

Moulton Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting

Date: 2nd November 2021 **Time:** 7.15pm

Location: Moulton Community Centre

Agenda Item:		
121/21	Conduct a Public Session (Duration and content at Chairman's discretion)	
	<p>11 members of the public attended the council meeting to address council on the following matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Road safety, particularly Overstone Road. A resident had been involved in a road traffic accident whilst crossing the road using the pedestrian crossing and asked council to support demands for West Northants Council to be more proactive rather than reactive to problems. Cllr Warren has been in contact with the resident and confirmed to the meeting that Vehicle Activated Signage was to be installed on Overstone Road. Cllr Bennett informed the meeting that Community Speedwatch would resume in 2022. Cllr Warren assured the resident that he would keep the pressure on WNC to review Highway safety throughout Moulton. <p>With the full agreement of council, Cllr Aarons suspended Standing Orders to allow discussion on agenda items 131/21 (a) and (b)</p> <p>131/21 (a) Cllr Aarons informed the meeting that MPC were objecting to the proposed new school and thanked one resident in particular for their excellent work on the application which would form part of the MPC response. Cllr Swallow informed the meeting that the Planning Committee had thoroughly reviewed the application and Cllr Swallow had spoken at the WNC Cabinet meeting to put across Moulton's objections to the application. Cllr Warren has been working behind the scenes and meeting with the Highways and Planning Director and Cabinet Member for Highways to mitigate the proposed development as much as possible.</p> <p>131/21 (b) Cllr Aarons prefaced the discussion by outlining which planning objections would be valid.</p> <p>The developer then presented the application to council. Many questions were asked and answered. Cllr Swallow stated a preference for 3 dwellings rather than 4. Cllr Bennett, acknowledged that the scheme would bring many improvements to the area but would be potentially undermining the Moulton Conservation Area and Design Guide.</p>	

Record Attendance, Absence and Apologies from council not in attendance. Resolution to accept:

122/21	Councillors (Parish):	Cllr Aarons (DA), Cllr S Morrow (SM), Cllr Swannell (MS), Cllr Swallow (YS), Cllr Bennett (NB), Cllr White (KW), Cllr Curran (CC)
	Councillors (West Northants):	Cllr Mike Warren
	Executive Officer:	Jane Austin

	Other Attendees:	11 residents
	Apologies:	Cllr Fehnert (holiday), Cllr Moss (previous engagement), Cllr Paul (previous engagement), Cllr Ward (holiday), Cllr T Morrow (unwell), Cllr Melnik (unable to attend)
	Absence:	None
		All residents left the meeting at the conclusion of the public session.

Agenda Item:	Discussion Content:	Action:
123/21	Record any Declarations of Interest on subjects included on this agenda. Councillors are reminded that if they have either a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest or other interest in any of the agenda items then they should declare the interest and withdraw from the debate or meeting as appropriate:	Action:
	Cllr Aarons reminded councillors of their duty to declare an interest on agenda items if necessary. Cllr Swannell declared a personal interest in agenda item 131/21 (b).	
124/21	Dispensations: To consider written requests for dispensation of DPI	
	None	
125/21	Accept Minutes of Council Meeting held on 5th October 2021. Resolution to accept and sign.	Action:
	It was resolved to accept the minutes of the council meeting held on 5 th October 2021.	
126/21	Report on Previous Agenda Items	
	93/21 Works to cemetery path – works complete. Standard of work is superb. 118/21 (3) MFC are able to donate £2000 towards the replacement fencing which will cover the labour cost, leaving £11,107 to pay. It was resolved to accept the quote to replace the fencing at Moulton Football Club Quote received for tarmacking car park £9,450. It was resolved to accept the quote to tarmac the small car park adjacent to the football club. Moulton Football Club would like to invite all councillors to the clubhouse to a presentation of the club's activities. Dates to follow.	EO EO
127/21	Councillors Monthly Update – Councillors to report back on actions during the previous month	
	Cllr Aarons has received one quote to date for solar panels and electric vehicle charging points for installation at the community centre. Two more quotes to be obtained. Cllr Swallow reported back on the recently held Library Family Fun Day which raised £80 towards library funds. Cllr Swallow also asked for volunteers to help at the forthcoming Literature Festival on Saturday 20 th November.	DA ALL
128/21	Resolution to approve planting schemes for Crowfields Common and Busby's Meadow	
	It was resolved to approve the planting scheme for Crowfields Common to the value of £1000. It was resolved to approve the planting scheme for Busbys Meadow to the value of £2500.	MS, EO MS, EO
129/21	Resolution to progress the provision of outdoor equipment	
	Cllr Aarons commended the work undertaken by Cllr White and Cllr A Morrow as an excellent piece of research material. After a long discussion on how to progress this item	

	it was resolved for Cllrs White and A Morrow to work up a limited project with costings to bring back to council. It was resolved to consider a multi layered consultation and engage with residents on this item and other items on the agenda i.e. planting schemes for areas and climate change initiatives.	KW AM ALL
130/21	Confirmation of Ability to Co-opt a New Councillor and Update on Applications	
	The EO confirmed that no election was required to fill the councillor vacancy. It was resolved to co-opt John Briggs onto the council.	EO
131/21	Planning Related Matters:	Action:
	1. Agree responses to the following Planning Applications: Resolution to approve responses	
	a. WND/2021/0610 Description: Construction of a secondary school with outdoor sports facilities, access, parking, landscaping & drainage. Location: Land To West Of Thorpeville, Moulton, Northamptonshire	
	It was resolved to object to the application. See Appendix 2 for MPC response	
	b. WND/2021/0534 Description: Removal of attached garage at 18 High Street, demolition of barn and construction of four dwellings, existing perimeter wall made good and repointed Location: Land to rear of 18, High Street, Moulton, Northamptonshire	
	It was resolved (4 votes to 2 with one abstention) to Recommend Approval but would prefer the scheme was modified to accommodate three dwellings rather than four	
	2. Planning Applications – Planning Committee Responses previously submitted to Planning Authority	
	WND/2021/0443 (Amended) Description: 2 No. internally illuminated and 2 No. non illuminated hanging signs, 2 No. internally illuminated totem signs, 4 No. non illuminated banner signs. Location: Land To South Of Overstone Road, Overstone MPC Response: Councillors raised some concerns and believed that having four non illuminated signs stating "Now Open" was excessive. Reducing this down to 2 positioned adjacent to A43 and Sywell Rd would be more acceptable. Councillors were okay with the illuminated totems, but again may be excessive having two. Removing the Sywell Rd totem would be more acceptable. The Parish Council would also support the views of Overstone Parish Council. WND/2021/0277 (Amended) Description: Construction of two dwellings and new garage for no.18A using existing access drive Location: 18A, Thorpeville, Moulton, Northamptonshire, NN3 7TR MPC Response: Recommend Approval. WND/2021/0447 Description: Creation of two separate driveways for No. 17 and No. 17A and widening of existing access. Location: The Quaitch 17A, Park View, Moulton, Northamptonshire, NN3 7TP MPC response: Recommend Approval. WND/2021/0550 Description: Demolition of existing rear extension. Construction of front and rear dormers and single storey side and rear extension	

	<p>Location: 30, Boughton Road, Moulton, Northamptonshire</p> <p>MPC Response: Recommend approval as the development is near Arnsby Crescent and not adjacent to another property</p> <p>WND/2021/0636</p> <p>Description: First floor side extension.</p> <p>Location: 28, Parade Bank, Moulton, Northamptonshire, NN3 7ST</p> <p>MPC Response: Recommend Approval.</p> <p>WND/2021/0061 (Amended)</p> <p>Description: Outline application for residential development including demolition of existing dwelling (All matters reserved).</p> <p>Location: Shangri-la, Barlow Lane, Moulton, Northamptonshire</p> <p>MPC Response: The planning committee of MPC recommend refusal for this application. This property has not been a scrap yard and DA/2019/0652 had an application refused for this purpose.</p> <p>In the current application it is assumed by Barry Waine and the Argyll report that this is a scrap yard and brown field site which it is not. It is also suggested that there has been consultation with MPC which has not taken place. In the planning statement it says that MPC's Neighbourhood Development plan is out of date however this is incorrect as it is relevant to 2029. This policy works side by side with other policies such as the Local Plan. Such a development would be in conflict with the Moulton Neighbourhood plan. This application abuts the village's conservation area and is adjacent to very sensitive areas of open space which we nominated to be protected in the Local Plan.</p> <p>The access to this site would be through the Conservation area of the village. At Stocks Hill junction with Barlow Lane clear vision for vehicles/cyclists/pedestrians is required owing to an adjacent bus stop, 4 parking bays, house entrance, and Cardigan Arms PH car park entrance.</p> <p>The width of the unadopted road, Barlow Lane, is only sufficient width for a car to pass down the road due to dry stone walls either side and pedestrians have to move to the grass bank for safe passage as there is no designated footpath. This also travels over a car park owned by MPC. Barlow Lane car park is identified as part of the Safer Routes to school initiative for the primary school, parents park here to access the primary school. There is also a Guide Hall which is regularly used by all ages especially, Rainbows, Brownies and Guides. The construction traffic would destroy the narrow road which is Barlow Lane and additional residential traffic would make the car park unsafe for users of the car park and Guide Hall and parents and children.</p> <p>MPC have concerns about extra traffic using Barlow Lane and the centre of the village. At peak times this is a very busy area with cars and pedestrians, especially children at school drop off and pick up times.</p> <p>Although not major there is a Bat roost in the current house which will be destroyed.</p> <p>Any development of this lane would overshadow the properties on Northampton Lane North. It would also impinge on the privacy of properties here.</p> <p>It is also of concern that there is no indication of the size, height or shape of any houses which the applicant would wish to build.</p> <p>For these reasons MPC Planning committee recommend refusal.</p> <p>WND/2021/0675</p> <p>Description: Demolition of car port and rear store. Construction of front porch, two storey side extension and single storey rear extension.</p>	
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	Location: 16, Oakley Drive, Moulton, Northamptonshire, NN3 7UH MPC Response: After neighbours objections it was resolved to Recommend Refusal of this application	
	3. Overstone Neighbourhood Development Plan – Council decision and referendum	
	All councillors had been sent a link to the Final Draft of the Overstone Neighbourhood Development Plan and the notification that the NDP was progressing to referendum.	
	4. West Northamptonshire Strategic Plan – Spatial Options Consultation	
	All councillors had received the information regarding the WNC Spatial Options Consultation. It was resolved for the Planning Committee to attend the exhibition next Tuesday 9 th at the Community Centre and formulate and submit a response on behalf of MPC.	TW
132/21	Finance, Administration and Governance Related Matters All councillors have received the minutes from the Finance Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 26 th October.	Action:
	1. Approve Payments as Listed in Appendix 1. Resolution to Approve	
	It was resolved to approve and make the payments listed in Appendix 1	EO
	Local Council Award Scheme. Resolutions to Approve:	
	2. To Declare a Climate Emergency	
	It was resolved to Declare a Climate Emergency	
	3. To form a committee, inviting residents to join, to tackle climate change	
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	4. Carry out a Public Engagement Meeting to discuss Climate Change	
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	5. To develop a Climate Change Strategy	
	It was resolved to develop a Climate Change Strategy	
	6. To formulate a Climate Change Policy	
	It was resolved to formulate a Climate Change Policy	
	7. To produce a parish council climate change pack	
	It was resolved to produce a parish council climate change pack	
	8. To begin the review of the Neighbourhood Development Plan and incorporate climate change policies	
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	9. Design a tailored training package for individual councillors including refresher courses for longer serving councillors	
	It was resolved to design a tailored training package for individual councillors including refresher courses for longer serving councillors.	EO
	10. To enter the Northamptonshire Village Awards 2022	
	It was resolved to enter the Northamptonshire Village Awards 2022	EO
	11. To produce an Annual Report in April 2022 for the year ended March 2022 and distribute to each household in preparation for the Annual Parish Meeting.	
	It was resolved to produce an Annual Report in April 2022 for the year ended March 2022 and distribute to each household in preparation for the Annual Parish Meeting.	EO
	Finance, Administration and Governance Matters Continued:	
	12. Declare a Climate Emergency. Resolution to Approve: “Moulton Parish Council notes that climate change is one of the biggest challenges facing our world and recognises that we need to protect our local area, one of natural beauty and heritage, and secure a sustainable, healthy and prosperous environment for current and future generations to continue to enjoy.	

	Northamptonshire Larger Councils Partnership are holding a meeting on Tuesday 10 th November at 7pm via zoom. It was resolved for Cllr Aarons and Cllr White to attend on behalf of MPC.	DA, KW
	It was resolved to Declare a Climate Emergency and Approve the Motion.	ALL
	13. Approve and Adopt Terms of Reference for Climate Change Committee. Resolution to Approve.	
	It was resolved to approve and adopt Terms of Reference for Climate Change Committee	EO
	14. Approve and Adopt Climate Change Policy. Resolution to Approve	
	It was resolved to approve and adopt Climate Change Policy	EO
	15. Approve and Adopt Climate Change Pack. Resolution to Approve	
	It was resolved to approve and adopt Climate Change Pack	EO
	16. Update on Land Registration and Land Transfers. Resolution to Agree Actions	
	The EO updated council on the following land registration and transfer matters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Countess Manor (Taylor Wimpey). The transfer of land is nearly complete. The outstanding remedial works will be carried out by our greenworks contractor. TW has paid over the monies to undertake these works. The EO will write to all residents confirming maintenance arrangements. The signage at the end of Sandy Hill Lane will now require planning permission. It was resolved for Cllr Ward and Cllr A Morrow to contact the business owners. • Barwood Homes. The transfer of land is nearly complete. No remedial works to be carried out on site. The EO will write to all residents confirming maintenance arrangements • Marsh Spinney (Balfour Beatty) The transfer of land is some time away. Soil levels need to be reduced and a new landscape plan submitted to West Northants Council and agreed before any transfers can take place. • Mulberry Homes There are some issues with the proposed open green space designated for use as football pitches. A gas main runs through the site and soil levels are high. MPC will not take the land until the issues have been resolved and the gas main is certified as safe. • Barlow Lane. The two planted areas at the bottom of Barlow Lane have been maintained for approx. 50 years by MPC but never registered. Registration is underway. 	TW, AM
	<u>EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC</u> <i>It is recommended that in view of the confidential nature of the following items, the public shall be excluded while the following item is discussed. This is in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, as amended by the Local Government Act 1972.</i>	
	17. Moulton Village Hall Update	
	The EO updated council on progress with the current situation. Noted	
	18. Servery Lease Update	
	It was resolved to delegate powers to the EO to provide a temporary café service, progress a permanent solution and contact MPC solicitor.	
133/21	Update on Traffic Calming Proposals Overstone Road	
	It was resolved to request a feasibility study be undertaken to ascertain if a roundabout was required on Overstone Road.	EO
134/21	Discuss Dedication and Formal Service Memorial Public Gardens. Resolution to Agree Actions	
	Cllr Aarons informed council that the memorial would be dedicated by Moulton Church on	ALL

	Remembrance Sunday, 14 th November. Councillors should gather at the memorial at 10.40am. A short introduction would take place, followed by the 11.00am two minute silence. The formal unveiling of the memorial will take place on Wednesday 24 th November at 11.00am. Councillors to attend.	ALL
	It was resolved to approve the wording on the plaque. It was resolved to approve the wording of the press release.	EO EO
120/21	Next Meeting Date – Tuesday 7th December 2021	

Meeting Closed at 9.45pm Copies to: Parish Councillors (14),
West Northants Councillors (3),

Chairman's Acceptance

Signature.....Date.....

Appendix 1 November Payments

Underwood & Weston	Memorial Installation - Public Gardens	£2,606.00
R&G	Maintenance Works - Public Gardens & Busby's Meadow	£2,073.00
R&G	Replacement Bench @ Busby's	£280
Ashby Computer Services	Office 365 Monthly Cost	£82.16
Ashby Computer Services	ESET Annual Security Protection	£205.00
John Bland Tree Works	Cutting Back Trees for Public Gardens Memorial	£220.00
K&J Hird	MCC & MVH Cleaning/Caretaking & MCC Internal & External Window Cleaning	£4,094.00
Hannah George	Brochure & Branding Design for Moulton Lit Festival	£100.00
A J Mills	Cemetery Path Works	£6,170.00
Prestige Landscapes	Parish, Crowfields & MCC Greenworks - Oct 2021	£4,044.74
Onefoursix	Welcome Pack Stickers	£140.00
Bread & Butter	Afternoon Tea Catering	£150.00
Rialtas Business Solutions Ltd	Asset Inventory Annual Support & Maintenance Fee	£121.00
Northants Fire	Fire Warden Training	£425.00
Northants Fire	Fire Alarm & Emergency Lights Service	£440.00
Royal British Legion	Tommy Statues x 2	£308.34
Bluefish	Paper	£38.85
Bluefish	HDMI Cable & Stationery	£35.85
Bluefish	Refreshments	£103.03
Bluefish	Ink	£359.79
Bluefish	Refreshments	£26.32
Bluefish	Refreshments	£43.70
Bluefish	Ink	£90.97
Chown	Professional Advice	£500.00

Glasdon	Various Street Furniture	£5,849.00
Pellys	Land Registry Fee / Advice	£203.00
Rob's Nursery	Winter Planting	£419.30
Countywide Catering Equipment	Annual Maintenance Contract	£655.00
Countywide Catering Equipment	Baffle Filter	£65.00
Ambivent	Annual Planned Preventative Maintenance Contract	£1,950.00
S Mellett	Misc Items for MCC	£38.58
L Griffiths	Refreshments	£43.63
C Connolly	DBS Check Fee & WNC Application Fee	£89.00
HMRC	Nov HMRC Payment	£3,209.97
NCC Pensions	Nov NCC Pensions Payment	£4,111.15
Salaries	Nov Salaries	£10,957.81

Appendix 2 Moulton Parish Council Response to WND/2021/0610

School response to planning application

Italic – quotes from plans submitted ON WND/2021/0610

Red show MPC comments

PHASING PLANS

On the Phase 1 plan it shows that there will be a site access which is different from the school access. This will involve removing trees in a woodland which are the subject to a Tree preservation order. We are concerned that these trees are being removed unnecessarily.

Attached in Appendix 1 is a more detailed objection and reasoning about this.

ARBORIAL REPORT

3.3.1 One individual tree, T2, a Category U ash tree (*Fraxinus excelsior*), and a section of hedgerow H5 requires removal as part of this development to allow the creation of new access and egress to the site. H5 is a Category C roadside boundary hedge comprising mainly hawthorn but with elder, field maple, blackthorn, ash, dog rose and apple present.

This does not mention the fact that more trees and hedgerows will be removed for a temporary access which we strongly disagree with. These appear to be within group G2 which is subject to a TPO.

4.1.2 Under the Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation) (England) Regulations 2012 it is prohibited to cut down, top, lop, uproot, wilfully damage or wilfully destroy; or cause or permit the cutting down, topping, lopping, uprooting, wilful damage or wilful destruction of any tree, or group of trees, subject to a TPO

3.10.1 The development will result in the removal of one tree, T2, and a section of one hedge, H5, from the site. However, 29 new trees are proposed

Where are these trees going to be planted?

5.1.4 As there are TPOs at the site, no tree works should be carried out until this information has been ascertained and the appropriate consents gained from Basildon Council Planning Department.

What has Basildon to do with this application??

Table 4: Sequence of works.

Why is there no Arboricultural supervision at the beginning of the construction to make sure that only that which needs to be removed is identified. We suggest that there is a preliminary visit to ensure that the correct trees and hedgerows are removed BEFORE any work commences.

A first visit at Stage 5 seems too late if something has been removed which should not have been. One is also scheduled at Stage 10 is when everything has been completed.

VEHICLE SWEEP PLANS

Why are vehicles, (delivery, refuse, mini buses, buses) shown to be turning from the left into the site when this is a dead end? This is also shown on the fire access route. Surely traffic will be approaching from the right, Park View end.

DELIVERIES AND REFUSE

The refuse and deliveries are located near properties in Ashley Lane. This would appear to be a health and safety issue for local people with smell and noise.

Car parking on site

There seems to be some confusion as to how many spaces are available.

On Alternative parking plans it states.

PARKING SCHEDULE

154 Standard car parking bays (-26no. based on control option)

10 Accessible blue badge bays (≈ 5%)

20 Drop-off bays

9 Enlarged spaces

3 Mini-bus spaces

2 Bus / coach spaces

150 Cycle spaces (75 Stands)

10 Visitor cycle spaces

On plan 00187359 it states 180 car parking spaces

How many car spaces will there be? We are also concerned with the number of drop off bays and bus spaces. With the number of vehicles which may be entering the site we are concerned that this will not be sufficient.

TRAVEL PLAN

As above re car parking.

There is nothing mentioned about cars and buses entering the site and having to travel on the roads around the school.

6.2 Baseline Mode Share At this stage prior to the school opening, baseline survey data is unavailable. Therefore, the baseline mode share for pupils and staff forecast in the accompanying Transport Assessment have been used to provide an interim baseline mode split in the Travel Plan. These were calculated using data from the 2011 School census with reference to secondary schools in Northamptonshire. In terms of staff (as provided within the TA) the 2011 journey to work

This data is 10 years old and does not take into account the fact that the A43 is now a dual carriageway and the old A43(Thorpeville) is a dead end road a new traffic survey needs to be carried out with the new situation in that area of Moulton.

The mode shares will be updated once the baseline surveys have been completed within 6 months of the school opening

To update this when the school is open is too late to ensure the safety of the pupils at the school on the roads which will be used for pupils to get to school.

No mention is made of the Aldi store which is being built or the Saxon Gate development which is planned near the A43 roundabout.

Local public buses

Table 2. Bus Service Frequency (Overstone Road)

Overstone Road

Service Route Monday – Friday Frequencies
X10 Northampton – Moulton - Kettering 1 per hour
Kettering – Moulton - Northampton 1 per hour
10 Northampton – Moulton – Mawsley - Kettering 06:51, 17:23, 18:21
Kettering – Mawsley – Moulton - Northampton 06:48, 16:59

Further bus stops are located on the A5123 Booth Rise approximately 1.2 km to the south of the proposed school site accessed via Thorpeville and Booth Rise North. These bus stops are served by the number 7 service which runs between the town centre and Moulton Park. Bus stop infrastructure comprises of a post and flag and timetable information

We consider that this is an insufficient bus service when according to Table 4. Baseline Mode Split you expect 29% (348) of pupils to travel by bus. As you can see the buses do not run at times appropriate to school start and finish times.

Conclusion here is that there will need to be more local public buses for the pupils to access.

A target of 45% (540) of children walking seems ambitious as the roads around the site will be very busy and those children required to cross the A43 bypass will cause hold ups to the traffic on this road in the morning and evening. Children walking from the NNSUE will have to cross the main dual carriageway A43 which we consider to be dangerous.

The Travel plan Co Ordinator (TPC) and Steering group

The appointed TPC will aim to set up a Steering Group which should include the following people:

- The School TPC; • A representative of the School's Facilities Management Team;
- West Northamptonshire Council (by copy of minutes of meeting);
- Principal of the School; and
- Representatives of other interested parties e.g. staff and pupils

The Steering Group will meet at least twice a year to review the progress of the Travel Plan.

The travel plan monitoring steering group does not include any local members such as a representative from the Parish Council. We feel that WNC and /or Moulton Parish Council should have a right to attend these meetings as they would be aware of the local situation

TRANSPORT ASSESSMENT

Table 3. Bus Service Frequency – Overstone Road

See above assessment from the Travel Plan.

We disagree with this. The bus service through Moulton does not meet the needs of the current secondary school and will not meet the needs of a new one.

6.2 Catchment Area

A precise catchment area for the proposed school is difficult to specify at this time as the admissions policy has not yet been agreed. However, it should be noted that the school would serve students 'in the locality of the school and across the town of Northampton' and that the admission policy would be open to students in new housing developments close by and to children who live anywhere in Northampton. Although it is likely that students will be travelling to the school from across the whole town, it is expected that a large number of pupils will travel to school from the allocated housing developments including the NNSUE located less than 2km north east of the proposed school site in addition to the recently completed Balfour Beatty 'Sand Hills' development and the David Wilson Homes 'The Avenue' development both located within 1km of the proposed school site.

We need the admission policy to prioritise local children to go to the school. This would encourage walking and biking. The admissions policy for NSB for 2022 (see below) does not do this but selects pupils via an aptitude test.

From NSB website Criteria for Admissions for 2022

IMPORTANT NOTICE ALL students who seek a place at the school under ANY criteria MUST complete an NSB Supplementary Information Form and submit it to the school

- 1. All Looked After Children (LAC) and Previously Looked After Children (PLAC).***
- 2. Children of staff directly employed by Northampton School for Boys.)***
- 3. Sibling Link –***
- 4. Aptitude – 10% of places are awarded to boys with a demonstrated particular aptitude***
- 5. The remaining places are allocated using a system of Norm Referenced Banding as described in the DfE School Admissions Code. ALL applicants to the school will take the same Common Ability test. The test will be used to place ALL applicants into five equal sized ability bands. An equal number of applicants will be selected fairly from each band using an approved process overseen by an independent third party.***

Page 27 – Table 13 likely under-estimates (70-75 from 08:00-09:00 hrs and 15:00-16:00 hrs) the number of additional vehicle journeys (at least for the reason stated above about expected numbers who walk) through Moulton at time of the day when traffic density often causes standstill in the village.

Page 37 – s8.10 – states “The assessment results indicate that the junction is predicted to operate over capacity in 2026 without the additional school traffic in the AM and PM periods. The introduction of the school is therefore not the reason for the junction operating over capacity in the first instance. The small amount of additional school traffic travelling through Moulton during both AM and PM periods (35 vehicles) is shown to have an impact on queues. However, when a junction is already over capacity, any extra vehicles are essentially added to the back of an existing queue that cannot clear, which is the case here.” **This makes no sense in terms of numbers of additional 35 vehicles (in conflict with Table 13 which says 70-75) or that its ok to increase the size of the traffic jam if there was one there already. This applies to Junctions 6, 7, 8.**

Page 41 – s8.15 – states “School traffic occurs on the road network during a very short period in the AM peak period and the PM period, therefore any impacts would be temporary in nature”. **Any observer of the traffic problems in Moulton during peak hours would be forced to disagree with this statement. Buses frequently mount the narrow pavements in Moulton to avoid parked vehicles, the roads are too narrow in places to allow vehicles to pass safely, many pavements are below the minimum expected width for pedestrians, traffic backup frequently blocks the entire village, causing highly undesirable air and noise pollution. The introduction of cycle lanes narrows the access for vehicles on Park View and Thorpeville.**

8.15 Summary

The results show that four junctions are predicted to operate close to / or over capacity even without the school traffic included and therefore the introduction of the school is not the reason for the junctions operating close to or over capacity in the first instance. With the school traffic added the situation inevitably slightly worsens in some cases, but there are some key factors to note as follows:

☒ *When junctions are already over capacity, any extra vehicles are essentially added to the back of an existing queue that is not clearing, which leads to potentially over-estimated queuing.*

☒ *During the PM period, school traffic has been assessed within the network peak hour (17.00-18.00) due to a lack of available data within the school peak period of 15.00-16.00. This leads to inevitably poorer junction performance due to higher background traffic existing during the 17.00-18.00 period.*

☒ *School traffic occurs on the road network during a very short period in the AM peak period and the PM period, therefore any impacts would be temporary in nature.*

In summary, it is considered that the residual cumulative impact of the school traffic on the junctions operating at / or close to capacity is not severe. On this basis the development does not fail the national policy test set out in Paragraph 111 of the NPPF (2021), therefore refusal of planning permission on highways grounds could not be justified.

Overall, the school would not expect to be responsible for any highways infrastructure improvement

As stated in the Transport Statement the traffic around the school is already close to or at capacity. To dismiss the impact the school traffic will have is irresponsible and will create bottle necks of traffic.

If a current traffic survey was done today you will see that traffic at these peak times is already at capacity.

No mention is made of the Aldi store which is being built or the Saxon Gate development which is planned near the A43 roundabout.

All of the data predictions are based on data which was created before the A43 bypass was completed so do not give a true picture.

8.15

In summary, it is considered that the residual cumulative impact of the school traffic on the junctions operating at / or close to capacity is not severe. On this basis the development does not fail the national policy test set out in Paragraph 111 of the NPPF (2021), therefore refusal of planning permission on highways grounds could not be justified. Overall, the school would not expect to be responsible for any highways infrastructure improvement.

We disagree with this statement. Unless something is done to alleviate the traffic around the school the highways cannot be considered to be safe for all users.

ACOUSTIC REPORT

There is a lot in the report relating to internal noise but a very short segment relating to external noise.

2.5 Environmental Noise Limits

The nearest noise sensitive properties in the surrounding area have been grouped into noise sensitive areas (NSA) as described below, and indicated on the attached site plan 3143/SP1.

NSA Description Approximate distance to site boundary (m)

A Dwellings along Thorpeville 40

B Dwellings along Ashley Lane 13

C Dwellings along Glengary 10

Noise limits equivalent to the otherwise prevailing day time background noise levels from the noise survey report have been derived based on the background noise levels (dB LA90,T) summarised in Section 2.3.

NSA Maximum BS 4142:2014 rating level, including cumulative noise from all plant operating simultaneously (dB LAr,Tr)

A 43

B 39

C 43

The survey was undertaken during Covid lockdown guidelines so does not give a true picture. A clearer picture of the plant operations is needed.

There is no reference to the noise from the Sports fields.

EXTERNAL LIGHTING ASSESSMENT REPORT

E0 - Dark Landscapes (UNESCO Starlight Reserves, IDA Dark Sky Parks)

E1 - Intrinsically Dark Landscapes (National parks, Very Remote Areas etc)

E2 - Low District Brightness Areas (Rural, Small Village or Dark Urban Location)

E3 - Medium Bright District Brightness Areas (Small Town Centres or Urban Locations)

E4 - High District Brightness Areas (Town/City Centres with high levels of night time activity)

The results show that Light Trespass into Windows **would be acceptable for a Zone E3 location.** The highest calculated level of 0.22 lux on the assumed façade of one of the properties across the street as identified in Appendix B which is within **the zone E3 requirements.** The calculated Sky Glow (ULR) contribution for the complete installation due to direct upward light emission is 0% as stated on the manufacturer's data, which complies with the **E3 zone requirements.** The measurement of discomfort glare (Source Intensity) has been calculated at the houses & bungalows. The calculations have taken a luminous intensity point at each of the properties windows, with a highest calculated value of 0.099 kcd. The results comply with the requirements **of an E3 zone.** The positions of houses and/or bungalows are shown on the google maps location plan in section 1 and Appendix B of this report. The light trespass of the site is tightly contained to ensure that the intrusive light, towards the existing residential development, is within the ILP guidance limits.

The lighting assessment has been carried out on the assumption that the school is being built in an E3 zone. This is incorrect. It is being built on agricultural fields, next to a Nature reserve and close to a village conservation area. It is not being built in an urban location.

All of the calculations are based on this being an urban area which we have stated is incorrect. Moulton is a village not a small town. This assessment needs to be re calculated.

Table 1 and Table 2 show that the lighting requirements of Zone 2 and zone 3 are different and we feel tht the Zone 2 requirements should be used on this site.

CONSTRUCTION ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN

190 modules to be delivered. Presumably these will have to negotiate Moulton Roundabout (adjacent to

the new supermarket) and then along Park View towards Thorpeville. The junction at Overstone Road is narrow. How will this traffic be managed? We are unable to open Appendices relating to this section of the report so cannot comment on these.

Appendix A – Phasing Plans

CONSTRUCTION ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN BIODIVE

Page 9 – 2.1.5 states “The site lies within an area affected by Policy ENV3 – Green Wedge identified in Daventry District Council’s local plan. These areas are used for informal recreation and fulfil a biodiversity function. The policy states that ‘proposals within the Green Wedges will be required to demonstrate that they would maintain the physical and visual separation between settlements.’”

This development eliminates the physical and visual separation between houses in Ashley lane and Thorpeville.

Some questions relating to this report which leave questions from the application rather than answers,

Page 12 – 3.3.5 states that the report will be updated following the bat survey carried out in July/August 2021 (section 2.2.1). Where is the update? This survey is also noted in Preliminary_Ecological_Appraisal_Redacted p33, s7.4.1

Page 12 – 3.3.9 – where is the update following analysis of the badger sett camera survey?

Page 14 – When will the Biodiversity Champion and Ecological Clerk of Works be appointed and how is communication to be established with local interested parties?

Page 19 – 6.3/6.4 When will bird and bat boxes be installed?

Page 20 – 6.5/6.6 When will hedgehog and bee boxes be installed?

The plan should also give reference to Moulton Neighbourhood Development Plan and the impact of the development thereon, but I can find no mention of it.

FLOOD RISK ASSESSMENT AND DRAINAGE STRATEGY

Page 4 – it is unclear how Fig 2.1 demonstrates no risk from groundwater flooding. The map extract is unreadable

Page 6 – with soil in many places unsuitable for soakaway drainage as quoted below from the report, this implies likely water run-off in these areas. We do not see how this run-off is taken into account for the planned soakaways.

Comparison of this data with Table 7.1 of Permeability and Drainage Characteristics of Soils indicates the ground to be of poor drainage. It is therefore considered that the natural coarse and fine soils in the area of SK01 and SK03 are not suitable for soakaway drainage. A single test pit SK02 failed to drain over the period of 24 hours and therefore an infiltration value of 10-11 has been inferred. The soils can be classified as practically impervious

Page 7 – Document states “An area of potential high risk flooding from surface water is also present in the vicinity of the existing property at the north eastern extent of the site”.

This infers, but does not specifically state that it refers to the known flooding that occurs at the South-east end of Ashley lane during heavy rain. We do not see that this has been properly taken into account to ensure that this problem is resolved. It must be resolved due to the additional traffic movements to be expected.

Page 12 – Related to the Ashley lane flooding problem, no mention is made of this.

7 Proposed Foul Drainage Public sewer records indicate the presence of foul water drainage located in the south east corner within the site boundary, and within the immediate vicinity of the site (Thorpeville / A43) see Appendix E. As a result, foul water will connect to an existing sewer, east of the site – refer to figure 6.1 for proposed point of discharge. Figure 6.1: Proposed point of Foul Discharge In order to discharge to the proposed connection point, Anglian Water may be requested to undertake a sewer requisition. Further discussion is required with Anglian Water over the point of connection proposal and these will take place in due course as part of the planning process. **Has this taken place ? What were the outcomes?**

LANDSCAPE STATEMENT REDACTED

2.01 Location and Context The 9.93 hectare (24.55 acres) site is located within a green wedge to the West of Thorpeville in Moulton, 3.6 miles from the centre of Northampton. Until recently, Thorpeville was part of the A43 before the A road was diverted further to the East. The re-design included Thorpeville becoming a no through road. The site itself contains a copse area of approximately 0.64 hectare (1.6 acres), located half way along the Thorpeville edge of the site. Previously the site was two arable fields with further fields to the West and Crow Fields Common to the North. There is currently no direct vehicular access to the site. To the Northern and Southern corners of the site boundary and on the Eastern side of Thorpeville there are a mixture of semi-detached, detached and large detached domestic properties. Further South is a large industrial estate that is accessed via Stone Circle Road.

This statement from the report contradicts the Lighting statement showing that the area should be designated E2 - Low District Brightness Areas (Rural, Small Village or Dark Urban Location) and NOT E3 - Medium Bright District Brightness Areas (Small Town Centres or Urban Locations).

P 12 Section 3 states A future link road is proposed (by Others) across the South tip of the site to provide access from the adjacent road to a proposed development to the West of the site and this area should not be developed;

We would like more information on this as we do not have any knowledge of this.

3.04 Impact on Green Wedge

As set out in the planning statement, Green Wedge policy is contained within Policy ENV3. Policy ENV3: Green Wedge states that the designated areas of Green Wedge are shown on the Policies and Inset Maps. The policy also states the following:

A. To protect the identity, character and setting of settlements within the areas that fringe Daventry and Northampton, proposals within the Green Wedges will be required to demonstrate that they would maintain the physical and visual separation between settlements.

B. The Council will support proposals that contribute towards increased public access to, and enjoyment of, the Green Wedges, particularly from the Sustainable Urban Extensions in the Northampton Related Development Area, providing they are compatible with A. In order to demonstrate compliance with this policy, proposals must demonstrate that they would maintain the physical and visual separation between settlements.

. The built form and wider site is located within the northeastern corner of the wider Green Wedge designation, right up against the existing village boundary and more modern residential development to the north and east. It is not considered that this area significantly contributes to the form, character and setting of Moulton; in any case, we have established that the Green Wedge will be retained overall and will retain its key function and integrity in separating areas of built development.

In our opinion this does impact the separation between Moulton and Northampton . The Green wedge will be lost. It was only agreed to be Green wedge land in 2020 so we are unsure what has changed since then.

Elements of the report are redacted and it is unclear why this should be necessary in a landscape report.

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Redacted sections of the planning application

There are numerous sections of the reports which are redacted. This is not in the interest of the public and interested parties as it shows there must be something to hide.

We would like there to be a public meeting to discuss these proposals and for the local residents of Moulton to be given the chance to discuss any queries face to face with the planners.