

Notice of Proposed Amendment

Motion to be amended: Motion 3: Unauthorised Encampments

Proposer of amendment: Cllr David Kendall Seconder of Amendment: Cllr Anne Turrell
Liberal Democrat

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