

Cabinet

12 November 2025

REPORT OF THE JOINT PEOPLE AND PLACE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY SUB- COMMITTEES

Subject Heading:

Launders Lane (Arnold's Field) –
Comments of the Joint People and Place
Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committees

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Policy context:

The report deals with a statutory process.

Financial summary:

There is no significant financial impact
from the statutory processes as these
requirements are being met by existing
budgets.

The subject matter of this report deals with the following Council Objectives

- People - Supporting our residents to stay safe and well **X**
- Place - A great place to live, work and enjoy **X**
- Resources - Enabling a resident-focused and resilient Council **X**

SUMMARY

Using its Constitutional powers under the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules, the People and Place Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committees at a joint meeting have made a number of recommendations to Cabinet. Cabinet is required to respond to these.

RECOMMENDATION

That Cabinet considers and responds to the following recommendations made by the People and Place Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committees in relation to the report on Launders Lane (Arnold's Field) in response to a motion on Arnold's Field agreed by Full Council.

1. That the Council review relevant past documents and communication and look at putting together an engagement strategy as to how it communicates in the future.
2. That the Council look at proactive communication in general on the Launders Lane issue with particular emphasis on the site clean-up and the provision of clear health advice.
3. That the Council explore advising residents and the landowner to cut back the bush shrubbery.
4. That the Council provide further information on the existence of asbestos on the site
5. That the Council lobby the government to request a tightening of the legislation around smoke with reference to Part 2A of the Environmental Protection Act 1990.
6. The Sub-Committees also recommend that the Council seek legal opinion on its potential exposure to being sued in the future by local residents.

7. That the Council plan to monitor and to detect long term health impacts in order that an action plan around detecting long term health impacts be put in place.
8. That the Council consider a data sharing partnership specifically with the London Fire Brigade.

REPORT DETAIL

At its meeting on 21 October 2025, the People and Place Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committees at a joint meeting discussed and made some recommendations in response to a motion on Launder's Lane (Arnold's Field) agreed by Full Council.

The specific recommendations in this area are as shown in the section above and Cabinet is asked to respond to these at the Cabinet meeting.

IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

Financial implications and risks: None of this report which purely seeks a response from Cabinet.

Legal implications and risks: None of this report which purely seeks a response from Cabinet to Overview and Scrutiny recommendations.

Human Resources implications and risks: None of this report which purely seeks a response from Cabinet to Overview and Scrutiny recommendations.

Equalities implications and risks: None of this report which purely seeks a response from Cabinet to Overview and Scrutiny recommendations.

Environmental and Climate Change implications and risks: None of this report which purely seeks a response from Cabinet to Overview and Scrutiny recommendations.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.