

MOTION

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Wards affected: (All Wards);

Appendices (attached): Appendix 1 – Motion 1

Summary

This report sets out notices of motions rules in order and provides an update on the Local Plan Examination.

Recommendation (s)

The Council is asked to:

- (1) Consider the Motion in accordance with Standing Orders

1 Reason for Recommendation

- 1.1 The rules regarding the submission of motions to Council are set out in Part 4 of the Council's Constitution (Rules of Procedure). Motions ruled in order must be listed on the agenda.

2 Background

- 2.1 The table below sets out the Motions ruled in order:

Motion Number	Proposer & Seconder	Committee	Responding Chair
1	Cllr K Persand (proposer) Cllr J Freeman (seconder)	Licensing and Planning Policy	Cllr P O'Donovan

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- 2.2 FCR 14.2 of Part 4 of the Constitution restricts motions from rescinding or altering any decision of the Council or a Committee until at least two further meetings of the Council have been held (being a period of no less than 6 months), unless the motion is recommended by a committee or notice of the motion has been given by at least seven Members of the Council acting together.
- 2.3 Motion 1 relates to the Review of Local Plan Examination Documents, which were submitted to the Planning Inspector under delegated authority granted by the Licensing and Planning Policy Committee at its meeting on 20 November 2024. In accordance with FCR 14.2, notice of Motion 1 was given to the Legal Officer by eight Members of the Council: Councillors Kieran Persand, Julian Freeman, Chris Ames; Rob Geleit; Shanice Goldman; Christine Howells; James Lawrence and Steven McCormick.

3 Motion to be considered

- 3.1 The motion consists of two elements which are detailed below:
 - 1. Instruct the Licensing and Planning Policy Committee to consider and review all Local Plan documents submitted to the inspector post the 2025 examination hearing, and to consider approval for public consultation.
 - 2. Make no submission of the consultation results to the Inspector, unless approval for the consultation is given by the Licensing and Planning Policy Committee.

4 Local Plan Examination Update

- 4.1 A comprehensive update was provided to the [Licensing and Planning Policy Committee on the 19 May 2026](#).
- 4.2 It is important to reiterate a few key points that were discussed at this committee meeting, notably that it was the government appointed planning Inspector that requested that additional work be undertaken to address soundness issues with the Submitted Local Plan. In addition, it was the inspector that approved the publication of the documents on the Examination Library and the commencement of a non-statutory public consultation on specific documents (additional work) undertaken by the Council since 9 October 2025.
- 4.3 Since this committee meeting was held which related to a separate Motion, things have moved on with the Local Plan Examination which are summarised below.

Non-Statutory Public Consultation

- 4.4 The Inspector approved the publication of the documents submitted since 9 October 2025 as part of the Examination Library and for a non-statutory public consultation to be undertaken on these documents to be undertaken between 11 May and 15 June 2026.
- 4.5 During the consultation period 346 responses were received which were subsequently sent to the Inspector (via the independent programme officer).
- 4.6 The Council produced a [summary of the consultation responses](#) which was approved for publication (document reference COUD_035) by the Inspector on the Examination Library.

Local Plan Examination Hearing

- 4.7 Following the close of the non-statutory consultation, a Local Plan Examination Hearing was held on the 2 July 2026 to enable the Inspector to ask questions of the Council and hearing participants. The Inspector produced an agenda for the hearing to guide discussions on the documents that were subject to consultation.
- 4.8 During the hearing officers and the Council's Sustainability Appraisal consultant (AECOM) responded to questions from the Inspector concerning the consultation documents.
- 4.9 In addition, and of relevance to part 1 of the motion, detailed in 3.1 above, during the Examination Hearing the Inspector was asked by a participant if the Council could withdraw or amend documents that had previously been submitted and approved for publication by the Inspector. The Inspector's response to this question was that the Council could only do this if directed to do so by her.
- 4.10 At the close of the hearing the Inspector stated that she would notify the Council of her decision on how the examination is to proceed. On the 9 July 2026 the Programme Officer provided an update which was published on our Examination webpage and is repeated below:

"The hearing in relation to the additional green belt sites concluded on Thursday 2 July 2026. The Inspector is considering the evidence submitted both as a result of the consultation and at the hearing itself and will be in touch with the Council in terms of the next steps and the preparation of any main modifications necessary to make the plan sound. The examination webpage will be kept up to date with any further updates".

Next Steps

- 4.11 At the invitation of the Inspector, officers, assisted by the Programme Officer, will work proactively with the Inspector to prepare a schedule of main modifications.
- 4.12 Once finalised, the Inspector's proposed main modifications along with a supporting Sustainability Appraisal and Habitats Regulations Assessment will be subject to 6 weeks statutory consultation and all responses received will be sent to the Inspector for her consideration.
- 4.13 The Inspector will then issue her binding report which will contain a schedule of main modifications.
- 4.14 Councillors will then be invited to offer a view and make a decision at a future meeting of Full Council where they will then be asked to vote on whether to approve the modified Local Plan or not.

5 Meeting Procedure

- 5.1 Once a motion as been put at the meeting, the Mayor will invite Members to decide how the motion should be dealt with. The Mayor will ask for a vote without debate, on whether the motion should be referred to an appropriate Committee for consideration (FCR 16.5). This will be on the basis of a simple majority.
- 5.2 All amendments must be proposed, seconded and provided to the Mayor in writing prior to debate. The mover of the original motion will be asked if they wish to accept the proposed amendments. Those which are accepted in full or in part will result in the original motion being amended accordingly. If they are not accepted, then the amendments will be debated in accordance with Standing Orders (FCR 17).
- 5.3 FCR 14.1 sets 90 minutes to deal with all motions including amendments.

6 Risk Assessment

Legal or other duties

- 6.1 Equality Impact Assessment
 - 6.1.1 No comments are provided on Motions.
- 6.2 Crime & Disorder
 - 6.2.1 No comments are provided on Motions.
- 6.3 Safeguarding
 - 6.3.1 No comments are provided on Motions.

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6.4 Dependencies

6.4.1 No comments are provided on Motions.

6.5 Other

6.5.1 No comments are provided on Motions.

7 Financial Implications

7.1 No comments are provided on Motions.

7.2 **Section 24 considerations:** No comments are provided on Motions.

7.3 **Section 151 Officer's comments:** No comments are provided on Motions.

8 Legal Implications

8.1 No comments are provided on Motions.

8.2 **Legal Officer's comments:** No comments are provided on Motions.

9 Policies, Plans & Partnerships

9.1 **Council's Key Priorities:** No comments are provided on Motions.

9.2 **Service Plans:** No comments are provided on Motions.

9.3 **Climate & Environmental Impact of recommendations:** No comments are provided on Motions.

9.4 **Sustainability Policy & Community Safety Implications:** No comments are provided on Motions.

9.5 **Partnerships:** No comments are provided on Motions.

9.6 **Local Government Reorganisation Implications:** No comments are provided on Motions.

10 Background papers

10.1 The documents referred to in compiling this report are as follows:

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Previous reports:

- Licencing and Planning Policy Committee: 19 May 2026 – Local Plan Update:

<https://democracy.epsom-ewell.gov.uk/documents/s40862/MOTION.pdf>

- Licencing and Planning Policy Committee 20 November 2024 – Proposed Submission Epsom and Ewell Local Plan (2022-2040):

<https://democracy.epsom-ewell.gov.uk/documents/s33634/Proposed%20Submission%20Epsom%20and%20Ewell%20Local%20Plan%20Regulation%2019.pdf>

Other papers:

- [Epsom and Ewell Borough Councils Constitution](#)