

COMBINED AUTHORITY MEETING

23 JANUARY 2026

RECEIPT OF PETITION - HIPSWELL AND COLBURN CALL FOR CONGESTION RELIEF ON THE A6136

Report of the Head of Governance

1.0 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To present a petition submitted to the Mayor by Councillor Kevin Foster, North Yorkshire Council, calling for congestion relief on the A6136 in Catterick.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 To consider a response to the petition.

3.0 Background

- 3.1 A petition has been submitted by Councillor Kevin Foster on behalf of residents in Hipswell and Colburn, calling for urgent action to address severe congestion on the A6136 between the A1 and Catterick Garrison. The petition, jointly addressed to the Mayor of York and North Yorkshire and the Leader of North Yorkshire Council, highlights the following concerns:

- Daily congestion on the A6136 is disruptive to residents and businesses.
- Negative impacts on health, education, and the local economy.
- Issues with bus reliability due to traffic delays.
- Increased pollution from gridlocked traffic.

- 3.2 The petition calls for:

- Investment in improvements to the Key Route Network in Colburn and Hipswell.
- Consideration of a relief road where lower-cost measures cannot alleviate congestion.
- Better bus services supported by sufficient road capacity.

- 3.3 The petition has 1,028 signatories, with 972 collected online, and 56 gathered in person.

- 3.4 It should be noted that the Combined Authority currently does not have a formal petition scheme within its Constitution, but this will be proposed as part

of the forthcoming Constitution Review. It is therefore for the Combined Authority to determine a response to this petition.

4.0 Petition Request

4.1 The petition submitted states:

“We call for urgent action to deliver improvements to the Key Route Network in Colburn and Hipswell. The daily congestion is hugely disruptive to people who live and work here. It is harmful to the local economy, it is harmful to health, and it is harmful to the education of local children.

We call for investment in a relief road in any places where lower cost forms of improvements cannot alleviate congestion.

We call for investment to create better bus services with access to enough road capacity so that buses can run to timetable throughout the day.”

5.0 Financial and Procurement Implications

5.1 There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

6.0 Legal Implications

6.1 There are no legal implications arising directly from this report.

7.0 Equalities Implications

7.1 There are no equalities implications arising directly from this report.

8.0 Human Resources Implications

8.1 There are no human resources implications arising directly from this report.

9.0 Environmental Implications

9.1 There are no environmental implications arising directly from this report.

10.0 Combined Authority Areas Impacted (Council Areas/Wards/Divisions)

10.1 Hipswell & Colburn Division, Catterick Village & Brompton on Swale Division, and Scotton & Lower Wensleydale Division, North Yorkshire Council.

11.0 Recommendations

11.1 To consider a response to the petition.

12.0 Reasons For Recommendations

12.1 Member decision – not applicable.

13.0 Contact Details

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Background papers – Petition

Appendices –

- Appendix 1 – Petition introduction (minus signatures)