

Motion to Special Council Meeting 19/5/03

Summons Item 8 - Motions selected by Leaders of the Opposition Groups

MOTION SELECTED BY COUNCILLOR PAUL LORBER, LEADER OF THE LIBERAL DEMOCRAT GROUP

IMPROVING BUS SERVICES TO HOSPITALS IN THE BOROUGH

The Council notes that:

1. There has been a trend to centralisation of hospital services, with the result that patients increasingly have to travel long distances to a hospital
2. Users of hospital services are disproportionately those who do not drive or have access to a car, and hospitals are an important generator of public transport demand
3. It is important that hospitals should be served by good quality bus services with provision for access for the elderly and disabled

The Council therefore :

1. instructs officers to review the adequacy of existing bus services in relation to demand at hospitals in the borough (and especially the main sites at Northwick Park Hospital and Central Middlesex Hospital) and to prepare a case for improvement for submission to Transport for London and London Buses Limited ;
2. specifically urges London Transport to extend the No.18 bus to Northwick Park Hospital as the quickest and best way of improving the public transport service to this Hospital. Since Central Middlesex Hospital is also used extensively by residents living in the 'Wembley' area, we also call from improved bus services to this Hospital and connecting services between the two Hospitals ;
3. resolves to establish a Transport Scrutiny Panel charged with liaison with public transport providers, the improvement of local public transport, and securing key services linked to resident need and the Borough's regeneration strategies.