



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	RURAL ACTIVITIES GARDEN CENTRE: ASSETS OF COMMUNITY VALUE NOMINATIONS – RURAL ACTIVITIES GARDEN CENTRE AND ADJOINING CAR PARK LAND
Reference No.	1604
Date of decision	Tuesday 03 February 2026
Call-in expiry date	Tuesday 10 February 2026
Relevant Select Committee	Corporate Resources & Infrastructure Select Committee.
Relevant Wards	Colham & Cowley

Decision made

Cabinet Members making the decision	Councillor Jonathan Bianco, Cabinet Member for Corporate Services & Property
Decision	Agreed That the Cabinet Member for Corporate Services & Property: 1. Approved the registering of the Rural Activities Garden Centre site as an Asset of Community Value as outlined in red on the attached site plan in Appendix A of the associated report; and 2. Declined the nomination to register the adjoining land as an Asset of Community Value as outlined in blue on the attached site plan in Appendix A of the associated report.
Reason for decision	<p>The Cabinet Member duly considered the report and noted that the Council had received nominations to list both sites as Assets of Community Value, and the groups submitting them were considered eligible to make valid nominations. In assessing the statutory tests, it was concluded that the Rural Activities Garden Centre (RAGC) had clearly been used in a way that furthered the social well-being and interests of the local community, and that such use could realistically continue. For this reason, the nomination to list the RAGC site was accepted by the Cabinet Member.</p> <p>The adjoining land, however, had only provided ancillary benefit as overflow parking when the RAGC operated as a</p>

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	<p>public-facing site. As open public access was no longer proposed, the land no longer served a qualifying community function. Being currently only a grass field, with no realistic prospect of future qualifying use within five years, it did not meet the statutory tests. Consequently, the nomination for this site was rejected by the Cabinet Member.</p> <p>It was also recognised that the statutory deadline for determining the nominations had already passed. Further delaying or refusing the RAGC listing risked legal challenge, whereas the adjoining land posed significantly less legal risk due to its failure to meet the qualifying criteria. Therefore, the Cabinet Member agreed both recommendations in the report.</p>
Alternative options considered and rejected	The option of refusing the RAGC nomination was rejected because the site met the statutory tests for listing. Accepting the nomination for the adjoining land was also rejected, as the land no longer served a qualifying community purpose, had no realistic prospect of such use within five years, and therefore did not meet the statutory criteria. Doing nothing was rejected as well, since failing to respond to the nominations would have exposed the Council to unnecessary risk.
Classification	Part I – Public
Link to associated report	Here
Relevant Officer contact & Directorate	Andrew Low – Residents Services Directorate
Any interest declared by the Cabinet Member(s) / dispensation granted	N/A

Implementation of decision & scrutiny call-in

[Internal Use only]	
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 10 February 2026</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>

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	<u>Scrutiny Call-In - Power Apps</u> (secure)
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@hillington.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>