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NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL COUNCIL

THURSDAY, 16TH JULY, 2026

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

Please find attached supplementary papers relating to the above meeting, as follows:

Agenda No	Item
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14.	<u>NOTICE OF MOTIONS</u> (Pages 3 - 8)
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To consider any motions, due notice of which have been given in accordance with Standing Order 4.8.12.

Three motions have been submitted ahead of the deadline and included within this supplementary pack:

- 1. Objection to National Scheme of Delegation for Planning applications**
- 2. Mimram Valley Local Landscape Design Project**
- 3. Future of Land Holdings South of A505, Royston**

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**COUNCIL
16 JULY 2026**

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TITLE OF REPORT: NOTICE OF MOTIONS

The following motion has been submitted, due notice of which has been given in accordance with Standing Order 4.8.12.

To be moved by Councillor Steve Jarvis and seconded by Councillor Ruth Brown.

Objection to the National Scheme of Delegation for Planning applications

Council regrets the decision of the government to introduce a "National Scheme of Delegation" for planning applications.

It believes that:

- a) Planning decisions should continue to be made by locally elected councillors rather than being increasingly determined by officers under national rules.
- b) the Secretary of State is being given excessive power to dictate council constitutions and planning procedures.

Council resolves:

To instruct the Leader of the Council to write to all North Herts MPs setting out these views.

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The following motion has been submitted, due notice of which has been given in accordance with Standing Order 4.8.12.

To be moved by Councillor Ralph Muncer and seconded by Councillor Joe Graziano.

Mimram Valley Local Landscape Designation Project

The River Mimram runs from its source near Whitwell to join the River Lea at Hertford and is one of only 260 chalk streams that exist in the world.

Earlier this year, the Mimram Valley Local Landscape Designation steering group submitted an outline case for a Local Landscape Designation (LLD) for the Mimram Valley to be included in the next iteration of the Local Plan, with this proposal being submitted to North Hertfordshire District Council, Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council and East Hertfordshire District Council.

A LLD protects areas considered by the Local Planning Authority to be of particular landscape value to the local area and if granted, the designation would ensure this precious natural and heritage-rich environment is sustained by making landscape impact a primary consideration in planning decisions.

The designation would also play an important role in developing an awareness of the landscape qualities that make the Mimram Valley distinctive, promote awareness amongst the various communities in the valley and help to strengthen local rural economies.

Therefore, Council resolves:

- 1. To express its support for the Mimram Valley being granted Local Landscape Designation status.**
- 2. To instruct Officers engage in discussions with the Mimram Valley Local Landscape Designation Project steering group in order to progress the ambition of the Mimram Valley being granted Local Landscape Designation status in the upcoming revision of the North Hertfordshire Local Plan**
- 3. To instruct the Leader of the Council to write to the Leader of Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council and the Leader of East Hertfordshire District Council calling on their respective Councils to support the Mimram Valley being granted Local Landscape Designation status within their Local Development Plans.**

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The following motion has been submitted, due notice of which has been given in accordance with Standing Order 4.8.12.

To be moved by Councillor Ralph Muncer and seconded by Councillor Martin Prescott.

Future of Land Holdings South of the A505, Royston

On 17 June, the Cabinet at Hertfordshire County Council declared land holding to the South of the A505, Royston to be “surplus to operational requirements” and took the decision to dispose of the land.

The Land North of Roysia School was acquired in the 1980s using statutory compulsory purchase powers for education purposes and whilst the land in question has been allocated for residential development within the North Herts Local Plan, the decision of the County Council to dispose of this land has not adequately addressed the cumulative impact of significant additional housing on the existing highway network, particularly the single point of access that already serves over 1,000 homes in the surrounding area.

Additionally, there is no evidence that any public consultation has been undertaken with local residents, community groups or stakeholders in Royston regarding the proposed disposal and the residential development it will facilitate, particularly in light of existing pressures on local infrastructure.

Whilst the County Council has concluded there is “no current or future need” for the land for County Council service delivery, it does not appear to have fully considered whether retention of all or part of the land could deliver alternative public or community benefits, for example sports facilities of which there are a significant shortage within the town, and whether the proposed joint disposal strategy with the Highfield Land Trust represents the option that best serves the wider public interest.

Therefore, Council Resolves:

- 1. To instruct the Leader of the Council to write to the Leader of Hertfordshire County Council requesting that the Cabinet examines, again, its decision to dispose of the land in question and fully considers if the proposed joint disposal strategy with the Highfield Land Trust best serves the wider public interest or whether retention of the land could deliver alternative public/community benefits, for example, the health and wellbeing benefits from additional sports/recreational facilities, of which there are a significant shortage within the town.**
- 2. To instruct the Officers at North Hertfordshire District Council to work with Hertfordshire County Council in order to identify the best possible future community use of this land.**

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