

**Wiltshire Council**

**Council**

**11 July 2017**

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**Notice of Motion No. 1 - Planning meetings to accommodate everyone**

**Councillors Chris Hurst and Ian Thorn**

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To consider the following notice of motion submitted in accordance with the constitution:

*“The Council recognises the important role of planning within the authority and asserts the importance of democratic debate in the planning process. Public engagement is crucial to ensure that planning decisions are made in the best interests of Wiltshire residents. The Council's planning meetings are central in this process; giving the public an opportunity to contribute, speak and witness that all decisions are open, transparent and made free from prejudice.*

*To this end, the Council resolves to start all Eastern, Northern, Southern and Western Planning Committee meetings at 6pm to ensure that all residents have the greatest opportunity to attend.”*