

North Huntingdon Cumulative Impacts Group

Terms of Reference

Mission

The Working Group brings together Parish Councils and communities across north Huntingdonshire to address the cumulative impacts of large-scale development associated with the North Huntingdon Growth Cluster.

The group exists to ensure infrastructure, transport, services and environmental considerations are properly assessed, coordinated and mitigated across parish boundaries.

Purpose

- To coordinate a collective response to cumulative impacts
- To strengthen the influence of all communities by collaborating when engaging with planning authorities and developers
- To share information, evidence and expertise
- To develop coordinated position on infrastructure delivery and mitigation
- To support parish-led issues with wider cross-boundary implications

Scope

The Working Group will focus primarily on issues associated with the North Huntingdon Growth Cluster, including but not limited to:

- Transport and highways impacts
- Infrastructure capacity
- Environmental impacts
- Emergency access and resilience
- Health and service provision
- Development phasing and delivery

Participation of Non-Voting Stakeholders

The Working Group recognises the value of input from a wide range of stakeholders, including local residents, technical specialists and local businesses whose operations may be affected by growth within the North Huntingdon Growth Cluster.

To ensure clarity of governance and maintain democratic accountability, formal decision-making and voting rights are restricted to nominated representatives of participating Parish Councils and Residents' Associations. Elected representatives are accountable to their communities through established democratic processes.

Stakeholders and invited participants are encouraged to contribute evidence, expertise and perspectives to inform discussions and help shape the Group's work, but will not participate in formal decision-making.

This approach ensures that the Working Group remains community-led while benefiting from a broad range of informed views.

Membership

Voting Members – membership shall be restricted to nominated representatives of participating Parish Councils and Residents' Associations

Geographic Scope – membership eligibility will be discussed and agreed, including whether participation should extend to all parishes within the wider Growth Cluster geography

Non-Voting Participants – the working group may invite elected councillors, local residents, technical specialists and businesses located within the affected corridors of the A14 and A141. These participants may contribute to discussions but will not have voting rights.

Principles

The Working Group will:

- Operate collaboratively and transparently
- Be evidence-led
- Remain non-party political
- Speak constructively but firmly
- Focus on shared impacts rather than individual site issues alone

Decision Making

Decisions will be made by consensus where possible, or by majority of voting members where necessary.

Meetings

The group will meet regularly as agreed by members. Attendance by Parish representatives is expected to ensure continuity and effective coordination.

Review

These Terms of Reference will be review periodically to ensure they remain appropriate as the Group continues to evolve.

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