

Minutes of the Council
17 March 2026

Present:

Councillors:

S.A. Dunn	J.R. Boughtflower	S.C. Mooney
L. Barker	J.P. Caplin	G. Neall
C. Bateson	D.C. Clarke	L. E. Nichols
M. Beecher	S.M. Doran	K.E. Rutherford
S. Bhadye	R.V. Geach	D. Saliagopoulos
M. Bing Dong	M. Gibson	J.R. Sexton
H.S. Boparai	K.M. Grant	J.A. Turner
L.H. Brennan	S. Gyawali	H.R.D. Williams
M. Buck	K. Howkins	
T. Burrell	N. Islam	

Apologies: Councillors J.T.F. Doran, M. Arnold, M.M. Attewell, S.N. Beatty, J. Button, R. Chandler, D.L. Geraci, M.J. Lee, A. Mathur, B. Weerasinghe and P.N. Woodward

167/26 Disclosures of Interest

Councillors Boparai, Mooney, Sexton and Weerasinghe advised they were also Surrey County Councillors.

Councillor Nichols declared that he was a Director on the Knowle Green Estates Board.

Councillors Gibson and Saliagopoulos declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest under The Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012 in respect of Item 3, Adoption of the Spelthorne Local Plan, and both advised that they would remain in the Council Chamber whilst this was being discussed but would not take part in the debate nor vote on this item.

168/26 Adoption of the Spelthorne Local Plan

Council considered a report that sought the adoption of the Spelthorne Local Plan.

A recorded vote was requested.

For	Councillors Dunn, Barker, Bateson, Beecher, Bhadye, Bing Dong, Boparai, Boughtflower, Brennan, Buck, Burrell, Caplin, Clarke, S Doran, Geach, Grant, Gyawali, Howkins, Islam, Mooney, Neall, Nichols, Rutherford, Sexton, Turner, Williams – 26 votes
Against	0 votes
Abstain	0 votes

Council **resolved** to:

1. Note that the Council is still under Direction 3 as set out in the letter from the Minister of State for Housing and Planning dated 14 September 2003 (Appendix A) that requires on conclusion of the examination of the Plan that consideration is given to adopting the Plan, including any main modifications recommended by the Planning Inspector,
2. Note the contents of the Inspector’s Report on the Examination of the Spelthorne Local Plan (included as Appendix B1 and B2),
3. Adopt the Spelthorne Local Plan 2024-2039/40 (as set out in Appendix C), which incorporates the Main Modifications, as set out in the Inspector’s Report on the Examination of the Spelthorne Local Plan, and other Additional (minor) Modifications (as set out in Appendix D),
4. Subject to recommendation 3, adopt the Policies Map (included as Appendix E) and agree to publish it alongside the Spelthorne Local plan 2024-2039/40,
5. Subject to recommendation 3, note the Spelthorne Local Plan 2024-2039/40 replaces the following documents and by adopting the Spelthorne Local Plan 2024-2039/40 they no longer form part of the Council’s development plan:
 - a) Core Strategy and Policies Development Plan Document (adopted 26 February 2009),
 - b) Spelthorne Allocations Development Plan Document (adopted 17 December 2009); and
 - c) Spelthorne Borough Local Plan 2001 Saved Policies and Proposals as at 28 September 2007 (updated December 2009)

6. Subject to recommendation 3, give delegated authority to the Deputy Chief Executive, in agreement with the Chair of the Environment and Sustainability Committee, to agree any further (non-material) Additional Modifications to the Plan and its accompanying Policies Map before its publication,
7. Subject to recommendation 3, accept the content of the Sustainability Appraisal/Strategic Environmental Assessment (SA/SEA) Report (as set out in Appendix F) and Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA):Addendum of Proposed Modifications (as set out in Appendix G) and agree to publish them in accordance with Regulation 16 of the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004.

169/26 Adoption of the Spelthorne Design Code

Council **resolved** to:

1. Agree that the Spelthorne Design Code be adopted; and
2. Subject to Recommendation 1, give delegated authority to the Deputy Chief Executive, in agreement with the Chair of the Environment and Sustainability Committee, to agree any non-material amendments to the Design Code.

170/26 Managing the Development of Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMO) Supplementary Planning Document

Council **resolved** to:

1. Adopt the Houses in Multiple Occupation Supplementary Planning Document (HMO SPD) as set out at Appendix 1; and
2. To delegate authority to the Deputy Chief Executive in consultation with the Chair of the Environment and Sustainability Committee to make minor amendments prior to publication including a summary and glossary in the final version of the SPD.

171/26 Urgent Item - Foundation Strategic Authority (Expression of Interest)

Councillors Brennan and Saliagopoulos left the Chamber at 21.10

Council **resolved** to agree that the formal Expression of Interest letter be signed by the Leader of the Council and returned to the Parliamentary Under Secretary.

It was proposed and Council **resolved** to suspend Standing Order 5.2 to allow the meeting to continue beyond 3 hours until all items on the agenda had been discussed and resolutions made.

172/26 Exclusion of Press and Public (Exempt Item)

Councillor Geach left the Chamber

Council **resolved** to move the exclusion of the Press/Public for the following items, in view of the likely disclosure of exempt information within the meaning of Part 3 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 and by the Local Government (Access to information) (Variation) Order 2006

173/26 Urgent Item - Sunbury Site Sale, Sunbury on Thames

Council considered an urgent item report.

Council **resolved** to approve the amended terms for the sale of the Sunbury Site.