

Motions Submitted to Council

In accordance with Chapter 2, Part 2 (Rule 15) of the Council's Constitution

Motion 3

Submitted by Councillor Speight

This chamber has previously welcomed creation of the Thames Freeport and the benefits it may bring. Freeport comes with a commitment to improve quality of life and opportunities for Thurrock residents and a budget to back up its intentions. A project that would help quality of life of residents in Stanford-le-Hope would be the creation of a relief road to mediate impact of Stanhope Industrial Estate. A route was envisioned by Thurrock Thames Gateway DC. It was not taken forward in 2011's Thurrock Core Strategy created when council took back planning. Nor is it in the emerging Local Plan process. I have established senior figures at Freeport including chair, Ruth Kelly, and DP World representatives have tacit support for the relief road if possible, subject to the council's view. It is a complex issue, not least because it's in Green Belt. Freeport, and DPW would be reticent to commit without TBC support in principle. This road is the only way to solve all the problems.

Would members of this council join me in calling on the appropriate and requisite TBC to revisit the possibility of the relief road linking up with the Manorway and produce a timely outline project plan.

Monitoring Officer Comments:

Rule 15.2 of the Council Procedure and Rules states that a notice of motion must relate to a matter which affects the authority or the authority's area and must relate to a matter in respect of which the authority has a relevant function. The motion relates to Thames Freeport. The Council is a Thames Freeport Partner and the Accountable Body for the Freeport. Any proposed projects relating to Thames Freeport do not fall within the remit of Council. Matters relating to Thames Freeport are an executive function for the Council's Cabinet to consider and take decisions relating to proposed Thames Freeport projects.

Section 151 Officer Comments:

As noted by the Monitoring Officer, any proposed project would require support from the Thames Freeport Governing Body (TFGB) on which the Council is represented. Should the proposed project be supported by the TFGB then the Council will further consider the financial implications as part of the business case process.

Is the above motion within the remit of Council to approve?

Yes