

## Motions from Ordinary Council 2022-2023

Date: 16.3.2022					
No	Motions	Mover	Seconder	RAG	Comments
8	<p>This Council resolves to have placed in our Constitution's Planning Chapter that any councillor(s) who individually, or through their party affiliation, have received donations from land owners /agents/developers should be prohibited to sit and vote on a planning committee where that land /planning application is being discussed.</p>	Cllr Lewis	Cllr Aspinell		<p>A total review of the Constitution is going to be undertaken this will be added to the workplan.</p>
9	<p>This council objects to the East Anglia Green proposals to run high voltage cable across East Anglia and subsequently through Essex and the Borough of Brentwood, to deliver offshore wind generated power from Norfolk through to Tilbury.</p> <p>We are fortunate to have natural assets in the form of a coastline and the Thames Estuary by which offshore power can be delivered to a location on the Thames, with minimal disturbance to land.</p> <p>The National Grid appear to have discounted offshore cabling and come up with a solution that cuts a scar right across east Anglia, with questionable logic as to how the construction of infrastructure and supply of necessary materials, could have a lower carbon delivery of the project when compared with offshore cable laying.</p> <p>The green energy agenda should not be delivered at the expense of our landscapes and the project itself should seek to be delivered with the minimal emission of carbon possible.</p>	Cllr Hones	Cllr Hossack		<p>PRED committee approved a consultation response to the project objecting to several aspects of the proposal (13 July 2022). Since then:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- July 2022 – National Grid met with members of the OffSET group of MPs to discuss the issue of offshoring the proposed line.</li> <li>- October 2022 – National Grid issued a formal response to issues raised by OffSET, explaining why the offshore option is not being progressed, although no final decision has been made.</li> <li>- November/December 2022 – National Grid submitted a scoping report</li> </ul>

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	<p>This Council resolves to write to National Grid and the Secretary of State at BEIS, requesting current proposals are reconsidered for a less harmful option, extending the consultation period if necessary to include the case for offshore cable routing for the delivery of renewable power.</p>				<p>to the Planning Inspectorate, identifying issues likely to cause significant effects and so to be included within the scope of the Environmental Statement. Brentwood Borough Council provided comments on the report, highlighting that consideration needs to be given to health and wellbeing, historic environment, landscape and visual, socio-economic and recreation impacts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- January 2023 – National Grid hosted a workshop with Essex planning authorities to update on alternative route options being considered in response to feedback from the non-statutory consultation in July 2022 (and ongoing discussions). Alternatives are being considered that would affect the proposed routing in the borough.</li><li>- February 2023 – National Grid hosted a</li></ul>
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					<p>workshop on proposed viewpoints along the route. The council's heritage and landscape specialists are feeding into this element of the work which will help inform the project moving forward.</p> <p>In February 2023 National Grid announced a change to the project timetable with the addition of a second non-statutory public consultation for emerging proposals, to include an indicative proposed alignment for pylons, underground cables, cable sealing end compounds and connection substations. This is anticipated for late spring 2023. National Grid continue to carry out surveys and assessments to build detailed knowledge of the route and remain in the process of considering localised route alternatives. Following further non-statutory consultation, a statutory consultation and</p>
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					Environmental Impact Assessment will need to be carried out before submission of the Development Consent Order (DCO), expected Q4 2024.
10	This council resolves to write to Alex Burghart MP requesting that he details exactly what benefits the legislation on Unauthorised Development that has been introduced, as outlined in his 2019 election manifesto, will have for the people of Brentwood and Essex in general along with the expected timescale for this to be brought forward. Will this legislation stop unauthorised Traveller developments such as those that have occurred at Oak Tree Farm Blackmore and Five Acre Farm Great Warley, both of which have caused Great expense to this Borough as well as expense and distress to local communities?	Cllr Laplain	Cllr M Cuthbert		<p>Cllr Laplain will draft a letter on behalf of the Council to Alex Burghart MP on the matter.</p> <p><b><u>Update</u></b></p> <p>Waiting on a response from Cllr Laplain.</p>
<b>Date 27.7.2022</b>					
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11	<p>This council acknowledges the efforts of the Highway Authority to promote active travel, in particular the proposals for schools streets in the Shenfield Road area.</p> <p>We note the findings of the active travel consultation published Sept 21 that reported; traffic congestion, air</p>	Cllr Russell	Cllr Hossack		The work is still ongoing re cycle lanes and a site visit including all relevant members was conducted in November to discuss potential routes that did not involve Shenfield Rd.

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	<p>pollution, and road safety as being the top of residents' concerns.</p> <p>However, we note also the potential for conflict in the proposals being brought forward in ATF2, whereby efforts to reduce pollution through the introduction of cycle lanes, are expected to increase town centre congestion, particularly at Wilsons corner.</p> <p>Whilst we welcome ambition to promote healthier travel alternatives, we look to the Highway Authority to do so in a way that does not cause increased town centre congestion which will have an adverse effect not only on health but also is potentially damaging to our economy and environment.</p> <p>We call upon this council to arrange a meeting with key stakeholders in order to explore other options at the earliest opportunity.</p>				<p>Part of the ATF2 scheme has been implemented including 20mph limits in Shenfield and ECC are installing cycling parking outside of the Hermit.</p>
12	<p>This council recognises the impact of the cost of living crisis on many residents and groups in Brentwood. Whilst we acknowledge that we already have community funds in place, we believe there could be further opportunities to enhance these.</p> <p>Therefore, we request that officers explore a mechanism whereby those who wish to, may contribute to a community fund designed to support community initiatives and groups, with proposals to be brought back to CEE Cttee later this year.</p>	Cllr White	Cllr Poppy		<p>Further options re still being considered.</p>

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13	This council recognises the growing importance of social prescribing and asks officers to see how we can as a council develop this further with our partners and 3rd sector organisations.	Cllr Hossack	Cllr Poppy		Social Prescribing is commissioned through the Brentwood and Basildon Alliance. The Council already works closely with the Alliance and sits on a number of the subgroups to further develop these initiatives. Through the Brentwood Health and Wellbeing Board the Council is developing more activities to offer residents including those with our Leisure operator.
14	The Liberal Democrat Group calls upon the Council Officers in the Economic Development Department to organise a Brentwood Job Fair event in 2023 to support local businesses and help local residents find work within the Borough. This could be a standalone event or one held alongside the Business Showcase.	Cllr Kendall	Cllr M Cuthbert		The Brentwood Jobs Fair was held on Thursday, 9 February at The Nightingale Centre, co-organised by Brentwood Borough Council and the Brentwood Jobcentre. Over 20 employers took part and just under 200 jobseekers attended the event
15	This motion was deferred from Ordinary Council on 2nd November 2022.	Cllr Aspinell	Cllr Haigh		A report will be taken to the Housing Committee on 27 <sup>th</sup> February 2023.

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	<p>An AMENDMENT to the motion was MOVED by Cllr White and was accepted by the original mover Cllr Aspinell for the motion to read as:</p> <p>This Council resolves to ask officers to investigate and to report on appropriate strategies and avenues of available funding in order to support efficient adoption of environmental technologies such as; the supply and fix of solar panels, wind turbines, heat-pumps, battery storage, insulation and other affordable warmth measures to our council , with a view to lowering energy costs borne by the Council and those Council tenants that would benefit from such an installation programme.</p> <p>Additionally, they should investigate the installation of batteries for the storage of renewable energy to enable continual electrical use.</p> <p>The Council believes such a programme would make a positive contribution in addressing carbon reduction targets and energy costs during the global cost of living crisis, but in future years as well.</p> <p>Members requested that a report will go to the February Housing Committee with timescales.</p> <p>Following a full discussion, a vote on the motion was taken by a show of hands on the amended motion and it was <b>RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY.</b></p>				
16	<p>This Council resolves to investigate the possibility of twinning with a town of comparable size in Ukraine once the current war in that country has been resolved and Ukraine is a free nation, once more.</p> <p>The aim would be to undertake cultural and economic exchanges, explore business opportunities and demonstrate a general desire to help the people of that</p>	Cllr Aspinell	Cllr Davies		The Council will investigate the possibility of Twinning between Brentwood and Ukraine once the current war is resolved.

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	district/town to rebuild structurally and economically for their future.				
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