

**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 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.**