

# Poynton - with - Worth Town Council

## Planning & Environment

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee held at 8pm on Monday 18th November 2013 at the Civic Hall, Poynton

Committee Members Present :- Councillor L.A. Clarke (C)  
Councillor S. Horsman  
Councillor G King  
Councillor R.E. West (VC)

Also in Attendance :- Cllr P Hoyland attended under SO 56.  
Cllr M Beanland substituted for Cllr Gorst under SO 54.

### 71 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs G Bartos, C A Gorst, Mrs J Sewart and Mrs I Thornton-Maddocks

Cllr B Lewis was absent

### 72 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary or Other Interests

Cllrs P Hoyland and R West declared a general interest in the A6 to Manchester Airport Relief Road planning application, having been involved in numerous meetings at Cheshire East on this issue.

### 73 Applications Received to Date

73- 1	13/4355M	Plot Ref :-	Type :-	FULL
	Applicant Name :-	SMBC	Date Received :-	08/11/2013
	Location :-	A6-M'chester A/P Relief Road	Date Returned :-	12/11/2013

Proposal : Development for portion of Relief Road proposed within Cheshire East

Observations : Three members of the public were present. Cllr L Clarke read out the description of what was being proposed in the application, and also clarified the Town Council's role, i.e. as a statutory consultee, limited to making a recommendation to Cheshire East. Cllr Clarke then invited each member of the public to state their case on the application.

Mr M Kingsley, of Woodmead, Chester Road, Poynton, wanted to note that the Town Council's previous submissions on this project and on development of the Woodford site had depended on the Woodford/Poynton Relief Road being realised.

Mr David Lambert of 34 Glastonbury Drive said that the scale and character of this scheme would ruin Poynton. It does not meet one of the main strategic requirements to improve and encourage public transport. He asked if the bus companies had been consulted. Mr Lambert also commented on the significant delay on the part of Cheshire East Council (CE) in publishing this application and the substantial number of supporting documents when compared with Stockport Council (SMBC). The latter had also made the documents available in all their public libraries, unlike CE. The process was neither democratic nor fair, nor was the consultation timescale of 21 days realistic, given the run up to Christmas. He asked if this could be extended.

Hilary Parry, also a Poynton resident, said that the new road would disgorge a lot of traffic on to High Lane. Without a link to Bredbury this was useless.

David Lambert then spoke again. In spite of asking SMBC three weeks ago, he had not been given information about noise levels, which he thought would be 5Db or more. Air quality was also an unknown, and the Health Impact Assessment had also been rushed - why were Poynton and Bramhall not consulted on this?

Mr Lambert continued that this process was not democratic, and that the new road would only be of benefit to Manchester Airport. He also cast doubt on the traffic

figures used.

Cllr Clarke said that the Town Council was in touch with CE concerning the Air Quality Monitor at the junction of Clifford Road and London Road South. Cllr Hoyland commented that plans for the Poynton/Woodford Relief Road had gone through CE Cabinet last Tuesday, and that there was a timeline and some funding - details were available on the CE website.

Cllr Clarke then proposed that members consult the supporting documentation for this application, for which he allowed 20 minutes. He said that had seen versions of this project in the past and, while he supported it in principle, the Poynton/Woodford Relief Road needed to happen too. Cllr Clarke also drew members' attention to the potential for anti-social behaviour in the footpaths that run underneath major bridges - the design needs to take this risk into account. Cllr West said that the exact route of the new road was still being worked on, and there would be further opportunities to comment on the design, adding that Cllr Clarke's point about ASB was valid.

Cllr King said that the Town Council had debated this project over the last two years, and that our concerns about junctions had been taken into account. In his view the Poynton/Woodford Relief Road has to be included. On a point of clarification Cllr Hoyland emphasised that the Poynton/Woodford Relief Road was not part of this application. 75% of the funding had been found for this latter project, but this left a gap of £5m. Cllr Hoyland cautioned that, while this other road scheme was on its way, we cannot be 100% sure of it.

RESOLVED: Recommend no objection in principle, but wish to reaffirm long standing position that the A6 to Manchester Airport Relief Road be built in conjunction with the Poynton/Woodford Relief Road. Members were also aware that the proposed underpasses could attract anti-social behaviour, and request that such potential trouble spots be designed out. (NC)

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**74 Cheshire East Local Plan**

RESOLVED: That the letter dated 15th November 2013 from Adrian Fisher, Head of Strategic and Economic Planning, Cheshire East, concerning the Pre-Submission Core Strategy consultation be received. (NC)

The Meeting closed at : 9pm

Signed : \_\_\_\_\_ Chairman Date: \_\_\_\_\_

On behalf of :- Poynton - with - Worth Town Council