

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
Planning and Regulatory Functions Committee
At 4pm on 13 January 2021

Reconvened meeting to enable a vote to be taken in public on the planning application for the purpose of the construction of a 3.9 km long two-way, single lane (with overtaking lanes) carriageway realignment on the A59 between the west of North Moor Road and Blubberhouses.

1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To explain why the meeting of the Planning and Regulatory Functions Committee that was held on 12 January 2021 has been reconvened to enable a vote to take place in public on the planning application for the purpose of the construction of a 3.9 km long two-way, single lane (with overtaking lanes) carriageway realignment on the A59 between the west of North Moor Road and Blubberhouses.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 A meeting of the Planning and Regulatory Functions Committee was held at 2pm on 12 January 2021 to consider the planning application for the purpose of the construction of a 3.9 km long two-way, single lane (with overtaking lanes) carriageway realignment on the A59 between the west of North Moor Road and Blubberhouses. Unbeknown to anyone at the time, but as subsequently has come to light, the live broadcast of that meeting ended 4 minutes before the end of the meeting itself. In that 4 minute period, the vote on the planning application was taken by the committee. As such, the vote was not taken in public and so is not legally binding
- 2.2 The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 states in section 5 (2 to 4) that members of the committee must be able to be heard and where practicable seen by members of the public. The relevant section of the Regulations are as below:

(2) For the purposes of any such enactment, a member of a local authority (a "member in remote attendance") attends the meeting at any time if all of the conditions in subsection (3) are satisfied.

(3) Those conditions are that the member in remote attendance is able at that time— (a) to hear, and where practicable see, and be so heard and, where practicable, be seen by, the other members in attendance, (b) to hear, and where practicable see, and be so heard and, where practicable, be seen by, any members of the public entitled to attend the meeting in order to exercise a right to speak at the meeting, and (c) to be so heard and, where practicable, be seen by any other members of the public attending the meeting.

(4) In this regulation any reference to a member, or a member of the public, attending a meeting includes that person attending by remote access.

2.3 This live broadcast meeting of the Planning and Regulatory Functions Committee has been reconvened to enable the vote on the planning application to be taken in public.

3.0 Meeting arrangements

3.1 The Chairman of the Committee, County Councillor Peter Sowray, will introduce the meeting and outline why it is being held. The recording of the discussions from the meeting on 12 January 2021, is available on the Council website via the following link - <https://democracy.northyorks.gov.uk/> and will be summarised. The recommendations in the report of the Officer will then be read out and the vote taken. Only those County Councillors who participated in the meeting on 12 January 2021 will take part in the vote.

3.2 The papers for the meeting of the Planning and Regulatory Functions Committee that was held on 12 January 2021 have been published in the agenda pack for this meeting.

4.0 Conclusion

4.1 This reconvened live broadcast meeting will enable a vote to take place in public on the planning application for the purpose of the construction of a 3.9 km long two-way, single lane (with overtaking lanes) carriageway realignment on the A59 between the west of North Moor Road and Blubberhouses. In this way, it will be compliant with the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020.

4.0 Conclusion

4.1 That committee members note this report and the arrangements that have been put in place.

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Background Documents – None

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