

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between West Northamptonshire Council and Boughton Parish Council regarding Condition 25 of Planning Permission 19/00045/CCDFUL for the Northampton North-West Relief Road

1 Background

- 1.1 On 25 September 2020, Northamptonshire County Council granted planning permission (“the Planning Permission”) for the construction of the Northampton North-West Relief Road (“NNWRR”) subject, inter alia, to the following condition (“Condition 25”):

“Prior to the new road opening the applicant shall consult with Boughton Parish Council to agree the extent and detail of a scheme of measures for ameliorating the impact of traffic from the permitted development on Boughton village. The scheme as may be agreed shall be submitted to the County Planning Authority and implemented in full prior to the new road opening.”
- 1.2 On 5 August 2025 representatives of West Northamptonshire Council (“WNC”) in its capacities of Highway and Traffic Authority met with representatives of Boughton Parish Council (“the Parish”) as the representatives of the residents of the village of Boughton, to agree the extent and detail of a scheme of measures (“the Scheme”) for ameliorating the impact of traffic from the permitted development on Boughton Village as required by the said Condition.
- 1.3 This Memorandum of Understanding sets out the extent and detail of the Scheme agreed by WNC and the Parish following public consultation in June 2025 in satisfaction of the said Condition 25 such that the said Condition 25 may be formally discharged.
- 1.4 WNC and the Parish agree the Scheme on the basis that this will allow all parties to be in possession of the best ‘real world’ information regarding any traffic implications for the village of Boughton arising as a result of the opening of the NNWRR.

2 In recognition of this agreement, WNC therefore commit to the following actions:

- 2.1 WNC in its capacity as Traffic Authority will, subject to statutory consultation, make a Traffic Order pursuant to Section 84 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic

Regulation Act 1984 authorising the installation of a 20mph traffic calming scheme within Boughton based on the two schemes options 1A and 1B which were the subject of the June 2025 public consultation: the detailed design of which has been finalised following a workshop between WNC and the Parish and the attached drawing (drawing reference no. Boughton – DR – CH – 006, Rev P2) reflects the scheme agreed by WNC and the Parish.

- 2.2 The Scheme will be implemented prior to the opening of the NNWRR.
 - 2.3 Traffic count monitoring equipment will be installed on Vyse Road, Moulton Lane, High Street Pitsford in order to collect at least 2 weeks' data after schools have returned following their summer break, and prior to any works commencing in Boughton to install the traffic calming scheme, to provide a baseline of activity. Data will also be collected from November 2025 at an additional monitoring site on the road between Moulton Lane and Boughton Lane (locally known as the Triangle/Wine Glass) leading to Moulton Park Industrial estate and included within the reported data sets.
 - 2.4 Data will continue to be collected following the implementation of the traffic calming scheme. The data collected will be shared with the Parish on a monthly basis. A meeting will be held every 3 months between WNC and the Parish to review the data collected.
 - 2.5 Monitoring of the traffic volumes will continue for 18 months following the opening of NNWRR.
 - 2.6 Should the collected data show that traffic volumes within Boughton have increased by more than 2.1% since the opening of NNWRR (being the level of natural growth anticipated without NNWRR traffic), allowing for an initial settling in period of 6 months from the opening of NNWRR, WNC will engage with the Parish to revisit the scheme and to look at alternative measures to achieve the level of anticipated growth, including but not restricted to, the revocation of the Permanent Order and the closure of Moulton Lane to motor vehicles.
 - 2.7 WNC will also consider how best to enforce the existing 7.5T weight restriction that exists through Boughton and will also meet with representatives of the Parish to consider what other improvements could be made to ameliorate the impact of traffic from the NNWRR on Boughton village.
- 3. In recognition of this agreement, the Parish confirm** that subject to the commitments outlined in paragraph 2 above being complied with by WNC, Condition 25 may be discharged.

Signed on behalf of

West Northamptonshire Council:

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Date:

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Boughton Parish Council:

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