Harold Hill

D1: Amendment on behalf of the Administration

Amend to read:

Hilldene shopping area's future relies on local communities continuing to use it. Therefore this Council believes that it should work towards ensuring

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that future demand for car parking is protected for local residents and that commuter parking is deterred.