

HARROW COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING – 9 JULY 2009

Amendment to Item 17 - Motion 3 – “Bentley Priory”

Proposed by Cllr Bill Stephenson

Seconded by Cllr Navin Shah

To amend the above motion to read as follows:

“This Council notes with great concern that the proposed Battle of Britain museum at Bentley Priory faces an uncertain future. The construction of the museum is a compulsory part of the overall plan for the site, but the severity of the recession has stifled the ability of developers to currently undertake the project.

This Council is concerned about the security and preservation of this important site during the possibly prolonged period before this scheme can once again be put in place.

This Council is of the opinion that it is imperative that the museum be built. As the site of Fighter Command during World War II - from where the Battle of Britain was coordinated - it is a precious and vital piece of our history. Therefore, this Council wants to ensure Bentley Priory is preserved for future generations, and to honour those who fought and died defending this country.

This Council therefore instructs the Chief Executive

- (i) to write to the Prime Minister, the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport and any other relevant ministers to request Government funding for the Bentley Priory museum, in particular, to ensure that the site is made properly safe and secure.
- (ii) to enlist the support of the two Harrow MPs, the Mayor of London, the Brent and Harrow London Assembly member in support of this.
- (iii) to work with all other partners including the Bentley Priory Battle of Britain Trust to explore all possible ways of finding funding for this Museum.

This Council notes that it has worked hard to ensure that establishment of a museum at Bentley Priory was a key part of the planning proposals for the site, and continues to support this exciting and incredibly worthy venture.”