

To: Democratic Services Manager

From: Councillor H Kane
Vice-Chairman of the Council

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Our ref: C-010-2019/20



Epping Forest District Council

Overview and Scrutiny Rule 53 (Special Urgency) - Proposed Letting of Land at North Weald Airfield to Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs

I confirm that, in accordance with the above-mentioned rule, I am satisfied that the following decision of the Cabinet is reasonable in all the circumstances and should be treated as a matter of urgency.

I am also satisfied that any delay likely to be caused by the call-in process would seriously prejudice the Council's interests, as any delay would substantially lessen the time for negotiations with HMRC and thus the preparation time needed to prepare the airfield and surrounding roads for a no-deal exit from the European Union.

Decision:

(1) To agree the approval of a new lease of land at North Weald Airfield to Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs for HGV parking and associated facilities to allow the operation of the checking the documentation of companies importing and exporting high value goods;

(2) Alongside the more formal agreement concerning the use of the Airfield, to seek other benefits from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government in terms of infrastructure, planning, information exchange and other legacy benefits; and

(3) That, pursuant to Overview and Scrutiny Rule 53 (Special Urgency) of the Constitution, the vice-Chairman of Council (in the absence of the Chairman) be requested to waive the call-in arrangements for this decision, as any delay likely to be caused by the call-in process would seriously prejudice the Council's interests, as it would substantially lessen the time for negotiations with HMRC and thus the preparation time needed to prepare the airfield and surrounding roads for a no-deal exit from the European Union.

I therefore determine that the call-in provisions of the Overview and Scrutiny Rules, which would otherwise apply, be disregarded for this decision.

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I confirm that notice of this decision will be reported to the Council at its meeting on 19 September 2019.


Signed:

Councillor H. Kane

Vice-Chairman of Epping Forest District Council

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