

## Amendments to Special Motions – 21 October 2020

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### AMENDMENT TO SPECIAL MOTION NO. 1 – PROTECTING THE VOICE OF OUR COMMUNITIES IN THE PLANNING PROCESS

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Standing in the names of:

- (i) Councillor Alex Karmel
- (ii) Councillor Matt Thorley

*Delete all after:*

“This Council notes: The publication of the Government’s white paper, ‘Planning for the Future’ which sets out proposals on reforms to the Planning process.”

*Replace with:*

“This Council resolves to call on the Government to engage with local authorities constructively.”

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## AMENDMENT TO SPECIAL MOTION NO. 3 – HAMMERSMITH BRIDGE

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Standing in the names of:

- (i) Councillor Rowan Ree
- (ii) Councillor Jonathan Caleb-Landy

*Delete all after “This council” in the first line and insert the following:*

“notes with dismay, the closure of Hammersmith Bridge in August to all traffic, including pedestrians and cyclists, as well as all river traffic under the bridge, in addition to the closure to motor vehicles in April 2019. It recognises how these closures were a direct consequence of years of unchecked corrosion which caused the suspension mechanism to seize up and led to dangerous fractures in the cast iron pedestals that hold the suspension bridge in place.

The Council thanks the specialist, world-leading engineers for identifying these potentially catastrophic failures. It recognises their clear advice that the bridge needed to immediately close as it was at risk of collapsing into the Thames and the potential loss of life that this could have caused. In light of these warnings, this council agrees that the closure was the only responsible course of action.

This Council recognises the immense impact that this full closure has had on people whose lives are intertwined on both sides of the bridge, including school children, key workers and those receiving both emergency and long-term treatment for serious health conditions such as heart attacks and cancer. This Council further recognises the impact of the bridge closure on journey times, traffic congestion and air quality.

The Council notes that Hammersmith Bridge facilitated 22,000 vehicle crossings a day, providing access from South West London and beyond to central London. It notes the importance of Hammersmith Bridge as a strategic piece of national infrastructure and recognises the pride Londoners have in this Grade II\* Listed national historic landmark. This council reaffirms the importance of fully restoring Hammersmith Bridge and agrees that the government, rather than residents and businesses of Hammersmith & Fulham, should bear the full cost of the repairs, and the temporary river-crossing measures needed to mitigate the problems suffered by local people.

This Council welcomes the Government’s decision to set up a Task Force, announced on 9 September 2020, to work towards safely reopening Hammersmith Bridge. It notes the Secretary of State for Transport’s statement, given at the time, that he would “effectively take over this project”. This Council agrees it is important that the Taskforce takes all the necessary decisions and actions so it can work at pace to quickly deal with the problems suffered by local people. It resolves to give Baroness Vere, the Chair of the Task Force, and the Government, its full support to restore the bridge to its former fully functioning state.”

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## AMENDMENT TO SPECIAL MOTION NO. 4 – AIR POLLUTION

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Standing in the names of:

- (i) Councillor Wesley Harcourt
- (ii) Councillor Iain Cassidy

*Delete all after “This Council...” in the first paragraph and insert:*

“recognises the innovative system of air quality monitoring that is being introduced in the south of the borough.

This Council supported the recent Clean Air Day initiative, earlier this month, and congratulates the residents of this borough for having one of the highest rates of electric car ownership in the country.

This Council notes the on-street charging programme and the goal of having over 1,000 charging points by 2021

This Council is to be congratulated as the borough with most EV charging points including rapid and lamp column charging. This Council welcomes Shell and BP installing some of the most advanced electric charging stations in the country, here in Hammersmith and Fulham.

This Council recognises that enabling residents to replace fossil-fuel power cars with modern electric and hybrid cars is an important part of the strategy for decarbonising transport in the Borough. However, it is only one part this strategy and must work in tandem with other policies to reduce car use and enable active travel.

This Council also notes its other initiatives to reduce transport carbon emissions such as its No Idling policy, Parcels not Pollution initiative, the move towards emissions based parking charges, low traffic neighbourhoods and developments such as the Brackenbury and Hammersmith Grove parklets.”