

Consideration of Councillor Call for Action - Impact of the Eastern Relief Road and A14 Junction 45 on the Moreton Hall Residential Area

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Decisions Plan: This item is not included in the Decisions Plan.

Wards impacted: Moreton Hall

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee could:

- 1. Determine that there is no viable solution to the issue and choose not to make any report or recommendations.**
- 2. Determine that the issue is too complex for determination today, and that it requires further investigation.**
- 3. Make recommendations on the CCfA to the Cabinet or any relevant partners.**

1. Context to this report

1.1 Councillor Call for Action

1.1.1 Councillor Call for Action came into force on 1 April 2009 and provides a mechanism whereby any member of the Council may refer to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee any local government matter or any crime and disorder matter which affects their ward/division.

1.1.2 On 10 June 2021 Councillor Trevor Beckwith submitted a CCfA entitled "Impact of the Eastern Relief Road and A14 Junction 45 on the Moreton Hall Residential Area" for the consideration of this Committee. His submission form required under the Council's constitution is attached to this report as **Appendix 1** including additional information attached as **Appendices 2 - 6**. Councillor Trevor Beckwith presented the CCfA form to the Committee, and the Committee resolved that a hearing be held in respect of this issue.

2. Proposals within this report

2.1 Today's Hearing

2.2.1 Today's hearing will be run along the lines of a call-in hearing, in that the Committee will gather as much information as possible from a variety of organisations and witnesses who have been involved in this issue. **Appendix A** to this report provides a meeting plan setting out the order of speakers and witnesses who have been invited to the meeting.

2.2.2 At **Appendix 7** (report **to follow**) is written report from Suffolk County Council, and at **Appendix 8** photographic evidence from a witness for the Committee's information.

2.2 Responsibilities of the Committee

2.2.1 The responsibility of the Committee today is to gather evidence with regard to this issue, including background information and potential resolutions. There are then three options open to the Committee:

- The Committee could determine that there is no viable solution to the issue, and choose not to make any report or recommendations;
- The Committee could determine that the issue is too complex for determination today, and that it requires further investigation;

- The Committee could make recommendations on the CCfA to the Cabinet and/or any relevant partners.

3. Appendices referenced in this report

- 3.1 **Note:** In line with Data Protection guidance, some documents listed below have been redacted to protect the identity of correspondents.

Appendix A – CCfA Meeting Plan

Appendix 1 – Councillor Call for Action Request Form

Appendix 2 – CCfA SCC post meeting letter – 5 October 2018

Appendix 3 – CCfA Complaint against SCC

Appendix 4 – CCfA Stage 1 response and email exchange

Appendix 5 – CCfA SCC final response to complaint

Appendix 6 – CCfA Map

Appendix 7 – Written Report from SCC Cabinet Member (**to follow**)

Appendix 8 – Melanie Soanes (Witness) – Photographic Evidence

4. Background documents associated with this report

- 4.1 None