

The meeting to be held on Thursday 8 November at 9.30am at The Cairn Hotel is a meeting of a County Council committee which is open for the public to observe and, subject to giving the required notice, to speak. The meeting on 8 November is not a public consultation meeting.

One of the items of business for this meeting is to ask the County Councillors who sit on this Committee for their comments on whether the County Council should hold a public consultation early in 2019 on the results of the most recent analysis from the Harrogate Congestion Study. County Councillors' comments will subsequently be submitted to a meeting of the County Council's Executive for consideration when it decides whether to hold such a public consultation.

Whilst the Harrogate and Knaresborough Area Constituency Committee has no decision-making powers in this process, the Committee does have a role, which is to inform NYCC policy-makers and decision-makers.

The Committee's responsibilities therefore include:

- acting as a forum for Councillors to bring forward issues affecting their Electoral Divisions;
- hearing and responding to questions and statements from members of the public relating to anything affecting the community;
- undertaking meaningful scrutiny of local issues (including transport and roads) within the Harrogate and Knaresborough constituency area and acting as consultees in major decisions that affect the community, including responding to consultations.

Any member of the public who would like to ask a question or make a statement at the meeting should email notice of their wish to do so, including the text of what they intend to say, to ruth.gladstone@northyorks.gov.uk as soon as possible, and by midday on Monday 5 November at the latest. Speakers are each asked not to exceed 3 minutes' speaking time. No person may submit more than one question or statement and no more than one such question may be asked, or statement made, on behalf of one organisation.

The total time available for public questions or statements at the meeting on 8 November is limited to 30 minutes. This is to ensure that the business of the Committee can proceed, whilst enabling the general public an opportunity to raise issues. Due to the limit on the time available for public questions or statements, members of the public are being allocated a speaking slot on a first come first served basis until all available slots have been allocated.

The Chairman does understand that Harrogate Congestion Study is a controversial topic and it is therefore very important that time is available, on 8 November, for it to be debated by elected Members of the County Council. Members of public are of course very welcome to attend to observe the meeting.