

EPPING FOREST LOCAL COUNCILS' LIAISON COMMITTEE

NOTICE OF MEETING

Place: Council Chamber, Civic Offices,
High Street, Epping **Date:** Wednesday, 1st March, 2006

Room: Council Chamber **Time:** 7.30 pm

Democratic Services Officer: Adrian Hendry (tel: 01992 564246)
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Members:

District Council Representatives:

Councillors B Sandler (Chairman), K Faulkner, Mrs A Haigh, R Morgan and
Mrs J H Whitehouse

Local Council Representatives:

Clerks and Chairmen/Members of Parish and Town Councils

County Council Representatives:

Members for the following wards:

North Weald and Nazeing:	Councillor A Jackson
Loughton Central:	Councillor C Pond
Ongar and Rural:	Councillor G McEwen
Epping and Theydon Bois:	Councillor T Spencer
Buckhurst Hill and Loughton South:	Councillor C Finn
Chigwell and Loughton Broadway:	Councillor M Tomkins
Waltham Abbey:	Councillor Mrs E Webster

PLEASE NOTE :

COFFEE WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR MEMBERS OF THE LIAISON COMMITTEE FROM
7.00 P.M. IN THE MEMBERS ROOM.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2. MINUTES (Pages 5 - 16)

To confirm the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 2 November
2006 (previously circulated) and matters arising.

3. DRAFT COUNCIL PLAN 2006-2010 (Pages 17 - 72)

(Head of Human Resources and Performance Management). To consider the
attached report.

4. LICENSING ACT 2003 - CONSULTATION PROCESS (Pages 73 - 76)

(Head of Environmental Services). To consider the attached report.

5. ISSUES RAISED BY LOCAL COUNCILS

To discuss the following matters raised by Local Council's:

(a) Highways – Maintenance

A representative of the Essex County Council Highways section will be in attendance to respond to those issues raised at the last Liaison Committee on highways maintenance and to report the current position.

(b) Refuse Collection

It has been requested that consideration be given to the establishment of a new approach for reporting and dealing with refuse related problems. This request has been raised to deal with the problems that have arisen following the introduction of the new system.

(c) Stansted Airport - off site parking

Local residents and representatives from the Parish Councils of Matching, Moreton, Bobbingworth and the Lavers, Abbess, Beauchamp and Berners Roding and White Roding have raised concerns about the incidents of illegal off site parking at Stansted Airport. The issue was discussed at a joint conference held on 19 January 2006 following many complaints from local residents.

Local Councils have reported that evidence suggests that large numbers of cars are being parked on the farmland in these Parish areas offering a service to Airport passengers. There is growing anger at the amount of traffic on local lanes with demands that an attempt is made to address the issues through Planning regulations. It is understood to be too late to submit a clause prohibiting such activity in the current EFDC Plan.

It has been requested that the District Council initiate procedures to halt the present infringements and to prevent the possibility of future such developments in the District. It has been requested that this meeting examines the proposed approach, associated risks and ascertains support.

The District Council's Planning Department is aware of the issues and there is an investigation.

(d) Community Funds Initiative

Local representatives have been invited to report on the work undertaken on this initiative and the subsequent results.

(e) Planning

Local representatives will be aware that the last meeting of this Committee on 2

November 2006 considered the approach that Local Councils should apply to submitting representations on planning applications. It has been suggested that Local Councils should focus their views on matters of local relevance. Town and Parish Councillors however have indicated that comments on wider policy issues should be taken into account as well. The Committee is asked to consider and comment on these views.

(f) Local Government Re-organisation

Although changes are at a consultative stage, it has been suggested that an update of potential implications should be made to this meeting to keep members informed about the process.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

7. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The next meeting will take place on 21 June 2006 at 7.30 pm in the Council Chamber Epping. Following this meetings will be held on:

8 November 2006
28 March 2007