

WELWYN HATFIELD COUNCIL  
COUNCIL – 26 JULY 2022

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 Lucy Musk and will be seconded by Councillor Larry Crofton:-**

This council notes that Tuesday 14th June marked the 5th anniversary of the Grenfell disaster.

The Grenfell Tower Public Inquiry recommended that the owner and manager of every high-rise residential building be required by law to prepare Personal Emergency Evacuation Plans (PEEPs) for all disabled residents. However, last month the Government rejected this recommendation and revealed downgraded plans, which have been largely criticised by Grenfell campaigners, disability rights campaigners and the Fire Brigade Union.

Within Welwyn Hatfield we have seen critical failures in housing safety.

This council resolves, that due to the number of multi storey/ high rise developments being proposed in this borough, that the leader

1. Writes to Lord Greenhalgh, Minister of State for Building Safety, Fire and Communities urging for a reversal of the government's rejection of PEEPs
2. Looks at resolving national failure locally by enshrining PEEPs for the borough.

**2. The following motion has been submitted by Councillor Max Holloway and will be seconded by Councillor Kieran Thorpe:-**

Welwyn Hatfield Council notes that we're living through a Cost of Living crisis not seen for a generation.

Residents are seeing increases in their rents, Council Tax, food prices and fuel prices.

Inflation in the UK is rising and the Bank of England expects inflation to hit 11% this year.

Welwyn Hatfield Council notes that Energy prices increased on average by 54% in April of this year, and are predicted to rise substantially again in October.

This Council is concerned about the October energy price increase and the impact this will have on our residents' ability to keep manage their finances this winter and keep their households warm.

The Council calls on the Government to act now to reduce energy prices and resolves to write to the newly appointed Chancellor expressing these views and demanding action for our residents.

**3. The following motion has been submitted by Councillor Gemma Moore and will be seconded by Councillor Michal Siewniak:-**

This council notes with concern a number of planning applications that, if granted, will have a detrimental impact on the heritage of Welwyn Hatfield.

This council believes that protection of the cultural heritage of all Welwyn Hatfield conservation areas is critical to passing on a worthwhile legacy to future generations.

This council therefore reaffirms its commitment to the protection of our cultural heritage, through support for conservation areas, and will resist robustly any planning applications it believes will be detrimental to such areas and the wider heritage in which those areas sit.

In particular this council is concerned about the number and scale of applications which impact conservation areas, including 5G mast applications, and asks officers to deal with them robustly.