

COUNCIL, 14 June 2017

A GRAMMAR SCHOOLS

Motion on behalf of the Labour Group

This Council opposes the introduction of Grammar Schools in the London Borough of Havering.

Amendment by the Conservative Group

Amend to read:

This Council takes pride in the achievements of all its children and young people through the provision of good quality education available to all students and we await further detail about any national scheme for the establishment of new Grammar Schools before taking a considered view on the matter.

B OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY

Motion on behalf of the Residents' Group

Over many years, members have voiced their concerns about the ineffectiveness of the Overview and Scrutiny process. As a result, this council therefore calls for an immediate cross party review to consider changes to the current process to bring about service improvements for our residents, as well as ensuring that all members play their active part and this important function provides better value for money. Additionally, this Council calls for this review to be completed in time for any changes to be implemented with effect from the new council in May 2018.

Amendment by the Conservative Group

This Council recognises that despite the findings of previous cross party working groups and these having been considered in the changes made in 2014 members have continued to voice their concerns about the ineffectiveness of the Overview and Scrutiny Process. This Council therefore notes with approval that the Administration has already commenced informal discussions about a further cross party review to consider changes to the current process and calls for such a review to be completed in time for any recommendations to be considered by the new council elected in 2018.

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C GRAVEL EXTRACTION

Motion on behalf of the Independent Residents' Group

The Planning Inspector has approved gravel extraction on Green Belt land by Wennington Village APP/B5480/W/16/3159082 despite only 30% of the gravel coming from the land and 70% from processing imported inert waste.

This motion therefore calls on the Council to recommend to the Executive that the decision be legally challenged as contrary to Green Belt policy and because this landfill scheme involves 270 HGVs (135 in/out) everyday, plus a smaller number on Saturdays for next 9 years and is clearly another over-development too far in the south of the borough.

Amendment by the Conservative Group

It is noted that the Planning Inspector approved gravel extraction on Green Belt land by Wennington Village APP/B5480/W/16/3159082 on appeal from the refusal of the application by this Council and that in this as in other cases it is only appropriate to make a legal challenge by way of appeal when there are sufficient grounds to do so.