

## MOTIONS

### 8.1 MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR CURLING

This Council notes and highlights the following statements from the Inspector's report on the core strategy of the Hillingdon Local Plan:

*"A particular challenge will be to ensure that planned-for growth does not take place at the expense of valued open space and locally distinctive townscape elements. I have been made aware of the strength of local feeling in this respect. There is concern locally, expressed at the Hearings, that the Green Belt might be eroded by the Council's search for new school sites. Policy EM2 does state that it will carry out the search for school sites in a sequential way, exhausting all other options before Green Belt land is considered. Provided the Council does this, and applies the Policy in accordance with "the very special circumstances" test I am satisfied that the Policy is sound. Clearly it will be a matter for the Council and local residents to be vigilant in ensuring that the Policy is strictly and consistently applied"*

This Council believes that the Cabinet has

- failed to carry out a proper search for alternative school sites before opting to build on the much valued Lake Farm Country Park,
- failed to demonstrate any "very special circumstances" that would justify building on Green Belt land and
- failed to display any semblance of transparency or open government in the conduct of this exercise.

It therefore requests the Cabinet to go back to the drawing board and to conduct a thorough review of all possible options for a new primary school in Hayes and to do this with full and meaningful public consultation.

### 8.2 MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR ALLEN

This Council notes:

1. The findings of the recent 'Dispatches' documentary into fixed odds betting terminals.
2. The outcome of the vote at July 5 Council Meeting where the Council declined to support a motion highlighting the issue of the clustering of betting shops in Hillingdon and the need to reform the current planning laws surrounding betting shops.

This Council resolves to:

1. Enforce and sustain the current limit of no more than 4 Fixed Place Betting Terminals per betting shop.
2. To write to John Whittingdale MP, Chair of the Culture, Media and Sport Committee requesting he withdraw his recommendation to increase the limit on Fixed Place Betting Terminals in Betting Shops.
3. To write to Secretary of State Jeremy Hunt to ask the Government to bring forward legislation that will further regulate the use and numbers of Fixed

- Place Betting Terminals on our High Streets and to commission independent research into their affect on society.
4. Consider the true economic impact of betting shops and the services they offer on the local area and if necessary commission research to examine the effect they have on local communities.