

CONSERVATIVE GROUP AMENDMENT

EVICCTIONS

That the motion be amended to insert the text as shown in ***bold italics***.

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Proposed by: Cllr Mears

Seconded by: Cllr Barnett

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