

From: Dan Hardy
Sent: 06 September 2017 17:37
To: Simon Newland
Cc: Pauline Davis
Subject: Harpenden Petition

Simon,

Draft petition report attached, with most recent content from DS. They have tried to cover off the points raised in the petition.

Thanks

Dan Hardy
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From: Dan Hardy
Sent: 06 September 2017 17:22
To: '██████████' - MD ETher NDE'
Subject: Concerning a Petition to HCC

Dear ██████████

I was hoping to speak to you regarding your petition relating to the proposed new secondary school in Harpenden and Education, Libraries and Localism Panel.

I will be available on 01992 588923 until approximately 18:30 if you could give me a call, or I can contact you on your preferred number if you email me the details.

Best regards

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From: Dan Hardy
Sent: 05 September 2017 17:59
To: Simon Newland
Subject: FW: Concerning a Petition to HCC to "Reconsider the decision to build a new Harpenden School on the Site East of Common Lane "

Simon,

See below from Democratic services regarding Terry responding by email to [REDACTED] I don't have a copy of Pauline's latest chase to DS.

Dan

From: Deborah Jeffery
Sent: 19 June 2017 17:20
To: '[REDACTED] - MD ETHER NDE'
Cc: Simon Newland; Pauline Davis; Elaine Shell; [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Concerning a Petition to HCC to "Reconsider the decision to build a new Harpenden School on the Site East of Common Lane "

Dear [REDACTED]

The Executive Member, Terry Douris, has considered your petition and has concluded that there are no urgency grounds for your petition to be considered under rule 34 of the petitions scheme at tomorrow's Education, Libraries & Localism Cabinet Panel. You will, however, be receiving an email from Terry in response to your petition.

Kind Regards

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From: Deborah Jeffery
Sent: 19 June 2017 12:48
To: '██████████' - MD ETHER NDE'
Cc: Dan Hardy; ██████████ Simon Newland; Elaine Shell
Subject: RE: Concerning a Petition to HCC to "Reconsider the decision to build a new Harpenden School on the Site East of Common Lane "

Dear ██████████

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From: ██████████ - MD ETHER NDE [<mailto:██████████>]
Sent: 19 June 2017 12:36
To: Deborah Jeffery
Cc: Dan Hardy; ██████████ Simon Newland; Elaine Shell
Subject: Re: Concerning a Petition to HCC to "Reconsider the decision to build a new Harpenden School on the Site East of Common Lane "

It could be considered under Annex 22 rule 34.

Rgds

██████████
On 19 Jun 2017, at 12:20, Deborah Jeffery <Deborah.Jeffery@hertfordshire.gov.uk> wrote:

Dear ██████████

Unfortunately, the process of the petitions scheme has to be followed. I shall ensure the Executive Member receives a copy of your petition and you will receive a response in due course.

Kind Regards

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From: [REDACTED] - MD ETher NDE [[mailto:\[REDACTED\]](mailto:[REDACTED])]
Sent: 19 June 2017 11:35
To: Deborah Jeffery
Cc: Dan Hardy; [REDACTED] Simon Newland
Subject: Re: Concerning a Petition to HCC to "Reconsider the decision to build a new Harpenden School on the Site East of Common Lane "

Dear Deborah

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Regards

[REDACTED]

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Can you please advise how you would like to raise the issue with the Executive Member / Local Members? i.e. you do not necessarily have to meet; these can be via email etc.

I await to hear from you.

Kind Regards

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-----Original Message-----

From: Simon Newland

Sent: 02 October 2017 16:15

To: Pauline Davis

Subject: FW: [REDACTED] - Petition letter

Simon Newland

Operations Director, Education

Children's Services

PA - [REDACTED] (01992 588755, ext. 28755)

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-----Original Message-----

From: Deborah Jeffery

Sent: 02 October 2017 09:26

To: Terry Douris; Simon Newland; Dan Hardy

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: [REDACTED] - Petition letter

All,

Please find attached a letter from [REDACTED] who's written a letter on behalf of [REDACTED] re his petition : 'Reconsider the decision to build a new Harpenden School on the Site East of Common Lane'; and my response to the letter.

Regards

Deborah Jeffery

Assistant Democratic Services Manager

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From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: 16 August 2017 14:46
To: Pauline Davis
Subject: RE: Concerning a Petition to HCC to "Reconsider the decision to build a new Harpenden School on the Site East of Common Lane "

Hi Pauline

Sorry I do not, this is the first time I have seen the email trails.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]
Senior Project Manager

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From: Pauline Davis [mailto:Pauline.Davis@hertfordshire.gov.uk]
Sent: 16 August 2017 14:38
To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]> Dan Hardy <Dan.Hardy@hertfordshire.gov.uk>
Subject: FW: Concerning a Petition to HCC to "Reconsider the decision to build a new Harpenden School on the Site East of Common Lane "

Do either of you know what happened next?

Thanks

Pauline

From: Deborah Jeffery
Sent: 16 August 2017 09:26
To: Pauline Davis
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Concerning a Petition to HCC to "Reconsider the decision to build a new Harpenden School on the Site East of Common Lane "

Pauline, this is the email that was sent to [REDACTED] regarding his petition.

Thanks
Deborah

Deborah Jeffery

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To: Deborah Jeffery
Cc: Dan Hardy; [REDACTED] Simon Newland
Subject: Re: Concerning a Petition to HCC to "Reconsider the decision to build a new Harpenden School on the Site East of Common Lane "

Dear Deborah

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Regards

[REDACTED]

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From: Elaine Shell
Sent: 12 June 2017 10:56
To: [REDACTED] - MD ETher NDE; Democratic Services
Cc: Deborah Jeffery
Subject: RE: Concerning a Petition to HCC to "Reconsider the decision to build a new Harpenden School on the Site East of Common Lane "

Dear [REDACTED] thank you for your email. My colleague Deborah Jeffery will respond formally to you shortly. In the meantime please find attached a copy of our petitions procedure which you may find of use.

regards

Elaine Shell
Democratic Services Manager
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Hertfordshire County Council, County Hall

From: [REDACTED] - MD ETher NDE [[mailto:\[REDACTED\]](mailto:[REDACTED])]
Sent: 12 June 2017 09:06
To: Democratic Services
Cc: Deborah Jeffery; Elaine Shell
Subject: Concerning a Petition to HCC to "Reconsider the decision to build a new Harpenden School on the Site East of Common Lane "

Please find attached the following;

- 1) A PDF of an electronic petition on [change.org](https://www.change.org) with 214 signatures
- 2) A PDF of paper petition with a further 65 signatures. I have also attached a spreadsheet with the comments submitted to [change.org](https://www.change.org) when signatures were submitted. I think this further underscores the high degree of local concern.

I would like to present this at the Education, Libraries & Localism Cabinet Panel

and I understand their next meeting is 20 Jun 2017 - 14:00 to 17:00 although an agenda has not been published as of yet.

Rgds

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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From: Dan Hardy
Sent: 06 September 2017 11:35
To: Pauline Davis
Subject: RE: Petition to "Reconsider the decision to build a new Harpenden School on the Site East of Common Lane "

From: Pauline Davis
Sent: 06 September 2017 11:35
To: Dan Hardy
Subject: Re: Petition to "Reconsider the decision to build a new Harpenden School on the Site East of Common Lane "

can you attach it dan

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From: Dan Hardy <Dan.Hardy@hertfordshire.gov.uk>
Sent: 6 Sep 2017 11:22
To: Pauline Davis <Pauline.Davis@hertfordshire.gov.uk>
Subject: FW: Petition to Reconsider the decision to build a new Harpenden School on the Site East of Common Lane

Early draft report (mainly DS, probably needs finessing) saved in the petitions [folder](#) if you want to have a look through.

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Thanks

Dan

From: Simon Newland

Sent: 05 September 2017 18:24

To: Terry Douris

Cc: Pauline Davis; Dan Hardy

Subject: Petition to "Reconsider the decision to build a new Harpenden School on the Site East of Common Lane "

Terry,

It seems the relevant recent bits of communications with [REDACTED] were as follows, in italics and green:

Dear Deborah

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Regards

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I await to hear from you.

Kind Regards

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We need to confirm the exact wording of the petition; whether a report is required to Panel on the subject; and where DS are with this. Subject to that, we would be inclined to do the following:

1. For you to e-mail [REDACTED] saying that you are not prepared to reconsider the decision, and therefore he has the option of presenting his petition to Panel
2. For us to put to Panel (if the scheme requires it) a response to the petition, which would be drafted tomorrow a.m.

We will seek to be back in touch with you definitively on that maybe mid-morning tomorrow, once we are 100% on facts and procedures.

Simon Newland
Operations Director, Education
Children's Services
PA - [REDACTED] (01992 588755, ext. 28755)
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From: Dan Hardy
Sent: 27 September 2017 11:01
To: Pauline Davis
Subject: FW: Concerning a Petition to HCC

Pauline,

Do you know whether Terry has written to [REDACTED] I saw that the planning application went live yesterday.

Thanks

Dan Hardy
Senior Planning Officer
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 27 September 2017 10:42
To: Dan Hardy
Subject: RE: Concerning a Petition to HCC

Hi Dan,

Have you had any update on this?

Thanks

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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From: Dan Hardy
Sent: 08 September 2017 17:14
To: '[REDACTED] - MD ETHER NDE'
Cc: [REDACTED] Pauline Davis
Subject: RE: Concerning a Petition to HCC

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for the update. Unfortunately I've been advised by our Democratic Services team that we are now too close to the 14th for your petition to be included on this month's agenda. However, you therefore have the option for the matter to be addressed by the Executive Member first and then, if necessary, will be able to present to the following panel meeting.

I will be away next week but colleagues, copied for information, will be able to pursue the next steps in my absence.

Best regards

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From: [REDACTED] - MD ETher NDE [[mailto:\[REDACTED\]](mailto:[REDACTED])]
Sent: 07 September 2017 23:01
To: Dan Hardy
Subject: Re: Concerning a Petition to HCC

Dear Dan

I'm quite happy to present on the 14th to the cabinet.

Rgds

[REDACTED]
On 6 Sep 2017, at 19:00, Dan Hardy <Dan.Hardy@hertfordshire.gov.uk> wrote:

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your quick response. I am following up your petition and am mindful that you have not yet had the opportunity to meet the Executive Member to discuss the issues you raised, so please accept our apologies for that delay. In light of this Councillor Douris is happy for you to present your petition at the next Education, Libraries and Localism Panel meeting, 14 September, rather than waiting to meet first, if you would prefer.

However, if you would still prefer to meet the Executive Member and then have the opportunity to present the petition at a subsequent panel meeting please let me know and I will see that the relevant arrangements are made.

Again, our apologies for the delay in the process.

Best regards

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From: [REDACTED] - MD ETher NDE [[mailto:\[REDACTED\]](mailto:[REDACTED])]

Sent: 06 September 2017 18:34

To: Dan Hardy

Subject: Re: Concerning a Petition to HCC

Sorry I'm at a conference this week.

Perhaps we can speak on Monday next week.

My mobile is [REDACTED] but email may actually be quicker/more convenient.

Rgds

[REDACTED]

On 6 Sep 2017, at 17:22, Dan Hardy <Dan.Hardy@hertfordshire.gov.uk> wrote:

Dear [REDACTED]

I was hoping to speak to you regarding your petition relating to the proposed new secondary school in Harpenden and Education, Libraries and Localism Panel.

I will be available on 01992 588923 until approximately 18:30 if you could give me a call, or I can contact you on your preferred number if you email me the details.

Best regards

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 07 September 2017 14:02
To: Dan Hardy; Simon Newland
Cc: Deborah Jeffery; Pauline Davis; Terry Douris
Subject: RE: URGENT - Petition response

Yes, I have confirmed with Kathryn that this petition will not make this agenda.

The next Panel date to hear this petition will be Tuesday 7th November 2017.

Kind Regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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From: Dan Hardy
Sent: 07 September 2017 12:06
To: [REDACTED] Simon Newland
Cc: Deborah Jeffery; Pauline Davis; Terry Douris
Subject: Re: URGENT - Petition response
Importance: High

My understanding from previous conversations was that it couldn't be added without the petitioners request/approval.

Thanks

Dan

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@hertfordshire.gov.uk>
Sent: 7 Sep 2017 11:58
To: Dan Hardy <Dan.Hardy@hertfordshire.gov.uk>; Simon Newland <Simon.Newland@hertfordshire.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: URGENT - Petition response
Cc: Deborah Jeffery <Deborah.Jeffery@hertfordshire.gov.uk>; Pauline Davis <Pauline.Davis@hertfordshire.gov.uk>; Terry Douris <Terry.Douris@hertfordshire.gov.uk>

Thanks Dan,

Can you confirm this will therefore not be going on next week's agenda?

Thanks

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
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From: Dan Hardy
Sent: 07 September 2017 11:55
To: [REDACTED] Simon Newland
Cc: Deborah Jeffery; Pauline Davis
Subject: Re: URGENT - Petition response
Importance: High

All,

Just to confirm, still no contact from [REDACTED]

Thanks

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Hi [REDACTED]

I have not been able to speak to [REDACTED] so far, his response to my email so far advised he was at a conference and wasn't able to speak until next week. I have chased and if I manage to make contact in the next hour I will let everyone know.

Thanks

Dan

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@hertfordshire.gov.uk>
Sent: 7 Sep 2017 08:34
To: Simon Newland <Simon.Newland@hertfordshire.gov.uk>; Dan Hardy <Dan.Hardy@hertfordshire.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: URGENT - Petition response
Cc: Deborah Jeffery <Deborah.Jeffery@hertfordshire.gov.uk>

Hi Simon/Dan,

Please can you update on this as soon as possible today?

If this is to be added to the agenda (on confirmation from [REDACTED]) I need a copy of the report by midday today to reissue the agenda.

Kind Regards

[REDACTED]

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Sent: 06 September 2017 14:34
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Cc: [REDACTED] Dan Hardy
Subject: RE: Petition response
Importance: High

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Can you please confirm asap as this cannot go out if [REDACTED] hasn't asked for it to be on the September Panel?

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Sent: 12 June 2017 09:06

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Please find attached the following;

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I would like to present this at the Education, Libraries & Localism Cabinet Panel

and I understand their next meeting is 20 Jun 2017 - 14:00 to 17:00 although an agenda has not been published as of yet.

Rgds

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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From: Dan Hardy
Sent: 06 September 2017 17:37
To: Simon Newland
Cc: Pauline Davis
Subject: Harpenden Petition

Simon,

Draft petition report attached, with most recent content from DS. They have tried to cover off the points raised in the petition.

Thanks

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Hi all, thanks. Just fyi, it's not whether the signatories to a petition cover more than one member division, it's whether the subject of the petition affects more than one member division. Simon/Pauline/Dan will need to confirm but I would have thought that the building of a school in Harpenden would impact on 2+ member divisions, particularly if it's a secondary school since there are 3 member divisions in Harpenden alone and most secondary schools draw in from quite a wide area. Simon, Pauline, Dan, please confirm asap - thanks

regards
Ellie

Elaine Shell

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Sent: 15 June 2017 08:21

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[REDACTED]

From: Dan Hardy

Sent: 19 June 2017 13:10

To: Jacqueline Nixon; Matthew Wilson

Cc: Pauline Davis

Subject: FW: Concerning a Petition to HCC to "Reconsider the decision to build a new Harpenden School on the Site East of Common Lane "

Hi both,

See below – we've received a petition asking us to 'Reconsider the decision to build a new Harpenden School on the Site East of Common Lane', which needs a response from the Exec Member in the first instance. It will then go to Panel in September and will need a report covering the response.

We will put together a section on the need for a new school, but could you provide a couple of summery paragraphs covering the town planning perspective and why this site remains the most appropriate for a new school?

Many thanks

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Cc: Dan Hardy; [REDACTED] Simon Newland
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Sent: 31 August 2017 17:12
To: Matthew Wilson
Cc: Dan Hardy
Subject: FW: Concerning a Petition to HCC to "Reconsider the decision to build a new Harpenden School on the Site East of Common Lane "

Matthew – Dan tells me that this was with you to deal with. Can you let us have the response you provide to Terry Douris please?

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Regards

[REDACTED]

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I await to hear from you.

Kind Regards

Deborah Jeffery

Assistant Democratic Services Manager

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From: Elaine Shell
Sent: 12 June 2017 10:56
To: [REDACTED] - MD ETher NDE; Democratic Services
Cc: Deborah Jeffery
Subject: RE: Concerning a Petition to HCC to "Reconsider the decision to build a new Harpenden School on the Site East of Common Lane "

Dear [REDACTED] thank you for your email. My colleague Deborah Jeffery will respond formally to you shortly. In the meantime please find attached a copy of our petitions procedure which you may find of use.

regards

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From: [REDACTED] - MD ETher NDE [[mailto:\[REDACTED\]](mailto:[REDACTED])]
Sent: 12 June 2017 09:06
To: Democratic Services
Cc: Deborah Jeffery; Elaine Shell
Subject: Concerning a Petition to HCC to "Reconsider the decision to build a new Harpenden School on the Site East of Common Lane "

Please find attached the following;

- 1) A PDF of an electronic petition on [change.org](https://www.change.org) with 214 signatures
- 2) A PDF of paper petition with a further 65 signatures. I have also attached a spreadsheet with the comments submitted to [change.org](https://www.change.org) when signatures were submitted. I think this further underscores the high degree of local concern.

I would like to present this at the Education, Libraries & Localism Cabinet Panel

and I understand their next meeting is 20 Jun 2017 - 14:00 to 17:00 although an agenda has not been published as of yet.

Rgds

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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From: Terry Douris
Sent: 04 September 2017 17:07
To: Pauline Davis
Cc: Simon Newland
Subject: FW: Concerning a Petition to HCC to "Reconsider the decision to build a new Harpenden School on the Site East of Common Lane "

Hi Pauline

Pauline, did I ever get a draft response that I could send to [REDACTED] or the offer for a meeting?

Terry

Terry Douris
County Councillor for Bridgewater Division
Cabinet Member for Education, Libraries and Localism
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 04 September 2017 15:30
To: Terry Douris <Terry.Douris@hertfordshire.gov.uk>
Cc: Deborah Jeffery <Deborah.Jeffery@hertfordshire.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: Concerning a Petition to HCC to "Reconsider the decision to build a new Harpenden School on the Site East of Common Lane "

Hi Terry,

Hope you are well,.

Just wanted to check if this petition had been resolved at all?

Many Thanks

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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From: Simon Newland
Sent: 05 September 2017 18:24
To: Terry Douris
Cc: Pauline Davis; Dan Hardy
Subject: Petition to "Reconsider the decision to build a new Harpenden School on the Site East of Common Lane "

Terry,

It seems the relevant recent bits of communications with [REDACTED] were as follows, in italics and green:

Dear Deborah

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Regards

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Kind Regards

Deborah Jeffery

Assistant Democratic Services Manager

Democratic and Statutory Services

We need to confirm the exact wording of the petition; whether a report is required to Panel on the subject; and where DS are with this. Subject to that, we would be inclined to do the following:

1. For you to e-mail [REDACTED] saying that you are not prepared to reconsider the decision, and therefore he has the option of presenting his petition to Panel
2. For us to put to Panel (if the scheme requires it) a response to the petition, which would be drafted tomorrow a.m.

We will seek to be back in touch with you definitively on that maybe mid-morning tomorrow, once we are 100% on facts and procedures.

Simon Newland

Operations Director, Education

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From: Pauline Davis

Sent: 21 September 2017 16:25

To: Richard Stevens

Cc: Kathryn Pettitt; Simon Newland

Subject: RE: draft response to petition

Thanks, Richard.

Pauline

From: Richard Stevens

Sent: 21 September 2017 16:21

To: Pauline Davis

Cc: Kathryn Pettitt; Simon Newland

Subject: RE: draft response to petition

Pauline

I suggest the following minor changes:

I am told that you would like to understand my position on the petition asking the county council to reconsider the decision to build a new Harpenden School on the Site East of Common Lane.

The process for the provision of the new school is underway and I see no reason for the matter to be referred **back** to the Cabinet of the county council. The development of the school is being led by the Education and Skills Funding Agency.

You may be aware that an application for ~~town~~ planning permission has been made to the county council. ~~The~~ **This is a separate process which is not the responsibility of the Cabinet. The** application will ~~also~~ be subject to the normal statutory consultation (which includes the public) before the Development Control committee takes a decision whether or not to grant ~~town~~-planning permission.

However, if you still wish to present your petition at panel in light of the above please contact [REDACTED] by X and she will make the necessary arrangements.

Regards

Richard

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From: Pauline Davis
Sent: 21 September 2017 16:14
To: Richard Stevens
Cc: Kathryn Pettitt; Simon Newland
Subject: RE: draft response to petition

Thanks for the discussion.

So, would an adaptation of the draft in the following fashion cover the points you raised i.e. separation of education and town planning, although referencing town planning? (note that we are advised that the planning application material will go live at the weekend and I suspect that any email response to the petition from our EM is likely to be after that.

: I am told that you would like to understand my position on the petition asking the county council to reconsider the decision to build a new Harpenden School on the Site East of Common Lane.

The process for the provision of the new school is underway and I see no reason for the matter to be referred to the Cabinet of the county council. The development of the school is being led by the Education and Skills Funding Agency.

You may be aware that an application for town planning permission has been made to the county council. The application will also be subject to the normal statutory consultation (which includes the public) before the Development Control committee takes a decision whether or not to grant town planning permission.

However, if you still wish to present your petition at panel in light of the above please contact [REDACTED] by X and she will make the necessary arrangements.

Many thanks

Pauline

From: Richard Stevens
Sent: 21 September 2017 15:57
To: Pauline Davis
Subject: RE: draft response to petition

Pauline

You can ring me now if you wish [REDACTED]

Richard

Richard Stevens
Corporate Solicitor
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From: Pauline Davis
Sent: 21 September 2017 15:49
To: Richard Stevens
Subject: FW: draft response to petition

Richard, could we have a conversation about this some time this afternoon please? I am working from home but could call you if you say when you might be free.

Many thanks

Pauline

From: Simon Newland
Sent: 20 September 2017 11:29
To: Pauline Davis
Subject: RE: draft response to petition

Actually, I am not so sure; do we not need to differentiate between the council's role as planning authority and its role as commissioner of school places. In other words to say he – terry does not wish to reconsider, and that the council in its planning role will consider carefully the case in land use planning terms. This is to avoid any suggestion of the DC decision being improperly contaminated by the educational objectives. That's why I was inclined to run past legal.

Simon Newland
Operations Director, Education

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From: Pauline Davis

Sent: 19 September 2017 14:45

To: Simon Newland

Subject: draft response to petition

Simon, you asked to see a draft response to Mr. Hansen's petition:

I am told that you would like to understand my position on the petition asking the county council to reconsider the decision to build a new Harpenden School on the Site East of Common Lane.

At this stage I am not of the opinion that it is necessary to do so outside of the town planning process. The development of the school is being led by the Education and Skills Funding Agency. You may be aware that an application for town planning permission has been made to the county council. The applicant will need to demonstrate, through evidence, the very special circumstances for development in the green belt. The application will also be subject to the normal statutory consultation (which includes the public) before the Development Control committee takes a decision whether or not to grant town planning permission.

However, if you still wish to present your petition at panel in light of the above please contact [REDACTED] by X and she will make the necessary arrangements.

I would want to check first whether the submission of the application was in the public domain first, though.

The full petition wording is as below:

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chosen as a potential new school site, before any further work is carried out on the Harpenden School project due to significant changes in the factors considered in the previous exercise.

In the original scoring used to justify site selection no account was taken of the following (in no particular order):

1) Site F's owners ambitions to develop part of the site for housing, and the consequent effects on school building;

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3) The rising levels of traffic caused by housing development on the Lower Luton Rd and North Harpenden and the continuing expansion of Luton Airport.

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Any one of the above is enough to mean the circumstances for releasing this site from green belt cannot be justified."

Regards

Pauline

From: Pauline Davis

Sent: 27 September 2017 12:36

To: Terry Douris

Cc: Dan Hardy

Subject: Petition response

Terry, you will be aware that your email response to [REDACTED] regarding the petition replicated in full at the end of this email, needs to be sent.
The following draft response is provided for your use:

[REDACTED],

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[REDACTED] e mail address is: '[REDACTED] - MD ETher NDE' [REDACTED]

Could you copy your response to [REDACTED] Deborah Jeffrey, and Elaine Shell too, please, as well as Dan and myself.

Regards

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