

WTC Meeting – Thursday 18th March #3

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I am the only Councillor in Whittlesey who makes regular reports on meetings.
I have done so for 10 years both as a member of the public and as a Town Councillor.



This Meeting was held by Video Conferencing Platform 'Zoom'

I will report the more salient aspects of the meeting.

Members of the public present :- **15**

Members of the Council present :- **12** (All present)

Street Scene Officers Report, Environmental, CCTV –

Has already been posted Friday 19th March

Public Forum – Steph Webb – Asked whether Council could support and help young people more, especially during pandemic, mental health concerns and engagement.

Police Matters – Councillors had last month's Neighbourhood Policing Report.

Next meeting 01st April.

Presentation: Royal Haskoning (Mr Andy Ross) – Southern relief road inception report.

This exercise has been commissioned and paid for by WTC. It is the first stage of many to make a case for a 'Relief Road' (By-Pass). I have posted previously the 'Slide Show Presentation' which we were shown. Similar when 'we' campaigned for the Kings Dyke Bridge' this I believe is the 'lighting of the fuse' in order to move forward. Many of the 'denials' (where are you now) said the KD X would never happen, 'we/most' of us kept the campaign going and 2013 was a pivotal time when the 'we' lit the fuse. As far as a relief road is concerned.....let's be realistic 5/10/15+ years maybe the timescale.....costs at this moment in time £100 M + and in 15 years count on being at least double... will it happen – who knows... but the fuse is alight....

There is a 70 page document which accompanied the slide show, if anyone wishes to sight this document the please contact me.

WTC accepted unanimously the report and all voted in favour that the Council should move to the next stage.

County Councillors Update - Cllr Boden – Again, excellent progress is being maintained and Jones Bros the contractors have been very engaging both with County Councillors and in putting out News-Letters. Engineering complexities in shoring up part of the Star Pit is going to plan.

Heritage Centre - Cllr Mason – 4 architects' will be invited to tender for the plans of the Whittlesey Heritage Centre. Council voted to progress the legal aspects of land being leased by Forterra for the at their site at Peterborough Road.

Cllr Roy Gerstner – Gave a presentation to Councillors and members of the public present. (I attach the whole document below as it was presented)

Planning Application on behalf of Johnsons Aggregates & Recycling Ltd.

A planning application on behalf of Johnsons Aggregate & Recycling Ltd has been received by Cambridgeshire County Council Ref CCC/21/024/FUL.

The importation, storage, processing, including use of trommel, picking and recycling of 250,000 tonnes per annum of incinerator bottom ash (IBA) and 50,000 tonnes per annum of construction and demolition (C&D) waste, for the exportation use as incinerator bottom ash secondary aggregates (IBAA)

I am presenting the case before Whittlesey Town Council to refuse this application.

There are circumstances, whereby incinerator bottom ash can be advantageous to the building construction and road industries. It can also help to reduce landfill.

However in this application, the following observations and facts need to be questioned and challenged.

1 The applicant has not demonstrated an in depth business case to import 250,000 + 50,000 tonnes of materials.

2 (Section 11 of application submission)

Q - Is the site within risk of flooding – answer Yes

Q - Will proposal increase the flood risk elsewhere – answer No –

This is not correct Anglian Water/Mid-Level Commissioners and The Environment Agency need to challenge this.

There is historic flooding of the Saxon Pit and water being pumped out in order to avoid flooding.

3 (Section 12 biodiversity and geological conservation)

Q - Are there Protected and priority species – Answer Yes

Q - Designated sites, important habitats and other biodiversity features - answer – Yes

Hours of operation – The Noise document is of some concern regarding the reading undertaken during COVID restrictions– Peterborough Road.

Noise from the plant & machinery is close to the 85dB threshold for long term safe working especially the 'Finlay Screener'

Any complaints about noise and dust have a procedure to deal with through the company process.

20 The applicant clearly states that None of the 250,000 tonnes of IBA is 'Hazardous' The EA and Cambs CC needs to confirm rigorously.

21 The applicant clearly states there will be no storage of hazardous substances.
Generally the public has no confidence in the EA's ability to monitor the substances, given the history on this site.

Can CCC and the EA confirm that all material in and out will be 'Inert'
What process will there be in place to monitor the material?

It is of some concern of the 50,000 tons of Construction & Demolition Materials being 'Inert'

All materials must be 'Inert' There are leachability and pollutant content that could endanger the quality of any surface or ground water. (North Yorkshire Waste Action Group)

A605 the applicant breaks down the movements to the lowest denominator, (i.e., 92 HGV movements per day). In contrast, the concern is the annual movement of some 25,000+ HGV's arriving and leaving the site.
No calculation in regard to CO₂, NO₂ and PM 2.5 & 10 was provided.

The A605 is already stressed 27 tonne HGV's for IBA, and 8 wheeled rigid HGVs for C&D material states all traffic coming from the West.
Also states that around 25,000 tonnes will come from a Peterborough incinerator directly to the site!!!
(There is no incinerator at present)

Statistics from Cambs CC @ 2019 show vehicles entering and leaving Whittlesey in a 12 hour flow was 36,441 of which **2,351 were HGV's** – In comparison all the Fen Towns, Ramsey had 731, Chatteris 547, Ely 1017, March 893, only Wisbech had more 3502.

Fleet News™ calculator states that for every 50 miles an HGV travels it produces in the region of 59.5 Kg of CO₂

Will Cambs Planning be requesting that the applicant is ISO 14064 compliant (Greenhouse Gasses)
Will Cambs Planning be requesting that the applicant is ISO 14067 compliant.

Objections to application.

1 Have all the conditions in ES Part 1-Appendix 3 (CCC Scoping Option) been fully met?

2 A605 The applicant states in Section ES Part 3 (Non-Technical Summary) 4.4.3 that there would be an average of 92 HGV movements a day (46 in & 46 out) + the 60 movements by staff working at the site.

The A605 is already stressed by the current volume of traffic.
Most of the HGV traffic will come from the West along the A605 and turn right across the carriageway to enter the site.

With the imminent Kings Dyke Bridge Crossing completion (2022), the flow of traffic Westbound impedes vehicles wanting to turn right, potentially creating a backlog on the A605 coming into Whittlesey.

There is no mention within the document of offsetting a Carbon Neutral environment. The impact of whether it be 92 HGVs per day or 25,000+ per year, the effect of more CO₂, NO₂, PM 10 and 2.5.

25,000+ HGVs per year will add significantly to the issues and problems associated with exhaust emissions.

It is calculated that this volume of traffic would produce more than 1,000,000 Kgs of CO₂

On March 05th The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Independent Commission on Climate Change released its first report on addressing the issue, highlighting the need to take urgent action, and outlining policies to reduce emissions.

This application to transport 300,000 tonnes of waste material should be refused on the environmental and transport infrastructure concerns.

Cllr Roy Gerstner
Whittlesey Town Council
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Some questions were asked about the impact on the 'stressed A605' and the proposal was unanimously carried to object to this CCC planning application.

I will be lobbying further on this issue and there will be updates...



Road/Wheelie Bin Speed Signs – Cllr Bob Wicks, proposed that Whittlesey/Villages should promote speed awareness signs placed on Wheelie Bins, in order to educate drivers of the speed limit that they are in.

Council very much supportive and suggest further costs be obtained before proceeding.

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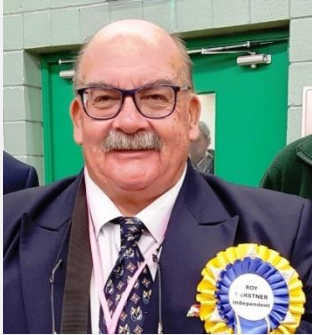
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The next full Town Council meeting will be on Thursday 22nd April 2021

Members of the Public can 'attend this meeting' – It is best to register with the Town Clerk beforehand. You are also able to table questions in advance again through the Town Clerk.



I am Roy Gerstner.

The Independent Councillor for **St Mary's Ward South - Whittlesey Town Council.**

Primarily I report on Council meetings & business (Both at FDC & WTC) to keep the electorate informed on both what I am actively involved with and in part other interests that I believe the electorate within Whittlesey & District may also wish to be informed.

My Web-Blog is community based and I report and comment on many events, meetings and subjects.

I occasionally make a mistake and more than happy to correct if it pointed out to me.

If you have any issues or concerns outside of the St Mary's Ward South, you are welcome in the first instance to contact your own local Councillor.

If you contact me – I am more than happy to forward onto them.

If you have a generic issue or wish to make a comment, I am more than happy to publish or promote any community events – (subject to meeting publishing criteria).

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Thank you
Professor Sir Ian Diamond
Professor Sir Ian Diamond - National Statistician

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