



HASLEMERE TOWN COUNCIL

Chamber Redesign

BACKGROUND

When the project was originally proposed, it had been done on the basis that the table be removed at the same time the old windows were removed, and scaffolding already in situ.

Council approved the re-design of the chamber to include a new table, 20 chairs and the sale of the existing furniture in July 2026. Following meetings this month with Lambert Removals and Neil White (the carpenter who made the window frames and installed the new Chamber windows) it was confirmed that removal of the tables presents a significant challenge, not least because it would need to be dismantled.

The main concerns are as follows:

- The central bar of the window may not be able to be refitted once removed.
- The window would require 4–5 operatives to safely remove the glass, followed by de-glazing and re-glazing.
- The screws are located behind the glass, which adds further complexity to the work.
- There is a risk that the glazing could fail during removal and may therefore need to be replaced.
- Scaffolding would be required. The double glazing in the north facing window has failed and we are currently arranging for the replacement of it, so the works as far as scaffolding is concerned could be combined, although we don't know the associated cost.
- The insurance on the window would not remain valid if it is removed.

RECOMMENDATION: Council pauses the project for the new Council to consider.

OR

RECOMMENDATION: Council agrees the tables are retained but the chairs, carpet and curtains are replaced, with a view to looking at swivel chairs for ease of movement.