

CAISTER-ON-SEA PARISH COUNCIL

20th February 2023

A SPECIAL PARISH COUNCIL

meeting was duly convened and held at the Council Hall at 1900 hrs.

Present: Cllr. A Baker (in the chair)
Cllr. K Wood (Vice Chair)
Cllrs. R Coe, B Davis, J Fearnley, D Godbolt, P Hammond, J Hemsworth, B Herring, J Jarzembski, B Lawn, C Thompson and R Wilkinson

No Parishioners 24

144 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from:

Cllrs: M Clifford – family commitment

C Kirk – work commitment

145 Declaration of Interest

None

146 Great Yarmouth New Local Plan 2021-2041

Parishioners were invited to an open forum to view the proposed New Local Plan that will set out a strategy for the development of the Borough over the period to 2041. It will set out the amount of new development needed and will determine where that development will go and how it should be delivered. The new Local Plan will also contain planning policies that will be used in determining planning applications. Parishioners were urged to put forward their comments on the proposals to localplan@great-yarmouth.gov.uk or by writing to Strategic Planning, Great Yarmouth Borough Council, Town Hall, Hall Plain, Great Yarmouth NR30 2QF. Closing date for comments is 23:59 on 27 February 2023.

After discussion it was proposed by Cllr. A Baker, seconded by Cllr. K Wood and agreed by all members present to forward the following comments from Parish Council objecting to the proposals.

GYBC New Local Plan Consultation 2022-2041

Please note our comments as follows:

- Without having any information in regard to infrastructure on this proposed development it is almost impossible to make any educated comment. Councils main concern is the effect on the infrastructure of Caister on Sea which is almost at bursting point now without having any further increase in population. Schools, Surgeries, Pharmacies, Dentists are all full and Anglian Water are currently dumping

sewage into the North Sea and rivers long before any of the new properties come online.

- Roads are experiencing an unprecedented increase in traffic and will deteriorate even further once the holiday season arrives. The loss of our bypass will aggravate an already serious traffic situation and summer jams will increase as the influx of visitors arrive.
- Main shops in the area including Tesco and Lidl are totally unprepared for further influxes in footfalls and are unable to expand due to lack of suitable land available for building.
- Caister is built up as far as it can go, green areas are at a premium and only minor plots are available for development.
- The loss of natural borders separating our village and surrounding conurbations have disappeared and now the residents of our once beautiful village feel hemmed in and upset at further inroads into our countryside.
- The future of our village is being damaged. Generations to come will not know of the heritage of our village, sacrificed on the altar of the thirst for more housing.
- Please do not be surprised at the level of anger aimed at the landowners, builders and especially planners as this continuing loss of habitats (both human and wildlife) gains momentum.

147 Closure of Meeting

The meeting ended at 1930 hrs.

Chair:

Date: