

## BOUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extra-Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at 3.00 p.m. in the Church Rooms, Church Street, Boughton

Present		In Attendance	
Cllr S Potter (SP)	Chair	Mrs J Bunting	Clerk & RFO
Cllr T Wright (TW)	Vice-Chair		
Cllr A Dale (AD)		Cllr J Shephard	Ward Councillor DDC
Cllr K Greatorex (KG)			
Cllr C Mackaness (CM)			
Cllr Mrs R McDonnell (RMCD)			
Cllr Mrs J Shephard			
Cllr R Wilson (RW)			

### **19/2120 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr D James. These apologies were accepted.

### **19/2121 To record Members Declarations of Interest (on Agenda items only)**

There were no declarations of interest. Councillors declarations of interest are recorded in their statutory declarations which are published on the parish website.

### **19/2122 Public Open Forum Session**

There were no questions from members of the public.

### **19/2123 NCC Application Number 19/00045/CCDFUL**

Land off A5199 Northampton Road (North West Relief Road) (previously circulated)

The construction of new roads (Northampton North West Relief Road) on land South of the A5199 Northampton Road between the Brampton Health Golf Centre and the River Nene, including two new roundabouts and links bridging over the River Nene to Brampton Land and over the Northampton loop of the West Coast mainline to connect with the Dallington Grange development.

The Chair reported that the Parish Council had taken both independent legal advice and the advice from Transportation Consultants on the planning application and that copy reports together with a draft covering letter from the Parish Council to NCC had been circulated to all Councillors.

### **Resolved: -**

- That Northamptonshire County Council be advised that Boughton Parish Council objects to the application for planning permission for the North-West Relief Road.
- The SATURN traffic model was not re-run after significant changes were made to the scheme in the Transport Assessment Addendum (TAA) meaning claims of the scheme's wider benefits are unproven and the negative impacts unknown.

- Traffic flows formed the basis of the key environmental assessments, such as air quality. Significant changes in the TAA make these flows invalid. The SATURN model should have been rerun and new environmental assessments carried out. This has led to a deficit in the environmental information before the Local Planning Authority.
- The traffic impact on Boughton is unacceptable and the mitigation proposals for Boughton village are wholly inadequate and incomplete, unsupported by any detailed analysis and their impacts have not been run through the model. Further, the spine road in Buckton Fields and the entire development has been completely overlooked.
- This is an incomplete planning application and there is evidence and admissions throughout the application that it has been rushed in order to meet constrained timescales and funding deadlines. This is wholly unacceptable for a scheme of this scale.
- Legal counsel has advised the Parish Council that a decision to grant permission based on this incomplete and flawed application would be unlawful.
- Whilst Councillors recognised the need to improve the road infrastructure in the County roads must be fit for purpose with infrastructure that works. Councillors agreed that the application should be withdrawn and a new application submitted when the SATURN model has been rerun and new environmental assessments carried out based on up-to-date traffic flows. Only then can the scale of any potential harms or benefits be known, and decision makers be in a position to make a decision.
- The Clerk was requested to confirm the date and time of the Development Control Committee Meeting at NCC when the application would be heard by Members and to notify Councillors . JMS and CM suggested that it was vital that representatives of Boughton Parish Council should attend. The Clerk would register speakers beforehand.
- The Clerk was requested to confirm if the Transportation Consultant could also attend that meeting.
- The Clerk was requested to ask Leigh Day to forward a copy of their advice to the Parish Council to the Chief Executive of NCC, Theresa Grant.
- CM requested if the advice from Leigh Day and the Transportation Consultants could be published on the parish website with the covering letter from the Parish Council to NCC. Clerk to confirm.

**19/2124 Urgent Matters for Report Only (Notified to the Chair before the Meeting)**

None.

**19/2125 Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at 7.00 p.m.

The meeting closed at 3.50 p.m.

Cllr S Potter  
Chair

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Date: 11<sup>th</sup> November 2019