

Merton Council Council

2 February 2022

Supplementary Agenda 2 – Amendments to Motions

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Labour Amendment to Liberal Democrat Motion – Item 10

All England Lawn Tennis Club – restrictive covenants

Council Notes:

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“The golf course land will be retained as open space. The whole stretch has been designated Metropolitan Open Land. We have declared it a conservation area and placed strong covenants on the sale.”

The statement in the Wimbledon Informer on 24 September 1993 by the Chairman of the All England Lawn Tennis Club that:

“We completely understand and support everyone’s determination to keep the land open and we have purchased the land on that basis.”

Council therefore ~~requests-reiterates Cabinet to inform the AELTC that regardless of the results of the AELTC Planning Application 21/P2900 and any future similar applications, that it intends to enforce its~~that, while the land has in fact never been freely open to residents, covenants over this land held on behalf of the residents of Merton will need to be respected henceforth.

Council also notes that the covenant is a legal issue separate to the consideration of the AELTC Planning Application 21/P2900 and any future similar applications.

Cllr Simon McGrath

Cllr Anthony Fairclough

Cllr Paul Kohler

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Labour Amendment to Conservative Motion – Item 12

Road charging non-strategic theme motion

Council recognises that since 2018 the Labour administration has ~~introduced~~ considered a range of new parking ~~taxes-charges~~ that:

1. ~~Impose new charges on~~Encourage all residents ~~in wards where there are no Labour councillors;~~ to use more sustainable travel;
2. ~~Do not work, as taxing parking cars does not reduce~~Highlight the role that car use has on climate change and air pollution;
3. ~~Has~~Recognise that, though they are least likely to be car owners, price rises could hit those on low incomes the hardest at a time when they are also those hit hardest by the government's cost of living crisis;
4. ~~Has had~~Reflect that air pollution has a negative impact on children, families, the elderly and those who need care;
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1. Expand the ULEZ to all of Greater London;
2. Introduce a compulsory daily clean air charge for all petrol and diesel vehicles in Greater London;
3. Introduce a new boundary charge on vehicles travelling into Greater London.

Council recognises that as government is failing to fund TfL for the losses it has made during the pandemic as it has other transport providers, they are forcing TfL to consider the new proposals ~~from the Mayor of London which – without appropriate mitigation measures – will risk:~~

- Hitting the residents with the lowest incomes the hardest;
- Threatening Merton's economic recovery from the pandemic by unnecessarily harming businesses;
- ~~Do nothing to tackle the pollution crisis which has gone unaddressed by the Mayor of London and the Labour administration.~~

Council calls upon the Leader of the Council to write to the Mayor of London Department of Transport to request that ~~he the government~~ abandons their approach to TfL funding that could lead to his damaging new proposals to unnecessarily tax Merton residents and harm the borough's economic recovery.

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7. Highlight the role that car use has on climate change and air pollution;
8. Recognise that, though they are least likely to be car owners, price rises could hit those on low incomes the hardest at a time when they are also those hit hardest by the government's cost of living crisis;
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