

Boughton Parish Council

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By email only: **REDACTED for GDPR**

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Dear Mr Henstock,

Once again, the Parish Council wish to thank you and your colleague, Dr Marie Kanayan, for attending our meeting last night and for your assistance throughout this matter.

The Parish Council set out the background to provide clarity for our parishioners:-

- Condition 25 of the NWRR planning permission (19/00045/CCDFUL) states:-

“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.”

- Over the years, many discussions have taken place and most recently the Parish Council were presented with two options put forward by WNC.
 - Option 1 – traffic calming, by way of a 20mph zone in the village of Boughton and physical traffic calming measures such as speed cushions, road marking etc to be discussed and agreed with Boughton Parish Council through a Working Group.
 - Option 2 – road closure of Moulton Lane, resulting in one access point to the village via Vyse Road. Appropriate access for emergency vehicles to be implemented.
 - WNC propose a third option of “do nothing”. However, given the planning condition stated above, the Parish Council do not recognise this as a credible option.
- The proposals were presented at an exhibition hosted at Boughton Village Hall on 17th June 2025.

- WNC and Boughton Parish Council launched surveys to seek feedback on the proposals, both of which ended on 8th July 2025.
- The results of WNC's online survey show: -
 - 67% of respondents voted for Option 1 – a 20mph speed zone
 - 21% of respondents voted for Option 2 – closure of Moulton Lane.
- The results of Boughton Parish Council's survey show: -
 - 31% of respondents voted for Option 1 – a 20mph speed zone
 - 69% of respondents voted for Option 2 – closure of Moulton Lane.
- Subsequently, WNC's recommendation was to pursue Option 1.
- As you are aware, following lengthy discussions at the Parish Council meeting on 21st July 2025, the Parish Council resolved to not support WNC's recommendation for Option 1.
- The Parish Council felt obliged to take parishioner feedback into account and vote in accordance with their wishes. Therefore, they resolved to request that Option 2 is implemented by WNC.

Please accept this letter as formal instructions that the Parish Council do not agree to the scheme of measures that WNC recommend for ameliorating the impact of traffic on Boughton Village.

The Parish Council would agree and support the implementation of the second option you presented to the Council, being Option 2 - closure of Moulton Lane.

We look forward to receiving your response to this letter and please request that you set out the next steps in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

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Parish Clerk