

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CONSULTATION COMMITTEE HELD AT MILLFIELDS
PAVILLION MILL WAY NEEDINGWORTH ON TUESDAY 18th NOVEMBER 2025 AT 7.50PM**

PRESENT:

Cllr J Neish (Chairman)
Cllr R Fountain
Cllr D Jackson
Cllr E McNeill
Cllr A Whyte

IN ATTENDANCE:

Miss J Bowd (Parish Clerk)
There were no members of the public.

6. To Receive Apologies for Absence.

Cllr N Dyne – Personal
Cllr S Mortlock - Personal

7. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 20th May 2025

Resolved: That the minutes be approved as a true and correct record (Prop Cllr Jackson, 2nd Cllr McNeill) 4 in favour, 1 abstention.

8. To review the following documents:

(i) A141 Improvements

Cllr Fountain asked if it affects Needingworth.

Cllr Neish declared his interest in that he sits on the working party and also Overview & Scrutiny. He advised he had been to the consultation at the Burgess Hall following feedback that the event at the Corn Exchange had been dire. Likewise, he found a lack of understanding by staff of the concerns raised, and insufficient information.

The area under review stops at Morrisons roundabout, the impact of surrounding villages has not been taken into consideration.

The bus gate is very confusing with no specifics on how it will operate.

The thicket path has not been utilised as part of the alternative travel options.

The new path across Hemingford Meadows will be flooded regularly.

Modelling for the traffic was done “years ago” yet the traffic has increased considerably.

Clerk spoke to say that on her understanding if the no right turn from St Audreys Lane into Needingworth Road is brought in this will add more pressure to the 2 roundabouts leading to Harrison Way and the A1123 from Needingworth will be a standing car park with vehicles being tempted to use the service road to the rear of Morrisons.

(ii) HDC Local Plan to 2046

Members considered sites notated in the plan as Needingworth 1 & Needingworth 2

Cllr McNeill was concerned that residents would not get out of the village as the A1123 will be at a standstill.

Cllr Neish spoke to say that the figures have been imposed by Government and that HDC are suffering from meeting previous targets.

Needingworth 1 has previously been thrown out by planning Inspector due to infrastructure concerns. Since then, there have been no improvements and traffic has increased.

Cllr Jackson spoke to say why is there no provision for secondary school only primary.

Cllr Whyte spoke stating he was against Needingworth 1 for reasons already given. He asked how access to Needingworth 2 would be gained. This is unclear at this stage. He also commented on the new title of Local service village. And the loss of good agricultural land being used.

Cllr Neish spoke with concerns over other infrastructure e.g. sewage, transport and the flood risk.

All factors will impact on St.Ives

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.25pm

Chairman Date