

WELWYN HATFIELD COUNCIL
COUNCIL – 25 MARCH 2019

NOTICE OF MOTIONS UNDER PROCEDURE RULE 50

To consider the following notice of motion submitted under Procedure Rule 50:-

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

“This Council notes the review “into the future of our high streets” carried out in 2011 by Mary Portas underlined the ‘crucial importance’ of parking to the future of a viable Town Centre.

This Council notes in particular that Free Car Parking – if indeed a Town Centre already had it - was noted as vitally important and that the review said “to remove controlled free parking from our town centres puts them at a massive competitive disadvantage.

This Council recalls this review was set up by Welwyn Hatfield’s own MP, Grant Shapps after Town Centres were placed within his remit during the Coalition Government.

This Council notes Welwyn Hatfield Council was able to ‘win’ funding from the Portas Review and the team leading this bid included the Leader of the Council, and his cabinet member Councillor Terry Mitchinson.

The winning project carried the slogan ‘Love Hatfield’.

This Council notes that current plans being devised by this Council include the removal of several free car parks in Hatfield Town Centre.

This Council resolves to embrace the guidance from the very same review that it successfully won funding from, to demonstrate it actually does ‘love Hatfield’ and re-think plans to reduce free parking in Hatfield Town Centre.”