

OXFORD CITY FULL COUNCIL MEETING

20 July 2015

AGENDA ITEM 19 (was18): PUBLIC ADDRESSES AND QUESTIONS THAT DO NOT RELATE TO MATTERS FOR DECISION AT THIS COUNCIL MEETING.

Addresses

1. **Address by Mark Lodge, Director, International Network for Cancer Treatment and Research - in support of the Motion to recognize World Cancer Day (text attached) (unless taken earlier in meeting)**
2. **Address by Rob Whitty – Wolvercote Sound Barrier Petition presented to Council (text separate)**
3. **Address by Howard Crapper - RFC Oxford Port Meadow Airfield and proposed Memorial to the Airman who lost their lives there during WW1 (text separate)**
4. **Address by Peter Hulley - in support of petition to install lights on path in South Park. (text attached)**
5. **Address by Mr Artwell – East Oxford Community Centre (text attached)**
6. **Address by Sietske Boeles – Green belt (text attached)**

Questions (attached)

1. **Question from Mr Artwell**
2. **Question from Rosemary Harris**
3. **Question from Patricia Feeney**
4. **Question from Sietske Boeles**
5. **Question from Lady Jacqueline Gray**
6. **Question from Sir Muir Gray**

Questions and responses where available in advance

1. Question from Mr Artwell

Will the Councillors support the continued management of East Oxford Community Centre as this is the will of the people of Oxford East?

Response

The Notice to Quit to East Oxford Community Association will not be rescinded as it is not apparent that all the requirements have been met. I am not going to provide detail of this in a public forum.

Instead efforts will be focused on supporting the Reference Group which the Council has established to support a positive future for the Centre and for the people that it should serve.

The Reference Group includes representatives from the Community Association, the current users of the Community Centre, local Councillors, tenants of the Community Centre, the Chinese Community Centre, the Games Hall and the local Residents Association. Its work is supported by City Council officers and Oxfordshire Community and Voluntary Action.

The purpose of the Reference Group is to facilitate the process of identifying the needs and aspirations of the local community to inform the development of the Centre, including design, and to support the process of consultation with that community. It is an opportunity for reflection and forward planning.

I am confident that by engaging with the wide range of opinions, interests, activities and talent the future of the Community Centre will be both supported and enhanced. In the immediate future, the Council will support the continued use of the Centre for all its current activities, and will welcome new suggestions, proposals and initiatives. This process is already underway. By working together we can achieve a thriving Centre meeting the needs of the community it serves.

2. Question from Rosemary Harris

(Regarding) Condition 1 attached to the partial discharge of Condition 19 in relation to **NOISE** from EWR Phase 1 (Application No: 14/00956/CND):

The reason for Condition 1 is stated as "the **Noise Scheme of Assessment** has been prepared upon the basis of these details and deviation from them would not necessarily result in the standards of **vibration** mitigation required by the Noise and Vibration Mitigation Policy (January 2011) being achieved." [Emphasis added]. The Council is aware that there is NO vibration mitigation proposed but there is in fact noise mitigation proposed.

Please can the Council state their rationale for stating "the standards of vibration mitigation requiredbeing achieved" in the condition relating to the partial discharge of noise mitigation?

Response

The reference to vibration in the reason paragraph of this condition is a typographical error which should have referred to noise. The Council believes that this error is not material in that it does not have any significance to the enforceability of the condition because it does not form any part of the operative wording of the condition. The error and the Council's view on it has been notified to Network Rail and we do not expect a challenge to that view.

3. Question from Patricia Feeney

(Regarding) Condition 2 attached to the partial discharge of Condition 19 in relation to VIBRATION from EWR Phase 1 (Application No: 14/00232/CND):

Please can the Council state how it will monitor that Network Rail is complying with this condition?

Response

This is the condition limiting the movements of trains. The scheduling of passenger and freight train movements on a particular line is a matter of public record as it is raw real-time train running data. The availability of this information, together with the extent of local interest, means that the Council's attention can reliably be expected to be drawn to any apparent contravention of this condition.

4. Question from Sietske Boeles

On April 1 over the last 5 year how many properties were exempt from paying council due to being occupied by full time students? Can you give a breakdown for each year for the two exempt categories N and M : the halls and private residences?

Response

The number of exempt Class M and N properties as at the 1st April each year are as set out below:

	Class M	Class N	Total
April 1st 2010	2,130	2,713	4,843
April 1st 2011	2,428	2,907	5,335
April 1st 2012	2,488	2,846	5,334
April 1st 2013	2,595	2,762	5,357
April 1st 2014	2,656	2,713	5,369
April 1st 2015	2,751	2,622	5,373

The definition of a student for Council Tax purposes is someone:

“undertaking a full-time course at a college or university in the UK. (prescribed educational establishments include universities on the ERASMUS programme within the European Union); or under 20 years old in part time or full time education; or a Foreign language assistant - registered with the Central Bureau for Educational Visits and working at a school or other educational establishment”.

5. Question from Lady Jacqueline Gray

(Regarding) Condition 3, attached to the partial discharge of Condition 19 in relation to vibration from EWR Phase 1 (Application No: 14/00232/CND):

Please can the Council state when it will inform residents of the details of the vibration monitoring agreed with Network Rail?

Response

The condition requires that a scheme of monitoring is effected as approved by the council before the railway is put back into use. The Council has not yet received proposals from Network Rail.

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