

LONDON BOROUGH OF BRENT
COUNCIL MEETING – 27TH NOVEMBER 2006

Items Selected by Non-Executive Members under Standing Order 39

- (a) From Councillor Vijay Shah

Approach to Planning Enforcement.

I am concerned at high numbers of Appeals taking over 6 months that are holding up and undermining planning enforcement. These serve to halt or reduce enforcement action against rogue traders or inconsiderate individuals, for fear of a financial comeback on the Council.

I ask the Executive to review the Council's framework around Enforcement; and to lobby Government to introduce a system of determining Appeals locally if the Planning Inspectorate cannot decide within 2 months, and to allow the conduct of applicants in previous Planning and Enforcement cases to be a factor in determining applications.

- (b) From Councillor C J Patel

Services from Sudbury Stations.

The frequency of train services at Sudbury and Harrow Road and Sudbury Hill stations continues to be lacking. With every timetable review, these services seem to be under threat of further reduction.

I call on the Executive to urge the Department for Transport and Chiltern Railways to improve the frequency of train service from Sudbury and Harrow Road and Sudbury Hill stations.

- (c) From Councillor Bacchus

Action on climate change

The LB of Richmond upon Thames has introduced ground breaking proposals to deal with climate change at a local level by increasing parking charges for 'gas guzzling' cars. In Brent the administration is committed to scrapping the charges for the first parking permit, which would reward the owners of such environmentally damaging vehicles.

I urge the Executive to study the Richmond proposals in detail and to look again at Brent Council's parking charges in terms of their impact on climate change.