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Dear Councillor,

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Please find attached an additional petition, and the Members' Questions submitted to the above meeting:

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To receive any petitions.

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To receive any Members' questions.

Please review these papers before the meeting next Wednesday.

Yours faithfully,

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MEETING : COUNCIL
VENUE : COUNCIL CHAMBER, WALLFIELDS, HERTFORD
DATE : WEDNESDAY 23 JULY 2025
TIME : 7.00 PM

Agenda Item 6b

Petition – Back off our bins!

We, the undersigned residents of Hertford & Stortford, call on the Green & Liberal Democrat leadership of East Herts District Council to rethink their disastrous new bin collection policy.

From August, they are cutting bin collections to once every 3 weeks, while forcing households to manage five different bins. This will take up extra space, and may leave rubbish piling up outside homes. If you miss a collection, you could be waiting six weeks for your next one!

In the Council's own consultation, 88% of respondents said the Council should continue to provide fortnightly waste collections. They didn't listen to residents before making this decision. It's time to make them listen now.

We demand that East Herts District Council puts common sense first, listens to local residents, and scraps this unworkable scheme.

No to bin chaos – Yes to common sense!

This Petition was started on 24 March 2025, and as of 29 April 2025, had received 471 signatures.

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MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

<p>Question 1</p>	<p>Cllr David Jacobs to ask Cllr Carl Brittain, the Executive Member for Financial Sustainability</p>
<p>What plans if any the council has for the future use or disposal of the property it owns at 14-16 Water Lane Bishop's Stortford formerly known as the Lemon Tree?</p>	
<p>Question 2</p>	<p>Cllr Eric Buckmaster to ask Cllr Tim Hoskin, the Executive Member for Environmental Sustainability</p>
<p>For the period April to November last year East Herts had 483 recorded incidents of fly tipping. While, pro rata the number of households, that is a slightly lower rate than the other 9 Districts and Boroughs in the County, that trend will possibly result in around 1,000 incidents in a full year. Residents are dismayed at the cost and impact that this criminal activity has on our communities and environment. Does the council have sufficient staff to respond to these occurrences and enforce against the criminals alongside other partners such as the Environment Agency and Police?</p>	
<p>Question 3</p>	<p>Cllr Bob Deering to ask Cllr Vicky Glover-Ward, the Executive Member for Planning and Growth</p>
<p>In relation to the registration of planning applications, there is a notice on the Council's website that says that "<i>The team are currently experiencing a delay of up to 15 working days in registering planning applications ... but it will take us some weeks to clear</i>". We are all conscious of the untimely loss of a key officer but are there other reasons for the current delay and when will the backlog be cleared?</p>	