

## HOUGHTON AND WYTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the **Parish Council Meeting** held on Monday 21 October 2024, 7:00pm.

**Present:** Cllr P Boothman - Chair  
Cllr B Gilmour  
Cllr D Keane  
Cllr Baxendale  
Cllr R Guinea  
Cllr R Southworth

There were ten members of the public.

### 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Rodgers and Skinner.

### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

### 3. PUBLIC COMMENT

A resident asked how relevant the current HDC consultation and review of the Huntingdonshire Local Plan was to this parish and in terms of the application to be discussed.

The Chair encouraged everyone to participate in the consultations on the Local Plan ([Local Plan | Let's Talk Huntingdonshire \(letstalkhuntingdonshire.net\)](http://LocalPlan|Let'sTalkHuntingdonshire.net)) and also on the A141 and St Ives Improvements Scheme ([www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/A141-StIves](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/A141-StIves)).

Both these consultations are open until 27 November and could have a large impact on this area and residents' lives.

Concern was expressed that a proposal for a new active travel route would cut across agricultural land, increasing the urbanisation of the area and a new bypass would lead to more land available for housing, thereby increasing the traffic congestion further.

### 4. PLANNING MATTERS

- 4.1.** [Outline planning permission with all matters reserved for the construction of up to 120 homes \(Use Class C3\) with associated public open space, landscaping, play areas, surface water attenuation, roads, car parking, pedestrian and cycle routes, utility infrastructure and associated works](#) Land Between Houghton Grange And The How Houghton Road Houghton Ref. No: 23/00627/OUT

Public response to this application had to be made within a 14 day consultation window, which expired on 15 October. Houghton & Wyton Parish Council had been granted an extension of seven days until Tues 22 October.

**RESOLVED:** Houghton & Wyton Parish Council recommend this application be **REFUSED**.

The reasons for refusal are given in the attached documents (Letter from Richard Buxton solicitors and Revised Landscape and Visual Appraisal Review from Peter Radmall Associates) which form the objection submitted to HDC.

Proposed: Cllr Baxendale; Seconded: Cllr Guinea. All in favour

**RESOLVED:** If deemed necessary QC Charles Streeten, will be engaged to represent Houghton & Wyton Parish Council at the meeting of the Development Management Committee that will discuss this application.

Proposed: Cllr Baxendale, Seconded: Cllr Southworth. All in favour

The Parish Council is grateful to all those who have engaged with the consultation on this proposal. It would like to thank MP Ben Obese-Jecty, D Cllrs Dew and Keane, St Ives Town Council and the Parish Councils of Wyton on the Hill, Hemingford Grey and Hemingford Abbots for their support and submissions to HDC on this matter.

**5. ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED AT FUTURE MEETINGS, DELEGATED ACTION OR FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

An informal meeting of the Parish Councillors will be held on Wed 30 October to look at the current consultation on the HDC Local Plan.

**6. DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

The next Parish Council meeting will be **Wednesday 6 November 2024 at 7pm**

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