

## Full Council 25 April 2023

### Amendments to motions

Additions shown in bold, deletions shown in strikethrough

#### Item 12 - Motions not for Debate

##### Voter Suppression by Conservative Government – Labour Group Amendment

Ealing Council notes the introduction of Voter Identification for elections from 4th May 2023, which will require voters to present an approved form of Photo ID at a polling station in order to vote. British people have just lost their unobstructed right to vote. This is nothing short of voter suppression by the Conservative Government.

Ealing Council further notes that there is little evidence that voter fraud is a systematic issue in UK elections and about 7.5% of voters do not currently hold an acceptable form of ID.

**Ealing Council notes the work already being undertaken by our Election Service team in observing and reviewing the impact of voter ID in elections due to take place in May.**

Ealing Council is deeply concerned that the requirement to provide Photo ID will present a significant barrier for thousands of residents in Ealing to exercise their right to vote – and these barriers will disproportionately effect those from minority ethnic, low income, disabled, LGBT+, elderly and young voter groups.

**This is why Ealing’s Labour Council will act to protect the right to vote by:**

- **Producing an awareness campaign across traditional and social media to inform our residents of changes to legislation**
- **Encouraging postal vote registration to prevent people losing their right to vote**
- **Writing to all in-person electors informing them of changes to ID rules, and encouraging residents to register to vote by post**
- **Delivering a comprehensive outreach programme to young people, BME groups, charities, traveller communities, disability groups, and civil society organisations across the borough, including those who advocate for younger and older people, with a particular focus on those groups who are most at risk of disenfranchisement**

Ealing Council instructs the Chief Executive to write to the Cabinet Office to express the Council’s complete opposition about the damaging effect on democracy that mandatory Voter ID will have in UK elections and to demand that this section of the new legislation is repealed immediately.

##### Motion on Warren Farm – Labour Group Amendment

Ealing Council ~~welcomes~~ **acknowledges** the fact that the Warren Farm Nature Reserve petition has already gained over 20,000 signatures **and thanks the residents who have constructively expressed their views in this and previous engagements as part of the**

**open, transparent and inclusive consultation process run by the council.** Warren Farm ~~has some~~ is a successfully self-rewilded areas which provides a habitat for 20 endangered species including the ground nesting Skylark and vulnerable plant and insect species facing extinction such as Copse Bindweed. **Other areas are hardstanding and contain dilapidated outbuildings formerly used for sports provision.**

**Ealing Council further notes the recent Cabinet report and discussion at Overview and Scrutiny Committee which sets out proposals for the future of Warren Farm Sports Ground, including the now signed Memorandum of Understanding between the Council and Imperial College to bring in the adjoining land into a proposed Nature Reserve.**

**Ealing Council believes that the future of the Warren Farm Sports Ground and adjoining land should enable the provision of both community sports, as well as the re-wilding of the majority of the land.**

**Ealing Council urges the Earl of Jersey to commit to allowing the managed re-wilding of his adjoining field and enable the council to include this land within its management plan and application for nature reserve status to Natural England.**