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Minutes of meeting of Burbage Parish Council's Hinckley Rail Freight Interchange Working Party 31st Jan 2022

Members present

Cllrs; Mr D Bill (Chair), Mrs S Iliffe, Mrs M Sherwin, Mrs L Hoelmer, Ms D Grenville, , Mr P Williams, Mr K Lynch.

In attendance; Cllrs, Mrs Lynch, Mr N Robinson, Mr B Walker.

Election of Chairman

There being only one nomination, Cllr David Bill was elected as chair of the working group.

Communication from a member of the public

Cllr Williams to draw together various points made and will forward to the office to allow a reply to be made to the resident.

Tritax consultation exercise

It was generally agreed that the current exercise which is now concluding was totally lacking in detail and inappropriately handled. It was encouraging that so many people attended the various events and made their views known.

Stance of County Council

In a letter to Tritax in December the County Council said that insufficient information has been supplied and therefore the consultation should not go ahead

Stance of Borough Council

An Independent specialist, Andrew Walters, has been appointed to assist in the Borough Council's continued opposition to the scheme. An early meeting is planned.

Stance of Fosse Villages

The chair of the group to contact Robin Wilson to coordinate our efforts.

Timetable for submission of Parish Council's response to consultation

16th February - Initial meeting of Working Party 6.30 Millennium Hall

3rd March - Agree final draft

4th March - Circulation to all councillors

7th March - Presentation to Parish Council of final draft response from the Parish

9th March - Consultation ends

Issues identified

- Why this location which was selected.
- Why has much of the need analysis, carried out in 2018 before a number of other similar interchanges were agreed, not been updated ?
- Clarification of its function, regional, national or otherwise /
- Impact on roads
- Proximity to large centres of population
- Loss of countryside and farmland
- Extinguishment of footpaths and bridleways
- Air quality
- Environmental issues, loss of wildlife etc - see Defra Environment Bill which references biodiversity net gains
- Light ,sound and visual intrusion
- Network Rail issues – lack of clarification over current capacity and likelihood of infrastructure updates (including junction with Midland Main Line at Wigston)

It was agreed that Members would take these issues away with them and feed contributions to Paul Williams as soon as possible.

It was agreed we would invite other groups such as the Fosse Villages group and the Save Burbage Common group to share information.

Mitigation measures

Members were asked to give consideration to what mitigation measures should be sought if the project goes ahead.

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