



**OFFICIAL EXECUTIVE DECISION NOTICE
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Notice is hereby given that the following decision(s) have been made today by Cabinet Members at the London Borough of Hillingdon:

Title of decision	MEADOW HIGH SCHOOL EXPANSION (GRANT OF NEW LEASE FOR ELECTRICITY SUBSTATION INCLUDING CABLE EASEMENTS FOR MEADOW SCHOOL - NORTHWOOD ROAD, HAREFIELD SITE)
Reference No.	1632
Date of decision	Tuesday 24 February 2026
Call-in expiry date	Tuesday 03 March 2026
Relevant Select Committee	Corporate Resources & Infrastructure Select Committee
Relevant Wards	Colham & Cowley, Harefield Village

Decision made

Cabinet Members making the decision	Cllr Ian Edwards, Leader of the Council Cllr Jonathan Bianco, Cabinet Member for Corporate Services & Property
Decision	Approved That the Leader of the Council, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Corporate Services & Property, agreed to the terms negotiated by officers as detailed in the confidential report and lease plan, and instructed Property and Estates to complete the grant of a new lease for the electricity substation including cable easements for 99 years at a peppercorn rent to the tenant Eclipse Power Networks Limited who are the Independent Distribution Network Operator (IDNO).
Reason for decision	A new electricity substation including cable easements is required to support the development of the new Meadow School (Northwood Road, Harefield site) as part of the overall Meadow High School Expansion (two sites) Project and should the grant of a new lease not proceed, the completion and energisation of the new Meadow School would be in jeopardy.
Alternative options considered and rejected	Not to grant the new lease for the electricity substation including cable easements would jeopardise the completion and energisation of the new Meadow School resulting in the much-needed additional SEND capacity to be provided by the Meadow High School scheme, at the Meadow-Northwood Road site required for the start of the September 2026 school year not being delivered. That would increase

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	the reliance on expensive independent Special School places which is an additional revenue expenditure.
Classification	Part II – Members Only and Not for Publication
Link to associated report	<i>That this report be declared as exempt from publication as it involves the disclosure of information in accordance with Section 100(A) and paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12 (A) to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended), in that the report contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) and that the public interest in withholding the information outweighs the public interest in disclosing it.</i>
Relevant Officer contact & Directorate	Tim Martin – Residents Services Directorate
Any interest declared by the Cabinet Member(s) / dispensation granted	N/A

Implementation of decision & scrutiny call-in

[Internal Use only]	
When can this decision be implemented by officers?	<p>Officers can implement Cabinet Member decision in this notice only from the expiry of the scrutiny call-in period which is:</p> <p>5pm on Tuesday 03 March 2026</p> <p>However, this is subject to the decision not being called in by Councillors on the relevant Select Committee. Upon receipt of a valid call-in request, Democratic Services will immediately advise the relevant officer(s) and the decision must then be put on hold.</p>
Councillor scrutiny call-in of this decision	<p>Councillors on the relevant Select Committee shown in this notice may request to call-in this decision. The request must be before the expiry of the scrutiny call-in period above.</p> <p>Councillors should use the Scrutiny Call-in App (link below) on their devices to initiate any call-in request. Further advice can be sought from Democratic Services if required:</p> <p>Scrutiny Call-In - Power Apps (secure)</p>

Further information	<p>These decisions, where applicable, have been taken under The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.</p> <p>This is the formal notice by the Council of the above executive decision, including links to the reports where applicable.</p> <p>If you would like more information on this decision, please contact Democratic Services on 01895 250636 or email: democratic@hillingdon.gov.uk.</p> <p>Circulation of this decision notice is to a variety of people including Members of the Council, Corporate Directors, Officers, Group Secretariats and the Public. Copies are also placed on the Council's website.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Democratic Services London Borough of Hillingdon Civic Centre High Street Uxbridge UB8 1UW</p>
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