

Chairperson's Report to Sept 2021 Aston Flamville Parish Meeting.

This will be the first meeting in 2 years, as “Zoom” meetings were impractical during the various lockdowns in the period. The current status of various projects within the area is given below, each of these items will be further discussed during the meeting if necessary.

1)Hinckley National Rail Freight Interchange (HNRFI)

Tritax Symmetry Hinckley Ltd (TSH) ,the developer, have indicated that the formal 8 week public consultation on their proposal will commence in October '21. TSH initially proposed that this consultation should be done “virtually” (ie on-line) but following pressure from both Blaby DC and Hinckley & Bosworth BC they have now agreed to hold some public presentations to augment the on line consultation. TSH are legally required to give the local residents 2 weeks notice of the formal start date of the consultation. Until such time that TSH publish the supporting data for this latest proposal, including traffic data, it is difficult to comment further.

As and when the consultation does take place it is imperative that people do take part and formally make their views known. **It is not a “done deal”.**

Following the consultation, the developer may refine their proposals before deciding whether to formally apply to the National Infrastructure Planning Inspectorate for a “Development Control Order”.

An Examiner is appointed to review the application, after which the Examiner will make a recommendation to the Secretary of State for Transport (SST).The developer has to demonstrate to the Planning Inspectorates Examiner that he has taken due regard of all the comments from the public consultation.

Assuming the public consultation does start in October21,the developer is likely to submit his DCO application in March 22.,the Examination & report will conclude around March 23 and the SST's decision made by July 23.

2)Fosse Villages Neighbourhood Plan (FVNP)

The FVNP has been formally adopted by Blaby DC and due regard will given it, when Planning Applications are considered by Blaby DC.

3)Possible Solar Power Farm

Elgin Energy (EE) have agreed a long term lease with the (Anglican) Leicester Diocesan Finance Board for former Glebe land within the Ecclesiastical Parish. St Peter's Church has benefited directly from this agreement, and as a Churchwarden of St Peter's I hereby declare my interest.

As far as I am aware EE have not yet submitted a planning application to Blaby DC & HBBC. Because of my declared interest in the project I will wish to delegate the Parish's consultee view on such a planning application.

4)Blaby DC & Hinckley & Bosworth BC New Local Plans

Both District Councils are in the process of reviewing, updating and expanding the duration of their Local Plans and have carried out public consultations largely centred on the "call for sites" information.

Both Councils are considering the feedback received, together with the Government's ever changing housing requirements and planning reform rules and will no doubt be communicating further with residents in the New Year.

5)Speeding Traffic

The various lockdowns have seen a significant increase in the number of walkers, cyclists and horse-riders on our roads, many of which do not benefit from having pavements and are subjected to the national speed limit for single carriageway roads of 60 MPH.

The meeting will discuss proposals lobbying for reduced speed limits in the area, as well as enforcement of existing limits.

Robin Wilson
Chair,AF Parish Meeting
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