

COUNCIL	AGENDA ITEM No. 12
8 OCTOBER 2014	PUBLIC REPORT

MOTIONS ON NOTICE

The following notices of motion have been received in accordance with the Council's Standing Order 13.1:

1. Motion from Councillor Nick Sandford

1. That Council notes that successive local transport plans issued by Peterborough City Council since 1999 have contained a Transport User Hierarchy, which states that:

In all matters of land use and transportation planning, consideration will be given where practical to the needs of user groups in the following priority order:

- *Pedestrians and those with mobility difficulties;*
 - *Cyclists;*
 - *Public transport including coaches and taxis/private hire vehicles (PHV) (higher priority for electric and low emission vehicles);*
 - *Motorcycles (higher priority for electric and low emission vehicles);*
 - *Rail freight;*
 - *Commercial and business users including road haulage (higher priority for electric and low emission vehicles);*
 - *Car borne shoppers and visitors (higher priority for electric and low emission vehicles); and*
 - *Car borne commuters (higher priority for electric and low emission vehicles).*
2. In a period of budgetary cutbacks, Council believes that it is even more important to ensure that spending and operational decisions reflect clearly the policy priorities of the Council.
 3. Council therefore requests the Cabinet and the Cross Party Budget Working Group to carry out a full review of the transport projects in the Council's Capital Programme to ensure that these priorities are being delivered.
 4. Given recent concerns about issues relating to cycling in the City Centre and recognising its high position in the Transport User Hierarchy, Council asks the Sustainable Growth Scrutiny Committee to carry out a review of all measures designed to encourage or restrict cycling and make any recommendations it thinks appropriate.

2. Motion from Councillor Richard Ferris

1. That this Council notes that the Green Backyard, a registered charity with objects to improve the life chances of the socially and economically disadvantaged and promote sustainable lifestyles, has been recognised as one of only two assets of community value in our city, and is a greatly valued and well-managed green space that delivers a raft of benefits to the city and exemplifies what being an aspiring Environment Capital should be about.
2. This Council believes that we should assist the Board of the Green Backyard in identifying external funding in order to transfer this asset to the community, and consider a discounted valuation on the basis of its significant added value.

3. Motion from Councillor Nick Thulbourn

That this Council recommends that the Cabinet halt the solar farm project in Northborough, Thorney and Eye with immediate effect. With the overwhelming local opposition to this project and the political realities within the Department for Communities & Local Government it is now the consensus that the time is right to call a halt to this project. At a time of serious financial difficulties it is the right time to release council resources from a project that has been stalled for too long and is unlikely to be delivered at all.

4. Motion from Councillor Nick Thulbourn

1. That this Council believes that local authorities, including Peterborough, should be given the powers to protect the local amenities and the wellbeing of communities by stopping the proliferation of betting shops and by reducing the maximum stakes and slowing down the speed of play on Fixed-Odds Betting Terminals.

The London Borough of Newham is proposing to submit a proposal under the Sustainable Communities Act to reduce the maximum bet per spin on Fixed-Odds Betting Terminals (FOBTs) in on-street betting shops from £100 to £2.

The impact on the FOBTs within the City of Peterborough have been substantial and are a growing problem causing social problems, gambling addiction, concerns over crime and disorder. Unlike pubs, bingo halls and amusement arcades where stakes are limited to £2 per spin, gamblers can via cash or debit cards gamble £100 every 20 seconds on FOBTs, more than four times as fast as the rate of play in casinos.

Across Peterborough there are 33 betting shops, in 2013 alone there was £25 million pound gambled on these addictive machines with losses to residents of our city of £4.8 million. Because there is a restriction of 4 FOBT machines per shop, they are now opening multiple outlets to maximise the number of machines and revenue.

2. This Council requests that:
 - i. The Council Leader and the Chief Executive writes to Helen Grant MP, Minister responsible for gambling, recommending a reduction in the maximum bet per spin to £2 on FOBTs.
 - ii. The Council Leader and the Chief Executive writes to Sir Robin Wales, the Mayor of the London Borough of Newham, declaring this Council's support for their proposal under the Sustainable Communities Act, which calls on the Government to reduce the maximum bet per spin to £2 on FOBTs.