

BUCKDEN PARISH COUNCIL
LARGE SCALE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting 20.07.2020

Present:

Martin Hassall (Chair) Anne Howell-Jones, Stan Studd, Allan Jones, John Thelwall.

Apologies: Hamish Masson, Mark Ward

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

2. Actions

All actions from the previous meeting were completed except actions against the challenge to Buckden's Key Service Centre, which were rolled over into the agenda for this meeting.

3. A1 Roundabout discussion next steps / A1 Safety Group update:

a. Roundabout modelling input and analysis update

- i. MH informed the Committee, following a conversation with Eric Cooper of Highways England, that the VSSIM modelling of the A1 Buckden Roundabout had been completed and reviewed by Highways England. The developer (Church Commission) have been informed that the current model is not yet acceptable due to safety grounds and their Transport Consultants (Pell Frischmann) have been asked to rework their model.

b. Modelling visibility

- i. The model and associated documentation has been available to Highways England for some months, but has not yet been made available to the public. We are approaching a critical stage in the decision making associated with the safety of the Buckden Roundabout and for the development. It is, therefore, vital that all relevant documentation associated with the latest proposals are

placed in the public domain in a timely fashion. Not sharing the modelling concerned the Committee, as it appears to favour the developer and gives the impression of an inappropriately close relationship between Highways England and the developer.

- ii. MH informed the Committee that he a made a written request to Eric Cooper of Highways England for the above document and had not received a response
- iii. SS reported that information had not been published on the HDC site as was with previous proposals. **ACTION: SS agreed to formulate a list of non-roundabout related issues associated with Silver Street, including construction traffic access, for future discussion**
- iv. **ACTION: MH to issue a request to HDC (Aaron Sands) to request Highways England to provide them with all materials associated with for immediate publication on the HDC site for public viewing**
- v. **ACTION: AJH to issue a request to Highways England to provide The A1 Safety Group with all materials associated with the latest Pell Frischmann proposal for the Roundabout**

c. Village petition

- i. The Committee agreed that a village petition would be a good idea and highlighted the importance of identifying the 'right question' post the A1 Safety Meeting. **ACTION: All – Investigate the best vehicle / mechanism for launching a petition**

4. CCC Next Steps

- a. **ACTION: MH to contact David Allatt to ensure that he is engaged with the latest Roundabout modelling and invite him and colleagues to the A1 Safety meeting**

5. School and Doctors' Surgery update

- a. To be discussed at the next meeting

6. Lucks Lane

- a. No additional updates from the last meeting

7. Political pressure opportunities update
 - a. To be discussed at the next meeting
8. AOB
 - a. **ACTION: MH/AJH to organise a meeting with HDC's Aaron Sands and Clare Bond to discuss general planning issues associated with traffic, the Great Ouse Valley boundary, the Local Plan, etc.**