



Cabinet agenda

Date: Thursday 4 January 2024

Time: 10.00 am

Venue: The Oculus, Buckinghamshire Council, Gatehouse Road, Aylesbury HP19 8FF

Membership:

M Tett (Leader), A Macpherson (Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing), G Williams (Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Climate Change and Environment), S Broadbent (Cabinet Member for Transport), J Chilver (Cabinet Member for Accessible Housing and Resources), A Cranmer (Cabinet Member for Education and Children's Services), C Harriss (Cabinet Member for Culture and Leisure), A Hussain (Cabinet Member for Communities), P Strachan (Cabinet Member for Planning and Regeneration) and M Winn (Cabinet Member for Homelessness and Regulatory Services)

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Written Representation made by

For AGENDA ITEM 10, of the Cabinet Meeting to be held at 10am, on the 04th January 2024.

I hope that Buckinghamshire Council appreciate that uploading an AGENDA late on Friday 22nd December 2023, for a meeting on the 04th January 2024, makes it difficult for many to properly access, review and submit written representations – that being a period of time most persons would be on/away on annual leave. Indeed, many of Buckinghamshire Council services have been hard to access between Christmas and New Year, suggesting that such an Agenda may not be accessed until the 02nd January 2024, the first working day of 2024, and just two days prior to the scheduled meeting taking place.

Having accessed this Agenda on the 02nd January 2024 through the Buckinghamshire Council website, I have taken the following actions, and received the following responses/assistance:

Tuesday 2nd January 2024 (First working day of 2024):

1. I tried to access information on how to submit a written representation to Buckinghamshire Council for a Cabinet Meeting.
2. On searching for information on Google, I could find no link to any online resource that provided me with advice on how to submit a written representation, to Buckinghamshire Council, for a Cabinet Meeting. **Please see APPENDIX 1.** Note – none of these links took me to any useful information, with **APPENDIX 2**, being the only search related resource to my question, which was for a Select Committee. I am now of the understanding that these processes are not relevant to the scheduled meeting of the 04.01.2024 at 10am.
3. I then searched on Buckinghamshire Council's website for further information on how to submit a written representation. **APPENDIX 3** provides you with what a search yields, again, none of this information was of any use to me.
4. At 1355hrs, I wrote to _____, who was named as the contact for this Agenda Item. I copied in Cllr Steve Broadbent, Cllr Stuart Wilson, Wooburn & Bourne End Parish Council and The Transport Strategy Mailbox (Buckinghamshire Council).
5. I did not receive an acknowledgement of my email, or any response during the remainder of the working day 02/01/2024.

Wednesday 3rd January 2024 (Second working day of 2024):

1. At 0810hrs I resent the email to all the aforementioned contacts, kindly requesting a response.
2. Cllr Wilson kindly replied, and exchanged a number of emails with me during the course of the day.
3. At 1124hrs, I decided to send the email to the central Democracy Mailbox, as I had still not had a reply from anyone else. Whilst Cllr Wilson was helpful and supportive, I

needed a response from the person(s) who had put together the Agenda Item and thus had the appropriate specific knowledge to answer my questions and concerns.

4. At around 1330hrs, I decided to ring the Democracy number that I found on Buckinghamshire Council's website, but no one answered.
5. At around 1334hrs, I rang again and spoke with . informed me that had been assigned the email, but would not put me through to so I could discuss this matter with her directly. **Note – that at no point had anyone acknowledged receipt of this email.** I asked what was meant by the term “progress to adoption at cabinet” which he was unable to answer. He stated that I had until 1700hrs to submit my written representations, and that I was unlikely to get a response from before this time. I made it clear that it was difficult for me to write a written representation without the answers to my questions.
6. Whilst on the phone to , I requested information on how I should submit my written representation, e.g. what details I need to include, whether I needed to follow a particular format/style – to which he was unable to offer any suggestions other than that I needed to do it by 5pm today (03/01/2024).
7. At 15:08hrs, I received a response from who was able to answer my 'Democracy' related questions, but was unable to answer my specific questions to the AGENDA item.
8. After this I requested the name and contact details for the Monitoring Officer for Buckinghamshire Council. would not provide me with these details, and requested I contact , which I did at around 1530hrs (just 1.5 hours before the deadline for me to submit my written representation).
9. would not name this person, and sent me a link to further information. After further research I have located the name, , and her email address.
10. **At the time of submitting this written representation, no one from Buckinghamshire Council who I understand had been involved in the formation of Item 10 of the Agenda contacted me (e.g. I have received no reply from . I still do not know what the phrase: “progress to adoption at cabinet,” means and it appears that Democracy at Buckinghamshire Council do not know what this phrase means either.**

Therefore, I apologise if this written representation is not in the format, or of a length required, but in the absence of any relevant information from Buckinghamshire online, or over the phone, I have done the best I can with the limited time available. I would add that given the approximate 2 hour slot I had to produce this document, I will hold my hands up to saying there may be an inaccuracy or error in my writing, however, as far as I can tell, and to the best of my knowledge it is accurate.

Please see the following points overleaf:

Point 1 – Concerns over AGENDA ITEM 10 of the Cabinet Meeting (Buckinghamshire Council), of the 04.01.24, at 10am. As listed on:

<https://buckinghamshire.moderngov.co.uk/mgIssueHistoryHome.aspx?Id=38631>

Point 2 – LCWIP Map

Point 3 - Concerns over the Greenway Vision from Bourne End to High Wycombe (in particular the portion from Bourne End to Wooburn Green). Referred to as Item 4c of the LCWIP entitled “High Wycombe to Bourne End Link.

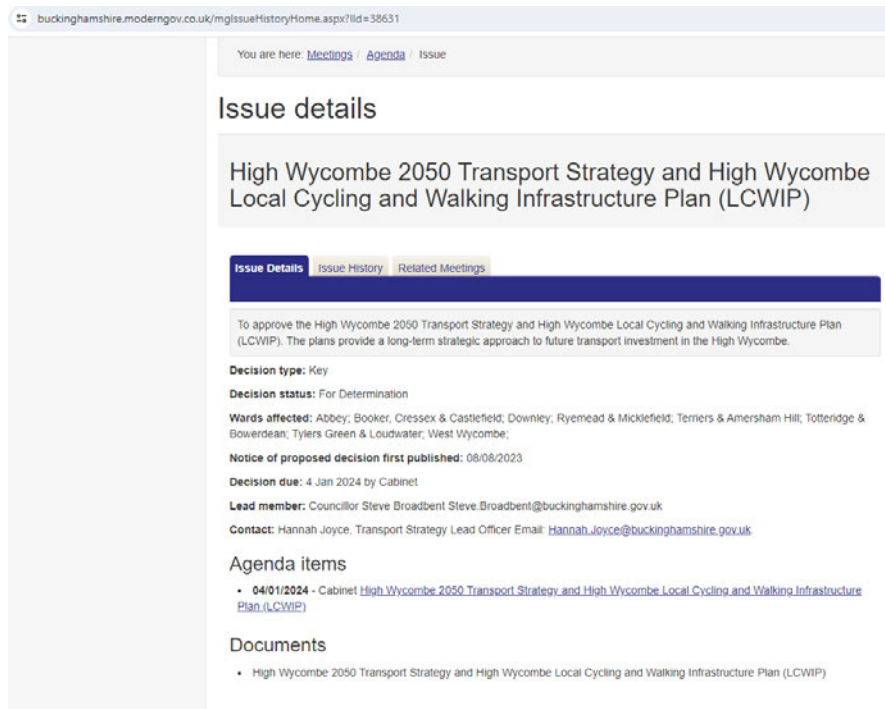
Point 4 – Wider Public Right of Way Improvements

POINT 1 - Agenda Item 10 Background Information:

As found at:

<https://buckinghamshire.moderngov.co.uk/mglIssueHistoryHome.aspx?Ild=38631>

Please see a screen shot of the AGENDA ITEM 10 listing on your website, this includes the wards affected by this agenda point (and presumably the wards affected by the High Wycombe 2050 Transport Strategy & High Wycombe Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP). As you can see the 'Wooburn and Bourne End' and 'Chepping Wycombe' areas are not included in this list.



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High Wycombe 2050 Transport Strategy and High Wycombe Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP)

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To approve the High Wycombe 2050 Transport Strategy and High Wycombe Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP). The plans provide a long-term strategic approach to future transport investment in the High Wycombe.

Decision type: Key

Decision status: For Determination

Wards affected: Abbey, Booker, Cressex & Castlefield, Downley, Ryemead & Micklefield, Terniers & Amersham Hill, Totteridge & Bowerdean, Tylers Green & Loudwater, West Wycombe;

Notice of proposed decision first published: 08/08/2023

Decision due: 4 Jan 2024 by Cabinet

Lead member: Councillor Steve Broadbent Steve.Broadbent@buckinghamshire.gov.uk

Contact: Hannah Joyce, Transport Strategy Lead Officer Email: Hannah.Joyce@buckinghamshire.gov.uk

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Documents

- [High Wycombe 2050 Transport Strategy and High Wycombe Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan \(LCWIP\)](#)

From what I can see of reading the supporting documentation on your website, for the AGENDA ITEM 10, The LCWIP includes proposals which affect land in Wooburn Green, Bourne End & Flackwell Heath. Given the information available, and the lack of response from Buckinghamshire Council I have taken the information detailed in your AGENDA to mean that you are only discussing LCWIP proposals and policies in the exact ward areas you have listed, and not the areas of Wooburn Green, Bourne End and Flackwell Heath. Furthermore, I have taken this to mean that any "progress to adoption at cabinet" will not include any proposals in these areas of Wooburn Green, Bourne End and Flackwell Heath.

POINT 2 – High Wycombe LCWIP Map

As seen on Page 34, Figure 25, of APPENDIX B - the Document entitled: "Local Cycling & Walking Infrastructure Plan High Wycombe"

1. This map cuts out a significant portion of the Greenway to Bourne End, and cuts out significant areas of your proposals at Flackwell Heath. This misrepresents the scope of the LCWIP, and misleads the public as to what the LCWIP covers. Can you explain why this map is not a full and complete representation of all the proposals that the document then discusses?

POINT 3 – Item 4C of the LCWIP entitled: “High Wycombe to Bourne End Link”

As seen on Page 50 of APPENDIX B - the Document entitled: “Local Cycling & Walking Infrastructure Plan High Wycombe”] (In particular the section of route between Bourne End and Wooburn Green)

1. In 1989, 35 years ago, Buckinghamshire County Council highlighted the disused railway line between Cores End (Bourne End) and Wooburn Green for a road improvement scheme.
2. Since 1989, to date, Buckinghamshire Council (in various forms, and under various District Councils) have proposed further road schemes and more recently other PRow improvements to this route, on private land.
3. None of these proposals have ever come to fruition, and one would think, have cost the Local Authority and Tax Payers considerable funds and yielded very little public benefit.
4. The current route, in part, has permissive access to the public which is enjoyed at no cost to the public purse.
5. Buckinghamshire Council have effectively blighted this private land for nearly a generation restricting the way in which it can be utilised as part of wider business and farm operations.
6. Further to this, and as far as I can tell, despite considerable investment of resources and time from both Council Officials and the Landowners; Buckinghamshire Council still have very limited understanding of how this route can be effectively implemented.
7. Despite Item 4c, being listed as ‘Medium Term Priority’ there is no reference to suggested cost of this route, whereas many other ‘Medium Term Priority’ items have suggested costings.
8. Under the Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan: Technical Guidance for Local Authorities document (GOV UK), I would have envisaged that Buckinghamshire Council could have proposed a cost for the creation of this route.

Given the duration of time that has passed since the initial proposals between Bourne End and Wooburn Green of the 1980’s we have determined that Buckinghamshire Council (and Sustrans) are unable to deliver this section of the scheme. The scheme, despite its rebranding and renaming, remains in principle similar and thus should not be included in the High Wycombe 2050 Transport Strategy & High Wycombe Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP), and any other subsequent policy document.

POINT 4 – Item 4C of the LCWIP entitled: “High Wycombe to Bourne End Link”

As seen on Page 44, Item 2f, of APPENDIX B - the Document entitled: “Local Cycling & Walking Infrastructure Plan High Wycombe”]

1. There is insufficient detail and such a broad set of potential parameters that it is hard to understand what this item actually means.
2. The Transport Strategy Team have been unable to assist me with any further information.
3. The route from Flackwell Heath to Wooburn Green, we feel, due to the agricultural operations, arable farming activities and gradient of the land are simply not achievable.
4. Many locals refer to this hill as 'Cardiac Hill' (due to its steepness) and therefore, the suggestion this might be used for cycling or other wheeled transport, given the fact it crosses agricultural land (with the potential for grazing livestock, and cultivation), seems somewhat short sighted.

Final Statements:

- AGENDA ITEM 10 should be pulled from the meeting of the 04.01.2024, due to the errors and misleading information contained within.
- Buckinghamshire Council should undertake a review of my treatment between the dates of the 02.01.2024 and 04.01.2024 and consider whether they have acted under their Constitution and Policies.
- Buckinghamshire Council should fully consider how willing Landowners may be in engaging in discussion with them, when they are treated in such a manner as I have been treated in the creation of the LCWIP (and associated documents) thus far.
- There are many other points I would have hoped to cover in this written representation, but simply have not had the time to include.

APPENDIX 1:

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APPENDIX 2: Select Committee Meetings

Speaking at select committee meetings

Members of the public can ask questions at Select Committee meetings if notice has been given.

Submit a question to be raised in writing or by email to democracy@buckinghamshire.gov.uk.


You'll need to submit a message no later than midday 3 working days before the day of the meeting. The time allowed for considering questions from the public should not exceed 10 minutes in total without the consent from the chairman.

APPENDIX 3: Search conducted on Buckinghamshire Council's website

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