

A MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE WAS HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, STATION ROAD, COUNTSTHORPE ON THURSDAY 10TH MARCH 2022

Members present: Cllrs S Kinvig, V Armstrong, S Burditt and J Jennings.

Mrs C Samuels – Parish Council Manager

Miss J Leech – Assistant Parish Council Manager

2021/22.159 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE, IF ANY

Apologies were received from Cllr J Thacker.

2021/22.160 TO RECEIVE DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS AND CONSIDER DISPENSATIONS

There were no disclosures of interest.

2021/22.161 TO APPROVE AND SIGN MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 24TH FEBRUARY 2022

The minutes of the meeting held 24th February 2022 were circulated prior to the meeting. It was resolved to approve the minutes, which were signed by the Chairman as an accurate record.

2021/22.162 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

2021/22.163 MATTERS ARISING FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY

Blaby District Council had responded to the Parish Council's queries with regard to planning application 21/1360/HH – 38 Peatling Road. They advised that there were no details regarding the use of the roof space as no planning permission was required, and the outbuilding/garage to the rear of the property would be accessed via Stroma Way which is an existing access. The proposed property is confirmed as a three bedroomed.

2021/22.164 TO CONSIDER A RESPONSE TO PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FROM BLABY DISTRICT COUNCIL

| Plan No. | Address | Description of Application | Observation |
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| 21/1511/HH | 13 Leicester Road. | Single storey rear extension. Amended drawing showing the red line updated on the site location plan. | No comments |
| 22/0029/HH | 17 Holyrood Drive | Two and single storey side extension, pitched roof over existing front flat roof and removal of stone cladding to front elevation to be replaced with render. | No comments |
| 22/0024/HH | 23 Leysland Avenue | Single storey rear extension, detached outbuilding to side and replacement fencing to part of eastern boundary. | No comments |

2021/22.165 TO MAKE A RECOMMENDATION RE: HINCKLEY NATIONAL RAIL
FREIGHT INTERCHANGE

The response to the consultation on the proposed Hinckley National Rail Freight Interchange was finalised and recommended to the Parish Council for approval as follows:-

2. Do you agree with the principle of transferring freight from road to rail – yes
3. Do you agree that the transfer of freight from road to rail has an important part to play in a low-carbon economy and in helping to address climate change - yes
4. Do you think that this is a good location for a Strategic Rail Freight Interchange? HNRFI is centrally located between the West Coast Main Line and the East Coast Main Line, on Network Rail's Strategic Freight line connecting Felixstowe and London Gateway to the Midlands and the North – yes
5. Do you support the proposals for up to 850,000m2 of logistic floorspace, railway sidings and a rail terminal on the Felixstowe to Nuneaton railway line to south west of Elmesthorpe – No
6. Do you support our proposed mitigation that is set out in the Preliminary Environmental Information Report – No
7. Do you have any comments on the proposed highway improvements? We are proposing several upgrades to the M69 including new north and south bound slip roads and the creation of a link road between J2 M69 and the B4468 Leicester Road (known as the new A47 Link) - Comment: The assumption is that freight will access the rail interchange via the motorway structure. Our concern, particularly in relation to access from the east of the county and other counties to the east, is that current infrastructure is not sufficient for the proposed freight.
8. Do you support the idea of a lorry park with welfare facilities and HGV fuelling facilities in this location? - Not Sure. Comment: The supporting infrastructure does not take into account the impact on the small villages in the area, which are already impacted by heavy traffic. In the 'golden triangle' public transport links are inadequate and will be exacerbated by what is being proposed. There will be a huge increase in commuter traffic for staff based at the proposed site, which will severely affect surrounding villages and the already inadequate road infrastructure.
9. Do you support the proposed landscaping incorporated into HNRFI? - Yes
10. Do you have any other comments about the proposals? Comment: We have concerns regarding the cumulative effect on the surrounding and extended areas, in relation to the environment, ecology, wildlife and flooding. This proposal will destroy existing farmland and countryside, increasing reliance on importing cereals and other food staples, which is against proposed government policy. The road infrastructure in villages, within the immediate location, is not adequate for the increased HGV movement and commuter traffic. We are aware of comments made by Blaby District Council regarding the impact on the level crossing at Narborough due to the increased time it will be closed to allow additional trains to pass. The Parish Council share these concerns.

2021/22.166 TO NOTE BLABY DISTRICT COUNCIL'S DECISIONS

- a. 21/1447/HH 24 Skye Way. Single storey front extension, demolish existing garage and retain boundary wall.
- b. 21/1473/HH 2 Royal Drive. Conversion of garage to habitable room.
- c. 21/1515/HH Poplars Farm, Green Lane. Detached garage.

2021/22.167 CORRESPONDENCE

- a. The Substantive response of the Local Highway Authority to planning application 21/1058/FUL 11 Willoughby Road was noted.
- b. The Substantive response of the Local Highway Authority to planning application 21/1363/OUT Land Adjacent to 12 Skye Way was noted.

2021/22.168 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting is scheduled for 24th March 2022.

Signed Chairman

Dated..... 2022