

# **Merton Council Council**

**10 September 2014**

## **Supplementary agenda**

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# Agenda Item 16

MPWIR AMENDMENT TO THE NOTICE OF MOTION - CONSERVATIVE 1  
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COUNCIL MEETING – WEDNESDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 2014

NOTICE OF MOTION

MPWIR Amendment to Conservative Motion 1

Cllr Edward Foley

Cllr John Sargeant

Cllr Peter Southgate

*The words underlined in the amended Motion below be inserted and the words struck through be deleted.*

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In particular, this Council believes that, whilst the costs of the final route must clearly be affordable and deliver good value for money for the taxpayer, it is vital that the St Helier Hospital loop goes ahead in order to deliver improved access to the hospital for many local families and older residents. It is also vital that disruption to residents and local neighbourhoods is minimised. Specifically, we must protect and green spaces and playing fields are from development-protected; residential areas from rat-running due to potential congestion caused by Tramlink; and bus services from downgrading due to loss of dedicated bus lanes.

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*The amended Motion would then read:*

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