

COUNCIL
13 OCTOBER 2021

NOTICES OF MOTION

To consider the following Notices of Motion, submitted in accordance with Rule 4a.26 of the Council's Constitution:

(a) Submitted by Councillor Liz Kitchen:

I move that this Council repeats its previous decision to object to the use of the emergency runway at Gatwick as a second runway, on the grounds of more noise and pollution not only from the extra flights but added congestion on the already struggling infrastructure.

Until most aeroplanes are zero carbon, which is many years away, any extra flights from Gatwick would set back our efforts to reduce carbon emissions, which are already at exceptionally high levels in some areas of our District. HDC is already committed to tackling climate change.

Whilst acknowledging the undoubted economic benefits the existing airport brings to the area and the extra 20,000 jobs it promises, it will cause yet more strain on our already overstretched housing numbers.

To support the expansion of Gatwick Airport would be a contradiction to the climate change objectives of this Council.

(b) Submitted by Councillor Mike Croker:

In 2018, at COP24, the UK Government signed up to having 'domestic institutional arrangements, public participation and engagement with local communities' so localities can play their part in delivering the UKs 'Nationally Determined Contributions' in the Paris Climate Agreement.

In May 2021 Alok Sharma MP, President of COP26 said Collaboration would be a key objective of the climate summit: "Governments, business and civil society (sometimes called 'non-state actors' and including local government) need to work together to transform the ways we power our homes and businesses, grow our food, develop infrastructure and move ourselves and goods around"

Despite these agreements and statements there is still no formal relationship allowing a joint partnership working between Local and National Government on climate action.

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This Council therefore resolves to:

- add our voice in this year of COP26 to calls by the Local Government Association and the Association of Directors of Environment, Economy, Planning and Transport & others for a joint local & national government Task Force to plan action to reach 'net zero' emissions. Such a partnership could propose appropriate regulations, establish benchmarks and targets and propose the much needed long-term funding mechanisms to enable local communities and economies to decarbonise whilst remaining resilient and sustainable.

- write to Alok Sharma MP, President for COP26 , the Prime Minister and the Leadership Board of the LGA informing them of our support for a joint Local/National Government Climate Change Partnership Taskforce and asking for one to be established as soon as possible.

(c) Submitted by Councillor Louise Potter:

We move that this Council wishes to reconsider the latest proposals for the provision of housing for social rent under Strategic Policy 16 of the new Local Plan.

In its current form, the Policy does not specify any minimum requirement for social housing. This may result in low or even zero delivery on some sites.

Homes for social rent are the most necessary type of housing for Horsham District. They will have by far the biggest impact on affordability, which is the only way to ultimately reduce our excessive housing targets.

We therefore propose that of the affordable housing provided in each new development, at least 35% should be reserved for social rent.