

## **Report from the Large Scale Planning Committee to Buckden Parish Council – September 2020**

No Committee has sat since the last Parish Council Meeting – the next Committee is scheduled for 10<sup>th</sup> September 2020. All Parish Councillors are welcome to attend.

The primary topic for discussion at the next Committee is the new government Planning White Paper, which is now out for public consultation. The paper sets out proposed planning reforms that the Government states will streamline and modernise the planning process. There are in fact three papers:

- Planning for the Future [Planning for the future](#)
- Changes to the Current Planning System [Changes to the current planning system](#)
- Transparency and Competition [Transparency and competition: a call for evidence on data on land control](#)

It is proposed that the Large-Scale Planning Committee responds to this consultation on behalf of the village and Buckden Parish Council supported by Sue Ashwell from the Planning Committee. The Parish Council has been asked for input by:

- Locality, for our views on the impact of the legislation on Neighbourhood Plans,
- Huntingdon District Council,
- CAPALC/NALC.

Anne Howell-Jones has distributed the correspondence from each of these organisations to the PC and has noted that the timescales for response re the implications for Neighbourhood Plans (via Locality by 11/9) and the Current Planning System (via NALC by 17/9), are too tight for us to prepare responses in time for this meeting.

The Large-Scale Planning Committee is therefore, seeking delegated authority to respond on behalf of the council on these two issues. As requested, please let us know if there is anything you would like to see included in our response as soon as possible. We aim to produce proposals ahead of the October PC meeting setting out our response to the main paper.

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On a separate subject, Eric Cooper from Highways England, has informed the Parish Council that the hold, on the proposed Traffic Light modifications to the Buckden Roundabout, has been extended for a further 2 months to circa, end October, 2020.