



Full Council – 19 September 2024

Conservative Group Motion

Council's participation in Brent River Catchment Area

In recognising the impact of Brent having withdrawn from the 3 Borough agreement to help improve the Brent River Catchment Area, this Council welcomes:

- The river restoration works being jointly undertaken by Harrow and Barnet Councils to improve the waterways in their boroughs which will not only help with flood alleviation but also contribute to improving biodiversity.
- The proposed flood attenuation works in Byron Recreation ground in Harrow which will hold back up to 20,000 litres of potential flood water from the Wealdstone Brook and surrounding streams and welcomes the river works in Chandos Park involving the restructuring of the Edgware Brook which runs into the River Brent. Further, we applaud the decision of Barnet Council in partnership with Thames 21 to undertake river restoration work in Watling Park to help with flood alleviation in the Edgware/Burnt Oak area.
- All of the proposed river project works in Harrow and Barnet which will directly benefit the residents of Brent. Council since these flood alleviation projects will help reduce the likelihood of flooding from the River Brent and its tributaries in Brent.

Whilst welcoming the volunteer work of Thames 21, CURB (Clean up the River Brent) and LagerCan in helping to keep our waterways clear of illegally dumped fly-tipped waste, this Council regrets the termination of Brent's partnership with Harrow and Barnet Council's under the River Brent Catchment Area Partnership.

This Council therefore resolves:

- That the Cabinet Member for Environment and Enforcement commence negotiations seeking the Council's return to the River Brent Catchment Area Partnership before the end of 2024.

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