



Notices of Motion

Date: 21 October 2020

Motion to Council: Planning and Parish Councils

(deferred from July 2020 meeting)

Proposer: Councillor Robin Stuchbury

Seconder: Councillor Rafiq Raja

“We propose that the Council should undertake a consultation with town and parish councils, in order to evaluate the effectiveness of their engagement with the planning department, following changes to the planning consultation process in the Buckinghamshire Council constitution. The outcomes of this consultation and evaluation exercise and any recommendations resulting from it, should be presented to Council, prior to the May 2021 elections.”

AMENDMENT NO. 1

Proposer: Councillor Warren Whyte

Seconder: tbc

“We propose that the Council should undertake a *regular* consultation with town and parish councils, in order to evaluate their *satisfaction* ~~effectiveness of their engagement~~ with the planning ~~service department, following changes to the planning consultation process in the Buckinghamshire Council constitution.~~ The outcomes of this consultation ~~and evaluation exercise and any recommendations resulting from it,~~ should be *used as part of the current review of the service and subsequently in developing more effective engagement strategies with key stakeholders.* ~~presented to Council, prior to the May 2021 elections.~~ *Should any conclusions suggest constitutional changes, these to be included as input to a wider review of the Buckinghamshire Council Constitution to be undertaken later in 2020/21.*”

AMENDMENT NO. 2 (retained NoM original wording highlighted)

Proposer: Councillor Llew Monger

Seconder: Councillor Peter Jones

Council notes that;

- there is significant disquiet among Town and Parish Councils regarding their relationship with the planning department
- the four legacy district councils each had different systems for the involvement of town and parish councils in the planning process
- the harmonisation of the system for call-in to committee has negatively affected town and parish councils in Aylesbury Vale where they previously had a direct right to request call-in. This has led to many councils feeling that they are being cut out of the process and that their planning knowledge and experience is being devalued
- the new process for call-in is unnecessarily cumbersome in its application and still leaves the decision with officers and the committee chairman
- Council further notes that there remains a backlog of applications awaiting determination and yet planning meetings are being cancelled for lack of applications to consider.

Council therefore proposes that

“In order to give confidence to our town and parish council partners that these matters will be addressed the Cabinet Member for Planning and Enforcement should

~~We propose that the Council should~~ undertake a consultation with town and parish councils, in order to evaluate the effectiveness of their engagement with the planning department and seek their views on the revised system for call-in. ~~following changes to the planning consultation process in the Buckinghamshire Council constitution.~~ The outcomes of this consultation and evaluation exercise and any recommendations resulting from it, should be presented to Council, ~~prior to the May 2021 election~~ no later than the meeting of Council scheduled for 24th February 2021.



Motion to Council: Planning White Paper

Proposer: Councillor Robin Stuchbury

Seconder: Councillor Majid Hussain

“We the undersigned propose that Buckinghamshire Council makes its objections to the Government White Paper known in the strongest terms and the most determined way possible.

Buckinghamshire Council for the first time will be in a position to do joined-up thinking, linking all areas of planning together on behalf of our constituents presently and in the future.

The new Government proposals, Planning for the Future, have no respect for the democratic processes of a local planning authority and will make drafting probably the first ever Buckinghamshire Development Plan in the future both unwieldy and unsustainable.

On ecological, environmental, social and economic grounds therefore we seek Buckinghamshire Council to give strong objection to the proposals within the White Paper published on the 6th of August 2020.

Our grounds for objection are that it bears no relation to the 1947 Town and Country Planning Act, the 1968 Town and Country Planning Act or the 1990 Amendment to the Town and Country Planning Act which was amended in 1991, putting local plans as the ultimate way local authorities would be delivering development plans, while encouraging parishes and communities to write local plans in a joined-up, workable, fully accountable and democratic planning system.

The Planning for the Future White Paper is not an evolution, it's a devolution of powers from Buckinghamshire Council to Central Government and should be contested at every possible avenue open to Buckinghamshire Council

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/planning-for-the-future> “

AMENDMENT

Proposer: Councillor Martin Tett

Seconder: Councillor Warren Whyte

~~“We the undersigned propose that Buckinghamshire Council makes its objections to the Government's White Paper – Planning for the Future published on the 6th~~

~~of August 2020 by its endorsement of the strong, logical and well-reasoned response agreed by its Cabinet on 13th October 2020. known in the strongest terms and the most determined way possible.~~

~~Buckinghamshire Council for the first time will be in a position to do joined up thinking, linking all areas of planning together on behalf of our constituents presently and in the future.~~

~~The new Government proposals, Planning for the Future, have no respect *little regard* for the democratic processes of a local planning authority and will make drafting probably the first ever Buckinghamshire *Local* Development Plan in the future both unwieldy and unsustainable.~~

~~On ecological, environmental, social and economic grounds therefore we seek Buckinghamshire Council *therefore urges the Government to give serious consideration* to give *our* strong objection to the proposals within the White Paper published on the 6th of August 2020.~~

~~Our grounds for objection are that it bears no relation to the 1947 Town and Country Planning Act, the 1968 Town and Country Planning Act or the 1990 Amendment to the Town and Country Planning Act which was amended in 1991, putting local plans as the ultimate way local authorities would be delivering development plans, while encouraging parishes and communities to write local plans in a joined up, workable, fully accountable and democratic planning system.~~

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~~Council also requests that the Cabinet Member make the Council's final, official response known to the Buckinghamshire Members of Parliament and that he ask for their support in lobbying Government to change or substantially modify its proposals in the White Paper.~~

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