

COMMENTS FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL (PERFORMANCE AND GROWTH)

A428 BLACK CAT TO CAXTON GIBBET IMPROVEMENTS SCHEME DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER POSITION REVIEW

- 5.1 The Panel discussed the A428 Black Cat to Caxton Gibbet Improvements Scheme Development Consent Order Position Review at its meeting on 2nd February 2022.
- 5.2 Following a question from Councillor Chapman, it was confirmed to the Panel that dialogue between Huntingdonshire District Council, Cambridgeshire County Council and Bedfordshire County Council was open and ongoing.
- 5.3 Councillor Roberts stated that whilst he appreciated the timescales involved in the project, this should not be at the detriment of the detail, especially on biodiversity matters. The Panel heard that timescales are set by the Planning Inspectorate and have to be adhered to. All matters continue to be addressed until the Examination close when the Inspector will then consider any matters outstanding.
- 5.4 Following a further question from Councillor Roberts, it was confirmed to the Panel that the difference between County and District Council standards and HS2 standards as referred to in the cultural heritage section related to archaeology aspects.
- 5.5 Councillor Chapman observed that multiple traffic management studies were currently ongoing within St Neots but expressed concerns that the findings may not take the resulting outcomes of the other studies into account. This point was noted.
- 5.6 The Panel welcomed the report and encourage the Cabinet to endorse the recommendations contained within the report.