

Amendment to Motion A: Supporting Our Farmers in West Oxfordshire, (Proposed by Councillor Rosie Pearson, Seconded by Councillor Lidia Arciszewska)

Amendment with changes shown:

- Words added are in *red text*;
- Words removed are in ~~strikethrough text~~

West Oxfordshire District Council is committed to supporting local farmers and food producers across our district. ~~Britain has some of the highest animal welfare standards in the world, and~~ WODC **will continue to** ~~should~~ engage and work in partnership with poultry, arable and livestock farmers, and **with horticulturalists and agroecologists**, to ensure they can continue to enhance our countryside, ~~and~~ contribute to our nation's food security, **protect and enhance biodiversity and improve our soils.**

Council Resolves to:

1. **Continue to w**~~Work~~ to support local farmers by **developing policies which are** ~~being~~ sympathetic to diversification opportunities and by promoting local produce during the Back British Farming campaign week;
2. **Be a voice of reason in the national conversation around diet, recognising that the National Food Strategy recommends a 30% reduction in meat consumption, but also recognising the role that non-intensive livestock can play in restoring soils and providing part of a balanced diet**~~Be vocal in opposing attempts to diminish the role our meat, dairy, and arable farmers play in our rural way of life;~~
3. Provide food at Council events, where practical, which is sourced from local suppliers, including **food suitable for those who have chosen a plant-based diet, as well as good quality meat, fish, dairy, fruit, and vegetables, and suitable for individual dietary requirements;**
4. **Continue to work with Good Food Oxfordshire, and implement our West Oxfordshire Food Action Plan, so that local food is affordable to all, reducing the food miles on our plate and supporting our producers;**~~Work to raise awareness of the importance of shopping locally, wherever possible, taking advantage of home-grown, affordable, and nutritious food, especially through our farm shops, reducing the "food miles" on our plates and supporting our producers.~~
5. **Call on our MP to support the Get Fair about Farming campaign which demands regulations ensuring supermarkets stick to fair buying agreements.**

If the amendment was passed, the amended motion would read as follows:

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Council Resolves to:

1. Continue to work to support local farmers by developing policies which are sympathetic to diversification opportunities and by promoting local produce during the Back British Farming campaign week;
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