

MOTIONS

9.1 MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR DUNCAN

That this Council believes planning works best when developers and the local community work together to shape local areas and deliver necessary new homes and other developments and, therefore, calls on the Government to protect the right of communities to object to individual planning applications.

9.2 MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR DHILLON

That this Council is concerned by the number of cases involving unsafe building practices and standards affecting the safety of Hillingdon residents by private building control operators and their practices.

We therefore call upon the Leader and Cabinet Member to examine the issues in Hillingdon and make them known to the government with a request to strengthen the legislation / regulation and accountability of such private building control operators to be on par with those of our own local authority building control services.

9.3 MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR CURLING

That this Council recognises the growing problem of the recreational use of Nitrous Oxide, as a psychoactive substance, across the borough. This is not only harmful to the individuals inhaling it, but it also contributes to public safety dangers associated with people driving whilst under the influence of a psychoactive substance, as well as, anti-social behaviour and huge amounts of littering of disused gas cannisters and balloons.

Although it is illegal to supply and use Nitrous Oxide for this purpose, it remains a considerable problem for the residents of Hillingdon to endure. Council therefore calls on the Cabinet to take some proactive action to achieve some positive results in the following four areas:

- A campaign to raise awareness and discourage the use of Nitrous Oxide.
- Better enforcement action.
- Investigating Illegal Sales.
- Tackling the littering problem.

9.4 MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR CORTHORNE

That this Council welcomes the establishment of the UK Government's "Operation Warm Welcome" programme to ensure that those refugees from Afghanistan who served alongside and assisted British forces and their families are supported as they look to rebuild their lives in the UK.

This Council notes that the UK and, specifically, the London Borough of Hillingdon has a proud history of providing a safe haven and support to those fleeing persecution. The Council gave an early undertaking to receive Afghan families under the Government's Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy and it is

continuing to work with the Government in support of the national resettlement programme.

This Council notes the considerable responsibility and continuous commitment of the London Borough of Hillingdon in supporting refugees from across the globe given the local authority's status as a port of entry into the UK through Heathrow Airport.

This Council resolves to:

- Support the Government's "Operation Warm Welcome" programme and assist refugee families from Afghanistan as they resettle in the UK.
- Work with national and local charities and partner agencies to ensure that Afghan refugees settling in the London Borough of Hillingdon have access to appropriate support to develop language skills, gain employment and integrate into the life of the borough.
- Provide the children of Afghan refugees settling in the London Borough of Hillingdon with appropriate educational support.
- Work with Government, London Councils, the Mayor of London and landlords to provide appropriate housing for Afghan refugees in the London Borough of Hillingdon without putting further pressure on the demand for social housing.