

Thornhaugh Parish Council
Minutes of the Special Meeting - Monday 9 February 2026 19:00
At St Andrews Church, Thornhaugh

Present	Paul Whybrow (Chair) Mike Kealey Nicky Rogers Yana Clipsham
In Attendance	Gavin Elsey - PCC Ward Councillor Kate Jackson - Wittering Parish Council Sam Green (new Clerk to the Parish Council) 18 members of the public

Overview

Members of the public were advised that the Peterborough City Council are consulting on an alternative site option for the emerging Peterborough Local Plan. This is proposed to be land at West Wittering which is considered to have capacity for 3,000 dwellings, with the potential for 1,800 homes.

GE advised that no decision has been made but views / objections are to be made by 5 March 2026 -

This can be completed online here

<https://www.peterborough.gov.uk/council/planning-and-development/planning-policies/local-plan-review>, or download a paper copy from this website and post to

Local Plan Consultation, Place and Economy,

Peterborough City Council,

Sand Martin House, Bittern Way,

Fletton Quays, Peterborough, PE2 8TY

Or attend in person at one of the face to face consultations being held at **Wittering Parish Hall** on

Wednesday 18 February 18:00-21:00 or Friday 20 February 10:00-16:30.

For the plan to go ahead a flyover would need to be built (to allow traffic to travel southbound on the A1) and an upgrade to the Old Oundle Road / A47.

Criteria for a 'mini township' of 3000 dwellings would be a primary and secondary school, leisure facilities and an extension of the Wansford and Kingscliffe Surgery.

The site at Castor and Ailsworth was rejected as a proposed site.

Wittering has previously been rejected due to the cost of the flyover.

KJ advised that the residents of Wittering have expressed their concerns regarding providing the services for additional houses (school - teaching staff / emergency services), the increased use of the A47 which is already heavy with traffic, selling the houses (most recent development site still has homes available for purchase). It was discussed that people buying these new homes will be commuters because of the limited employment within the village thus increasing the traffic.

Planning committees deal with the 'here and now' and not 'what may happen' therefore this needs to be considered when submitting objections.

Reported that Kate Wood - Director at BTG Eddisons has been supportive with the Sutton Muslim Burial Site and could be beneficial in supporting the Wittering Local Plan cause.

Views of Villagers

Members of the public raised concerns about the following:

- Congestion
- Parking spaces / number of cars per household adding to the growing number of cars
- Employment
- Drainage
- Pollution

Neighbourhood Planning Group

PW discussed the proposal of creating a Neighbourhood Plan for Thornhaugh. This consists of approx 6 members who are permanent residents of the village (Parish councillors can not lead this group but can be a part of it) and is a sub committee from the Parish Council. Their aim is to give the community a shared vision for their neighbourhood. The Parish Council can support with funding as needed. Surveys and Terms and Conditions from the Sutton Neighbourhood Plan are available to help with the creation of this group.

Three members of the public in attendance at this meeting kindly volunteered to be on the Neighbourhood Plan - many Thanks to Karen Jones, Kevin Guinness and Helen Kewney.

Submissions to Wittering

In the short term, it is asked that individuals lodge comments either on the P.C.C. website or in person at the consultation events regarding the Local Plan for West Wittering.

Wittering Parish Hall on Wednesday 18 February 18:00-21:00 or Friday 20 February 10:00-16:30.

Email addresses taken from all in attendance at this meeting with the view to communicate information, notices, events to all.

Further information to be made available on the Parish Notice Boards, on the Thornhaugh Parish Council Website, and via leaflet drops.

Next Parish Council Meeting to take place at St Andrews Church, Thornhaugh on Monday 9th March at 19:00