



OFFICIAL EXECUTIVE DECISION NOTICE PUBLISHED BY DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

Notice is hereby given that the following decision(s) have been made today by Cabinet Members at the London Borough of Hillingdon:

Title of decision	Uxbridge Golf Course and Haste Hill Golf Course - Open Space and Green Belt Notices
Reference No.	1074
Date of decision	Tuesday 19 March 2024
Call-in expiry date	Tuesday 26 March 2024
Relevant Select Committee	Residents' Services Select Committee
Relevant Wards	Northwood/Ickenham and South Harefield

Decision made

Cabinet Members making the decision	Councillor Jonathan Bianco – Cabinet Member for Property, Highways & Transport Councillor Eddie Lavery – Cabinet Member for Residents Services
Decision	Approved That the Cabinet Members: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Noted that on 9 November 2023, Cabinet instructed Officers to publish Statutory Notices pursuant to section 5 of the Green Belt (London & Home Counties) Act 1938 and section 123 of the Local Government Act 1972 inviting objections to the proposals to sell Uxbridge and Haste Hill golf courses and that Open Space and Green Belt Notices have been advertised and objections invited.2. Considered the objections, responses and the ePetition received by the Council and authorised officers to proceed with the granting of a long leasehold interest of the land at Uxbridge and Haste Hill Golf Courses to a party with experience of owning and operating Golf Courses subject to the Secretary of State's consent set out in recommendation 3 below.3. Authorised officers to progress an application to the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities for consent to dispose of part of the Land that is held as Green Belt - the Land is shown

	<p>for identification purposes only edged red on the Plan B in the Appendix.</p> <p>4. Authorised Officers, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Property Highways and Transport and Cabinet Member for Residents Services to make any further necessary decisions with regard to implementation of this project.</p>
Reason for decision	<p>The Cabinet Member for Property, Highways and Transport and the Cabinet Member for Residents' Services fully considered the objections received following the publication of Statutory Notices on the proposal to sell Uxbridge and Haste Hill golf courses. The Cabinet Members also duly considered, as part of their decision-making, a valid ePetition that had been submitted objecting to the sale, and in accordance with the Council's Petition's Scheme.</p> <p>Cabinet Members noted that Cabinet in September 2023 received a report about the future of these two Council run golf courses, noting that both courses were operating at a substantial financial loss. Furthermore, that Cabinet in November 2023 considered a further report on future options and in considering these, agreed to proceed with sale of the two sites on the condition they would remain operating as golf courses for residents.</p> <p>Considering all the factors set out, Cabinet Members, therefore, agreed to proceed with the sale and the granting of a long leasehold interest of the land at Uxbridge and Haste Hill Golf Courses, noting that this would be subject to the Secretary of State's consent.</p>
Alternative options considered and rejected	<p>Cabinet Members could have decided not to proceed with the granting of a long leasehold interest for the two golf courses based on the objections received, but considered this would lead to substantial costs which are unfeasible for the Council which is not deemed viable as the individual concerns raised would be legally covered in the transaction and leases. In the case of granting additional paths, it was noted this would cause health and safety issues for those using them.</p>
Classification	Public
Link to associated report	<u>Here.</u>
Relevant Officer contact & Directorate	James Raven / Julia Thompson – Place Directorate
Any interest declared by the Cabinet	N/A

Member(s) / dispensation granted	
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Implementation of decision & scrutiny call-in

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When can this decision be implemented by officers?	<p>Officers can implement Cabinet Member decision in this notice only from the expiry of the scrutiny call-in period which is:</p> <p>5pm on Tuesday 26 March 2024</p> <p>However, this is subject to the decision not being called in by Councillors on the relevant Select Committee. Upon receipt of a valid call-in request, Democratic Services will immediately advise the relevant officer(s) and the decision must then be put on hold.</p>
Councillor scrutiny call-in of this decision	<p>Councillors on the relevant Select Committee shown in this notice may request to call-in this decision. The request must be before the expiry of the scrutiny call-in period above.</p> <p>Councillors should use the Scrutiny Call-in App (link below) on their devices to initiate any call-in request. Further advice can be sought from Democratic Services if required:</p> <p>Scrutiny Call-In - Power Apps (secure)</p>
Further information	<p>These decisions, where applicable, have been taken under The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.</p> <p>This is the formal notice by the Council of the above executive decision, including links to the reports where applicable.</p> <p>If you would like more information on this decision, please contact Democratic Services on 01895 250636 or email: democratic@hillingdon.gov.uk.</p> <p>Circulation of this decision notice is to a variety of people including Members of the Council, Corporate Directors, Officers, Group Secretariats and the Public. Copies are also placed on the Council's website.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Democratic Services London Borough of Hillingdon Civic Centre High Street Uxbridge UB8 1UW</p>