

Brampton Cross Notes held 7pm 20th August 2025 at Alconbury Memorial Hall

Please be aware that these notes are strictly for consultation purposes of BPC Cllrs for discussion in conjunction with letters received by our Chair this week on if we should support APC and the impact it may have on our Village and residents. Gerald Sansom BPC Cllr Chair HASTAG.

Meeting opened by Alconbury Parish Council (**APC**) Chair Tracy Gilbert

Enquiries have been made into our MPs possible interests about this development, nothing has been found; say that the developers have been supporters of the Conservative party in the past.

The **APC** have been chasing Endurance Estates (**EE**) for clarification and answers to questions in a letter sent. Our MP has also written to **EE** to clarify other details that **APC** had asked also to get some further information going forward with this development, nothing has been received to date from **EE**

APC have also been chasing Cambridgeshire County Highways (**CCH**) and have nothing to report from them in any replies to date.

EE developments finances have also been looked into and they have a large number of these types of sites in operation in the midlands and this area such as Morrison's at St Ives, so a great deal of money behind them and banking in Jersey.

Cambridgeshire Fire & Rescue (**CF&R**) have also been written to about in particular Electric vehicles **EVs** and charging units etc.

Also **APC** have asked about an Ecology report for the site through writing to **EE** and Mr N Dine's communications at **EE**, again **APC** is waiting for a response to date.

Another question being asked of **EE** is around traffic delays around the development site, Alconbury **B roads and the A14, A1 and the roads towards Brampton and Huntingdon** given the Hinchinbrooke logistics development and the plans here.

APC will be including the **MP, Mayor** and other **district Cllrs** in a letter sent yet again to **EE** who's areas may be affected by this and other local developments that could be impacted by all the road systems in place without consultation with National Highways (**NH**) **CCH** as well as Parish Councils it may well cause problems further down the line once the development is completed and in full operation.

Does Buckden Parish Council (BPC) along with all the **other Parish Councils present** that may be impacted by this development and may wish to send a letter in support of **APC** in voicing any concerns this could bring to each Parish Council by this and some of the other developments that have already been agreed (locally and further afield such as **Thrapston and Boxworth**) and others still to be either finished (**Alconbury Weald**) and new housing estates still to be built.

Outline plans have now been delayed until September-October 2025

Environmental impact statement is also being chased by **APC** through **Huntingdon District Council (HDC)** about the scoping document.

Anyone wishing to check/look at the scoping document 24/70075/SCOP and may wish to comment back to HDC before the 5th September 2025?

Chip from Brampton is promoting stakeholder meetings, and will ensure that the media briefed on all Stakeholders concerns when an agreed format of letter is agreed by all.

Do Parish Councils need to hold an extraordinary meeting to discuss any impacts that may cause concerns for each Parish? So these can be included in the combined written response to planning, also can each Parish kept residents informed so they can respond directly to **HDC/NH/CCH** about any concerns that residents may well want to raise as individuals.

APC will email out (Open) letters for discussion and agreement if each Parish agrees or of course wishes not to be included? And of course if each Parish Council is included in the open letter (**Once Agreed**) the Media may well contact each Parish Council (**Chair & Clerk**) who should have a **prepared statement** on how any highlighted issues may will impact our village and/or residents with all the developments (**Particularly Brampton Cross**) that are being considered or have been passed by **HDC** and other areas planning authorities.

List of developments either agreed or being considered are as follows.

Brampton Cross 945 acres, Hinchinbrooke Logistics Park 311-353 acres, Thrapston a further 144 acres alongside the existing 184.90 acres, Boxworth Newlands 220 acres, possible Defence Hub RAF Wyton, a possible housing development by Bloor at Little Paxton, Buckden Silver Street 290 Homes which has added to the 180 Bloor built in Lucks Lane, there may be others like Alconbury Weald to still be developed and others I may not yet be aware of myself?

APC asked if the road systems and any other issues of concern have been included in of our **Neighbourhood plans**.

At this point they spoke about Directorships of **EE** such as Mr T Holmes who holds 20 directorships within **EE** or connected companies all backed by Richardson's Capital.

At this point Dr **Claire Wallace Environmental Officer** (Claire.Wallace@cambridgeshire.gov.uk) spoke to us on County **Wildlife** sites and PRBs within our Parishes and that the fact that **Beavers sets** are protected and some cases have to be moved to allow developments to go ahead, it appears that the Brampton Cross site or at least close by there are **Otters** which also have a protection from developments and cannot be moved. She also mentioned that verges when being cut the grass clippings must be collected as this stimulates bugs and wild flowers to grow and as these are cut twice a year and if they are not email her to let her know.

Charles? APC Cllr asked if any Parish Council has anyone who could assist in planning issues with advice including **S106** in Development and Community, also Flooding issues around Alconbury are of grave concern and retention basins where thought to be far too shallow for the run off of water on this large development (**Brampton Cross**) which will further impact Brampton, The Huntingdon Racecourse and further afield all the way to Earith, but have been assured by Anglian Water (**AW**) that they will monitor and direct the developer in the correct depths required.

APC has asked if any Parish Council has traffic monitoring data that could assist with them putting forward how busy the road systems already are in and around the area leading towards Brampton Cross development and send it to them, and from BPC how we feel the A1 will be affected by this development and the others also?

Last APC are looking at funding and wished to know if each Parish Council could assist and help with 2K towards traffic monitoring equipment?

Two other pieces of information sent from me are, on the 10th July 2025 I wrote to our MP regarding the A1 and access onto the A14 via the A1 from Buckden towards Cambridge when the A14 or Brampton Hut has issues/Accidents etc and the tailbacks on the A1 caused by incidents and the letter that our MP received from Martin Fellows NH was that they do not have any long term plans for this area, but may have in the future to open the East facing slip roads East facing the A14 AT Junction 21 near Brampton Hut interchange which will facilitate easier movements around this junction, but not perhaps until 2026-2031 in the next investment period. (This was before any Brampton Cross meeting with APC).

Also following the Brampton Cross first meeting held on the 23rd July 2025 I wrote to The Rt Hon Hedi Alexander MP Secretary of State for Transport on the 12th August 2025 stating that the A1 and now with further local developments within this area of Cambridgeshire will only further impact Buckden village, and that no consideration or action around the A1 here has happened in 63 years of this major A road, I forwarded a copy to our MP for his information. Will wait for a reply and report back the outcome.

Gerald Sansom Buckden Parish Cllr

Chair HASTAG