

## **COUNCIL, 20 JANUARY 2021**

### **MOTIONS**

#### **A. LOWER THAMES CROSSING**

##### **Motion on behalf of the Upminster and Cranham Residents' Associations Group**

Following on from several consultations regarding the Lower Thames Crossing and the responses from this Council (March 2016 and this year) Highways England submitted a Planning Application for a 14.5mile road, including a 2.4 mile tunnel, connecting the M2 near Rochester and the M25 by North Ockendon.

We have been advised that following feedback from the Planning Inspectorate that the Application has been withdrawn and a new one will be submitted.

Therefore we ask that this Council calls upon the Leader to reiterate its concerns to the Government and our Members of Parliament in respect of the following:

- Adverse impact on residential amenity for homes in Havering in terms of noise, disturbance and vibration
- Loss of homes in the North Ockendon area
- Impact on conservation areas and heritage assets in the locality
- Adverse impact of ongoing works and siting of works compounds.
- Should the Crossing go ahead as planned, that Havering residents are eligible to a toll discount scheme (on the same basis as received by residents of Thurrock and Dartford for the Dartford Crossing).

##### **Amendment on behalf of the Conservative Group**

This Council welcomes the withdrawal of the Lower Thames Crossing planning application following the objections raised by the Administration as part of the public consultation; notes that the previous scheme failed to adequately address the projected increases in noise and air pollution that would result across Havering from increased traffic movements; notes the unwillingness from Highway England to include sufficient upgrades of the strategic highway network as part of the overall design; notes the unwillingness from Highways England to offer Havering residents a user discount, and calls upon the Administration to take all necessary steps to engage with Highway England, to ensure that these issues are addressed.

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## **B. ORCHARD VILLAGE**

### **Motion on behalf of the Labour Group**

This Council call upon the Government to increase funding for the safe removal and replacement of the external building cladding at Orchard Village and other residential blocks irrespective of the height of the buildings in order that shared owners and leaseholders are relieved of the substantial costs involved. Clarion Housing Association is urged to bring forward a programme to make all necessary safety works at Orchard Village.

(No amendments redeived).

### **Amendment on behalf of the Conservative Group**

This Council welcomes the £1billion made available by the Government for this financial year to support the remediation of unsafe non-ACM cladding systems on residential buildings 18 metres and above in height, in both the private and social housing sectors. This Council also notes the Government's publication of the draft Building Safety Bill which lays out the framework and enabling powers to implement a new approach to building safety regulation. Clarion Housing Association is therefore urged to bring forward a programme to carry out all necessary safety works at Orchard Village.

## **C. FIRST DO NO HARM**

### **Motion on behalf of the Independent Residents' Group**

Council calls upon the Executive to contact other like-minded councils to explore whether there is support and determine the merits of launching a claim for Judicial Review into the Government's decision to use the 1984 Public Health Act to impose a vastly disproportionate response to a microscopic respiratory virus, undermining the mental/health and economy of Britain.

(No amendments received).

## **D. SUPPORT TO VACCINATION PROGRAMME**

### **Motion on behalf of the Conservative Group**

This Council welcomes the steps taken by the authority in supporting the NHS to roll out the national coronavirus vaccination programme, which is vital to protect the vulnerable; ensure that the NHS can meet the health needs of all local residents and support the resumption of normal life; and calls upon the Administration to launch an enhanced communication campaign to provide information, support and encouragement to Havering residents to take up their vaccination when invited by the NHS.

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**Amendment on behalf of the Independent Residents' Group**

This Council welcomes the steps taken by the authority in supporting the NHS to roll out the national coronavirus vaccination programme, which is vital to protect the vulnerable; ensure that the NHS can meet the health and safety needs of all Havering residents and support the resumption of normal life.

And calls upon the Administration to launch an enhanced communication campaign to provide residents information about the contents of the vaccines and any possible side-effects, particularly for people on other medication, so they can make an informed choice when invited to take up their vaccination by the NHS. And furthermore fully informs those who may refuse the vaccines for medical reasons of the wonderful benefits of Vitamin D, healthy eating, exercise and socialising in the sunshine to strengthen the immune system which is vital for a healthy body and mind.