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| <b>REPORT TO:</b>   | <b>COUNCIL<br/>17 OCTOBER 2016</b>                                 |
| <b>AGENDA ITEM NO:</b>  | <b>7</b>   |
| <b>SUBJECT:</b>   | <b>THE CROYDON DEBATE:<br/>a) BOROUGH PETITION DEBATE</b>          |
| <b>LEAD OFFICER:</b>  | <b>Stephen Rowan, Head of Democratic Services and<br/>Scrutiny</b> |
| <b>WARDS:</b>   | <b>ALL</b>   |
| <b>CORPORATE PRIORITY/POLICY CONTEXT:</b><br>This report is prepared in keeping with paragraphs 3.11 to 3.13.5 of the Council Procedure Rules at Part 4A of the Constitution. |  |

**1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- 1.1 In accordance with Part 4A of the Council’s Constitution one borough-wide petition and one local petition can be debated under the Croydon Debate item. A Borough Petition was received and the wording is presented at para 3.3 in the body of this report.

**2. BOROUGH PETITION**

- 2.1 A Borough Petition was received by the Monitoring Officer. The wording of the petition received is detailed below:

*“We, the undersigned Croydon residents, insist that Croydon Council rethinks its ill-thought-out proposed changes to the local plan which threatens the character of much of the borough. In particular we request that the council:*

- *withdraws its plan to locate a gypsy and traveller site in Purley Oaks, a site earlier deemed quite unsuitable by the council*
- *withdraws its proposals to de-designate some of the borough’s Green Belt, including Purley Downs Golf Club, Sanderstead Plantation & Croham Hurst and to build schools in other areas of Green Belt*
- *backs down from its plan to withdraw Metropolitan Open Land protection from the open land around Shirley Oaks Village to leave it completely unprotected*
- *reduces the size of its proposed intensification zones to just the main transport arteries, not the residential areas surrounding them. These zones are in Forestdale, around All Saints’ Church Sanderstead, Kenley, Wickham Road and South Croydon.*

- *does not allow tall buildings in areas where they are totally out of character*
- *provides a pool for Purley that has proper specifications and facilities for residents*
- *ensures that all areas currently enjoying Local Area of Special Character protection continue to be protected, instead of withdrawing protection for many sites including West Hill, Stanhope Road, Preston Road and Cheston Avenue”*

2.2 The rules for debate of a Borough Petition are set out in paragraph 3.13.15(b) and are set out below:

- i. The Lead Petitioner or their representative may address the Council on the Petition for up to three minutes from the public gallery;
- ii. A member from the Majority group may address the Council for up to three minutes;
- iii. A member of the Opposition group may address the Council for up to three minutes;
- iv. A second member from the Majority group may address the Council for up to three minutes;
- v. A second member of the Opposition group may address the Council for up to three minutes;
- vi. The Lead Petitioner or their representative may address the Council for a further three minutes;
- vii. A member from the Majority group may address the Council for a final response for up to one minute and summarise the next steps to be taken in the matter.

2.3 After the procedural steps stated in paragraph 2.2 have been completed, there shall be no further debate and no vote taken.

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**BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:** None.