

WELWYN HATFIELD COUNCIL
COUNCIL – 17 NOVEMBER 2021

NOTICE OF MOTIONS UNDER PROCEDURE RULE 16

To consider the following notice of motions submitted under Procedure Rule 16:-

1. The following motion has been submitted by Councillor Kieran Thorpe and will be seconded by Councillor Pankit Shah:-

This Council notes

- There are an increasing number of reports coming to Councillors from resident living in properties affected by mould
- Mould within properties can impact on the health of children and adults.
- That this issue affects many properties this Council owns and manages
- That Welwyn Hatfield Council currently has a policy of not replacing windows in homes, that are not deemed to be a priority to be looked through, when the seals have failed. This includes windows in bedrooms including those occupied by children.
- Properties with windows not properly sealed are not energy efficient.
- That windows not properly sealed from the elements can be a key contributor to mould occurring in properties.

This Council resolves

- To request that the Cabinet Housing Panel urgently review the "Window Repairs and Replacement" policy with specific regard to the replacement of 'priority' windows.
- To recognise the scale of the issue of mould within domestic homes in the Borough, and give serious consideration to the findings of a current investigation looking into this.

2. The following motion has been submitted by Councillor Paul Zukowskyj and will be seconded by Councillor Jane Quinton:-

This council has agreed to declare a Climate Emergency.

This council notes that there is an emerging consensus that electric vehicles are the most likely future solution to private transport decarbonisation.

This council further notes the current lack of infrastructure in the public and developing private realms to support the use of this form of sustainable transport. Particularly concerning is a lack of requirement for residential property developers to supply more than a single EV charging point, no matter the scale of the development proposed.

This council believes new developments must have at least 25% of car park spaces in a development fitted with EV charging to be considered 'sustainable' in future and the remaining 75% must be capable of being retro-fitted, including having sufficient electrical supply capacity already in place. The council will look to refuse planning permission for developments failing to meet these requirements on the basis they are not 'sustainable' in terms of being prepared to address the climate emergency.

This council therefore agrees to advise developers and members of the Development Management Committee alike that 25% EV charging spaces are required except in exceptional circumstances and that a failure to plan for that proportion or better may well result in an application being refused on the grounds it is not providing suitably sustainable infrastructure.

The Council will furthermore ensure consideration of these, and more ambitious, parking requirements are given sufficient attention when preparing a future Climate Change SPD, Parking SPD or other Planning and Parking Policy documents as appropriate.”