

SUMMONS ITEM 9 (ii)

FULL COUNCIL 20th September 2004

Motion selected for debate by Councillor Paul Lorber, Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group.

Public toilet provision in Brent

Council notes that Brent is a Member of the British Toilet Association (BTA), who state that “ public toilets are the ‘shop window’ for any area or establishment – where first and lasting impressions of levels of customer care are made.”

Sadly, a number of toilets have been closed in Brent and not enough provision has been made in respect of new developments or busy Town Centre locations.

Aside from proposals for the Stadium itself, areas such as Wembley have too few public toilet facilities for local residents and visitors. According to the Council website, StreetCare maintain barely ten public toilets across the whole Borough.

Members note that such a lack of provision has implications for many groups of people. Those most affected by a lack of easily accessible Public Toilets include:

- people with mental or physical disabilities and their carers
- the infirm or elderly
- people with babies or young children
- people coping with a range of medical conditions
- visitors away from home travelling to and around locations such as the new National Stadium

We therefore ask the Executive :

- To secure the opening of 12 new public toilets in the next 12 months ;
- To ensure these are of high quality, meet modern standards of accessibility, security and design and include vandal-proof measures ;

- To begin a rolling programme of public toilet provision targeting areas of greatest public use, and ensure there is a toilet in every major public location ;
- To consult with local residents on the siting of public toilets ;
- To use Planning Guidelines, Section 106 provisions and partnership working to secure the provision of further public toilets where these are most needed.