
SPECIAL MOTION NO. 3 – HOSPITALITY AND PUBLIC CONCERNS ABOUT THE “TOO CLOSE FOR COMFORT” RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE ADMINISTRATION AND PROPERTY DEVELOPERS DOING BUSINESS IN THIS BOROUGH

Standing in the names of:

- (i) Councillor PJ Murphy
- (ii) Councillor Andrew Jones

“The Council notes that its self-confessed “*property-developer-friendly*” approach has resulted in many controversial land development schemes being opposed by large numbers of Hammersmith and Fulham residents who have attended the Planning Applications Committee and expressed concerns that the Council’s relationship with many developers are “*too close for comfort*”.

The Council therefore regrets the decision of administration cabinet members and other Conservative councillors to enjoy “*gifts and hospitalities*” from property developers operating in the Borough. The Council notes that no minutes or records are kept of the conversations that take place during these generous social engagements and that meetings such as these do nothing to dispel residents’ concerns.

Hammersmith and Fulham Council resolves to tighten its protocols and halt councillors from accepting personal gifts and personal hospitality from businesses hoping to profit from decisions they might make or the influence they may be able to bring to bear on decision makers.

Furthermore, the Council agrees that agenda and minutes need to be made of all meetings its councillors, officials and representatives have with businesses, their agents or their lobbyist when discussing issues pertinent to the Borough and those businesses. Those records will be made available for public scrutiny”.