

# Motions

08/07/2025

Submitted under procedure rule 11

## **1. Oxhey Jets Football Club**

**Proposed by Cllr Stephen Giles-Medhurst, seconded by Cllr Chris Lloyd**

Council recognises the importance and significance of Oxhey Jets Football Club (OJFC) not only for South Oxhey but the wider Three Rivers community. Council reaffirms its commitment to retain OJEC on its current site and the continued support from Three Rivers Council in that endeavour and thanks TRDC officers for their hard work in supporting OJFC.

Council agrees that TRDC will continue to press HCC for clarity on their future intentions for the now closed 3G pitch, grassed areas and woodland area which falls outside of the lease negotiations with Oxhey Jets.

Council is of the view strategic planning of this site should be for the benefit of South Oxhey residents by enhancing its leisure provision and notes that the emerging local plan protects that area for such use.

## **2. Vaping**

**Proposed by Cllr Chris Lloyd, seconded by Cllr Anne Winter**

Council notes with concern:

1. The increased use of vaping products by children in the UK. Recent data from the ASH Smokefree GB Youth Survey 2022 found that the prevalence of vaping amongst 11–18-year-olds is increasing – from 4% in 2021 to 8.6% in 2022 – and a significant number of children buy these vaping products directly from newsagents or supermarkets.
2. The increased number of local authorities who have recently had to take enforcement activity against shops illegally selling vaping products to youngsters.
3. The marketing of certain vaping products – with bright coloured packaging and flavours such as bubble gum – that might appeal to children.
4. The significant increase in availability of disposable and single-use vaping products which are cheaper and easier for children to access.
5. The high volume of single use vapes being disposed of in general waste.
6. An increase in fires at UK waste plants due to damaged and highly flammable batteries and the increased costs this causes.
7. The delay in the Government bringing forward legislation to act on the outcomes of last year's consultation on smoking and vaping.

Council acknowledges the role vaping products may play in aiding adults to stop smoking, and that vaping products carry a small fraction of the risk, and exposure to toxins, that are associated with cigarettes. However, vaping is not risk-free; particularly for those who have never smoked.

Vaping products contain nicotine, and research shows that most children who use them have never smoked. Council recognises the Local Government Association has raised concerns about the sale of vaping products to children.

Council calls for vaping products to be regulated in a similar way as tobacco products, with plain packaging and a requirement for products to be kept out of sight behind shop counters. Council calls for legislation to be brought forward in the current parliamentary session to:

1. Ensure vaping products are in plain packaging and kept out of sight behind the counter.
2. Make age-of-sale signage on vaping products mandatory.
3. Ban free samples of vaping products being given out to people of any age.
4. Ban the sale of single-use vaping products in the UK.

Council commits to not allowing the sale of vaping products in any Three Rivers District Council run premises.

Council therefore instructs the Chief Executive to write to both the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care and Secretary of State for Environment, to express the Council's demand for the greater regulation of vaping products detailed in this motion and ban on the sale of single use vapes.

### **3. Roadbuilding**

#### **Proposed by Cllr Giles-Medhurst, seconded by Cllr Louise Price**

Council notes the issues faced by residents on new housing developments, where unadopted roads leave residents at the mercy of residual landowners, especially as regards street lighting, signage and general maintenance, as well as additional service fees on top of Council Tax payments.

Council therefore calls upon Hertfordshire County Council alleviate this burden on local residents and ensure more roads built to adoptable standards are adopted across the District and instructs the Chief Executive to write to both the Chief Executive and Leader of Hert County Council. Council notes the issues faced by residents on new housing developments, where unadopted roads leave residents at the mercy of residual landowners, especially as regards street lighting, signage and general maintenance, as well as additional service fees on top of Council Tax payments.

Council therefore calls upon Hertfordshire County Council alleviate this extra "tax" burden on local residents and roads built to adoptable standards across the District and instructs the Chief Executive to write to both the Chief Executive and Leader of Hert County Council requesting that Herts County Council reviews its current policy that leaves some residents at a disadvantage and subject to the whims of residual landowners.

#### **4. Sewage and Waterways**

**Proposed by Cllr Jon Tankard, seconded by Cllr Chris Lloyd**

Council notes the twin threats to our rivers from the Conservative government's failure to act on sewage discharges by privatised water companies, together with the recent pronouncement by the previous Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities of the then-government's intention to remove regulations regarding nutrient neutrality. Council believes that both Conservative policies will add to the pollution of our precious waterways, seas and oceans and the habitats that depend on them.

Council further believes that extensive building in our Green Belt is also a threat to local habitats, and that whilst the then-Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities had brought forward this plan to amend the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill, he had not sought to introduce an amendment to change the Standard Methodology or enable Local Planning Authorities to safeguard Green Belt land.

Council therefore calls for:

1. The immediate end to the threats to our waterways by a commitment to keep rules on nutrient neutrality and the retention of the entire Habitats' Directive.
2. A speeding up of the Environment Agency's largest ever criminal investigation into potential widespread breaches of environmental permit conditions at wastewater treatment works by all water and sewerage companies.
3. A reduction in the amount of sewage which can legally be discharged into waterways and the sea.
4. Changes to the National Planning Policy Framework, backed by primary legislation to enable the safeguarding of valuable Green Belt land. Council therefore calls for the Chief Executive to write to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, and the Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs stating the council's views on these matters.

## **5. Expansion of Active Travel**

**Proposed by Cllr Cheryl Stungo, seconded by Cllr Narinder Sian**

This Council recognises the success and potential of the Beryl Bike trial in Croxley Green and the need to accelerate the transition towards more sustainable modes of transport.

Council therefore resolves to:

1. Work with Hertfordshire County Council and neighbouring authorities to expand shared bike and e-bike schemes across the district.
2. Identify funding opportunities, including government grants and Section 106 agreements, to support active travel infrastructure.
3. Commit to the installation of secure cycle parking at all major community facilities, high streets, and transport hubs within the district by the end of 2026.
4. Work with local schools and communities to encourage walking, cycling, and scooting as primary modes of travel for short journeys.

