

**Minutes of the Council  
14 September 2023**

**Present:**

Councillors:

E. Baldock	J.R. Boughtflower	M. Gibson
M. Arnold	J. Caplin	K.M. Grant
M.M. Attewell	R. Chandler	S. Gyawali
C. Bateson	D. Clarke	K. Howkins
S.N. Beatty	J.T.F. Doran	N. Islam
M. Beecher	S.M. Doran	A. Mathur
S. Bhadye	S.A. Dunn	L. E. Nichols
M. Bing Dong	H.R.D. Williams	K. Rutherford
H. Boparai	M. Lee	O. Rybinski
L. Brennan	R. Geach	J.R. Sexton
M. Buck	D. Geraci	J. Turner
T. Burrell	A. Gale	B. Weerasinghe

**Apologies:** Councillors D. Saliagopoulos, J. Button and Woodward

**1/23 Disclosures of Interest**

There were no disclosures of interest.

**2/23 Spelthorne Local Plan**

The Council's Chief Executive read out the contents of a letter that had been sent to the Leader from Rachel Maclean MP, Minister of State for Housing and Planning (copy of letter attached to the minutes).

In light of the letter from the Minister of State for Housing and Planning, the Council's Monitoring Officer advised Council that they were no longer able to consider Option 3 outlined in the report, as adoption of this option would be unlawful.

It was proposed by Councillor Sexton and seconded by Councillor Nichols that Option 2, as outlined in the report be amended to:

“Extend the pause in the examination timetable until the proposed changes to the NPPF have been published (expected in the Autumn) before determining the next steps and take immediate legal advice to confirm the validity of the Minister’s directive”.

It was requested by Councillor Boughtflower that a recorded vote be taken on the amendment.

**For:** Councillors Baldock, Arnold, Bateson, Beatty, Beecher, Bing Dong, Boparai, Burrell, Caplin, Dunn, Gale, Geach, Geraci, Gibson, Grant, Gyawali, Nichols, Rutherford, Sexton, Turner, Williams (21)

**Against:** Councillors Attewell, Bhadye, Boughtflower, Brennan, Buck, Chandler, Clarke, J Doran, S Doran, Howkins, Islam, Lee, Mathur, Rybinski, Weerasinghe (15)

Council **resolved** to amend Option 2 to the wording proposed by Councillor Sexton.

It was requested by Councillor Boughtflower that a recorded vote be taken on which option was to be agreed.

Councillor	Option 1	Option 2
Deputy Mayor, Baldock	N	Y
Arnold	N	Y
Attewell	Y	N
Bateson	N	Y
Beatty	N	Y
Beecher	N	Y
Bhadye	Y	N
Bing Dong	N	Y
Boparai	N	Y
Boughtflower	Y	N
Brennan	Y	N
Buck	Y	N
Burrell	N	Y
Caplin	N	Y
Chandler	Y	N
Clarke	Y	N
Doran J	Y	N
Doran S	Y	N
Dunn	Y	N
Gale	N	Y
Geach	N	Y
Geraci	N	Y
Gibson	N	Y

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Grant	N	Y
Gyawali	N	Y
Howkins	Y	N
Islam	Y	N
Lee	Y	N
Mathur	Y	N
Nichols	N	Y
Rutherford	N	Y
Rybinski	Y	N
Sexton	N	Y
Turner	N	Y
Weerasinghe	Y	N
Williams	N	Y
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>20</b>

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