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All members of the
Cabinet

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Supplementary Agenda

Extraordinary Cabinet - Wednesday, 11 September 2019

Dear Councillor

I enclose a late item for consideration on the agenda for the Extraordinary Cabinet meeting to be held on Wednesday, 11 September 2019.

Please note that although this item has had to be added to the end of the agenda it will actually be considered after the recommendation from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and before the report on the Council's response to the Heathrow Airport Expansion Consultation.

5. Petition from Stanwell's Green Lungs

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Councillor I.T.E. Harvey

To receive and respond to a petition calling upon Spelthorne Borough Council (amongst others), to engage with the Stanwell, Stanwell Moor and Ashford North communities and to actively oppose Heathrow's Airport expansion plans.

An explanatory letter from the petition organisers, as well as the Petition statement is attached.

In accordance with Standing Order 16.4 in the Constitution, the options available to Cabinet are:

- (a) to take the action the petition requests; or
- (b) not to take the action requested for reasons put forward in the debate; or
- (c) to note the petition and keep the matter under review.

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Yours sincerely

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To the members of the Cabinet

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Sign the Petition to Save Stanwell's Green Lungs

We the undersigned register our strongest opposition to Heathrow's plan to take over the majority of open Green Space in Stanwell, Stanwell Moor and adjoining areas for commercial, industrial and other purposes. We treasure these open areas which act as carbon sinks and give some respite to our communities from excessive air and noise pollution from the airport. We further object to plans by the Home Office to take over a site in Stanwell Moor, and by Surrey County Council to build an incinerator and increase pollution further. We call upon Heathrow, The Home Office and Surrey County Council to reverse their plans and call upon Spelthorne Borough Council, Surrey County Council and our MP to **engage with the Stanwell, Stanwell Moor and Ashford North communities and to actively oppose these detrimental plans which are being presented as a fait accompli under the guise of Consultation.**

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To: Spelthorne Borough Council – councillors and officers

As well as reflecting our own views, this page also is the view of the vast majority who have signed the petition.

We originally started up the petition and organisation of Stanwell's Green Lungs when it became apparent around February of 2018 that Heathrow Airport planned a massive takeover of woodland and open land to the north of Stanwell and Stanwell Moor; although it has become apparent, more recently that Heathrow requires much more open land across our two villages and beyond (including Poyle and West Bedfont).

This land, as it is with much of it being woodland and wild areas plays a significantly important role as a carbon sink, contributing to soaking up CO₂ and NO_x particulates as well as reducing noise before it reaches our populated areas (perhaps absorbing as much as 40% of the pollution that passes through the wooded areas). There are a significant number of deaths, illness and miscarriages associated with pollution, and as a precursor to Heathrow expanding its operation and inevitably its carbon and NO_x outputs, it makes sense not only to retain these areas as woodland, but to also add in adjoining open space, re-wooding where necessary and increasing the density of woodland on sites already wooded to enhance the pollution absorbing properties.

We therefore ask Spelthorne to support this operation for all open land north of Park Road from the Oaks Road biodiversity site to the planned CEMEX Stanwell Woods site (in its entirety to the airport perimeter road as conceived), as well as all land to the north of Stanwell Moor. Heathrow's plans for this land whether it is for hotels, warehousing, ugly multi-storey car parking will involve cementing over much of land reducing its carbon and NO_x sinking properties to close to zero, as well as loss of amenity land. The installation of foul drainage beds also robs our people of amenity land. The additional shocking news of a takeover of land adjacent to Northumberland Close in Stanwell, with plans to overdevelop the site into a new monstrosity is equally distressing. We ask and demand that Spelthorne Borough Council should support its residents and reject all such planning applications at both the outline and later planning stages. It is a fundamental right of people to enjoy clean air and an acceptable environment.

As an addition to our main concern as outlined above, we also have considerable concerns regarding road changes and diversion of river channels that do not appear to have been adequately thought through. There are issues of nuisance parking both by Heathrow workers, holiday makers and taxi / limo drivers that have not been addressed, as well as oversized lorries travelling and speeding on narrow roads. A further issue is Spelthorne's support for the Heathrow Southern Railway, which is of little benefit to the people of Stanwell; whereas a light (trackless) smart tram system from Staines to Heathrow following a different route would be of significant community benefit, and might be developed in concert with Heathrow and other boroughs neighbouring Heathrow to provide an integrated system that would genuinely assist local commuters and travellers in leaving their cars at home. Such trackless systems can be installed at a fraction of the cost of conventional tramways and be entirely fuelled by renewables and should be further investigated.

The driver for the vast majority of Heathrow's drive to grab land to provide airport related facilities beyond its current border is expansion for the third runway. In our view logic dictates that to protect Stanwell and Stanwell Moor residents from the ravages we currently face, Spelthorne Borough Council must review and overturn its support for Heathrow expansion.

Sincerely

Paul Jacobs

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