

## **WHITTLESEY TOWN COUNCIL – Southern Relief Road Committee**

Minutes of meeting held on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at 9.00am at Peel House, 8 Queen Street, Whittlesey, PE7 1AY.

**Present:** Councillors Boden, Branton and Laws.

**Officer in attendance:** Miss Angelika Piotrowicz- Town Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer.

**Recording:** A recording is made as an aide memoir for the minutes.

### **SR01/2026. To receive apologies from absent members and the reason for the absence.**

Councillor Mockett- Holiday

Councillor Wainwright- No apologies.

### **SR02/2026. Election of Committee Chairman.**

Councillor Branton proposed Councillor Boden to be elected for the chairman of this committee, seconded by Councillor Laws. – unanimous.

### **SR03/2026. Election of Committee Vice- Chairman.**

Councillor Boden proposed that Councillor Laws to be elected to be the vice chairman of this committee, seconded by Councillor Branton- unanimous.

### **SR04/2026. Public Forum**

To allow any member of the public to address the council. Time allowed 15 minutes in total to be split equally between the total amount wishing to speak.

**No members of the public present.**

**SR05/2026.** Input to the FDC Local Plan "breaking the bottlenecks" scoping exercise for the generation of a technical base data set of capacity limitations on the A605.

- After discussion, the following resolution was agreed.

"Within the FDC Fenland 50 Transport Assessment Invitation to Tender document, Whittlesey Town Council (WTC) requests that a section be included identifying the minimum that would need to be included within the Whittlesey A605 element of the requested report.

WTC seeks to have the following question answered by the report: Whether, and if so to what extent, there is an adequate road infrastructure in and around Whittlesey to support further residential and commercial development in Whittlesey, Coates or Eastrea over and above that already granted (at least) outline planning permission in light of the seven points listed below:

In relation to the road network through and serving Whittlesey, WTC asks FDC to ensure that the following matters are explicitly taken into account:

1. Current volumes of traffic using the A605 through Whittlesey, and using the B1040 between Whittlesey and the border with Peterborough City Council at the Dog in a Doublet.
2. The additional impact on traffic volumes of residential and commercial developments in Whittlesey, Eastrea and Costes:

1. Which are currently being built out

(b) for which planning permission (including PIP) is being sought or has been granted but which has not yet begun to be built out, with specific reference to the Science & Technology Park at Victory Pit, Whittlesey, for which outline planning permission was granted under Fenland Planning reference F/YR/0903/O

3. The historical frequency and periods of closure, because of the risk of flooding of the Whittlesey Washes, of North Bank, Peterborough and/or of the B1040 between Whittlesey and Dog in a Doublet, and the resultant additional traffic volumes diverted onto the A605 from Whittlesey towards Peterborough

4. The capacity of the A605 in Whittlesey, particularly at its pinch points of the two Town Centre roundabouts, the junction with the B1040 at Church Street and the two roundabouts at the King's Dyke Bridge.

5. The limited practical potential to increase capacity at those pinch points

6. The several technical submissions by Peterborough City Council Highways and Cambridgeshire County Council Highways to the recent planning application for the Science & Technology Park (F/YR/0903/O) in relation to capacity on the A605 and neighbouring roads.

7. In light of points 1-6 above, the level of resilience that the B1040/A605 will have in Whittlesey, and whether further commercial or residential development beyond that already permitted through the planning process is viable and sustainable without a significant improvement in the road infrastructure serving the area, such as the proposed Whittlesey Southern Relief Road."

**Meeting closed at 9.16am.**