Middleton-cum-Fordley Parish Council Issue Specific Hearing 3: Traffic and Transport Post-hearing submission – Additional comments

23rd July 2021

1. Introduction

Middleton cum Fordley Parish Council (MCFPC) was represented at Issue Specific Hearing 3 on July 8th 2021 by Julian Cusack, the Chair of the Council.

The following issues were not covered by the scope of that submission, but arise from the Site Accompanied Visits attended by the MCFPC Vice Chair, Roy Dowding, on June 9th (B1122 and SLR) and 10th (Yoxford Roundabout and NP&R).

- The megaphone effect of noise generated from the SLR will flow down the proposed exit of Fordley Road from the SLR directly into the Laceys' residence, against which no sound attenuation can be provided, in the scheme as currently shown by the applicant.
- The ineffectual roundabout layout at the B1122 end of the Middleton Moor Link (MML) road, which will lead to hold-ups to both local traffic and Sizewell-bound vehicles from the north, and the totally inadequate T-junction at the SLR end of the MML road, requiring traffic to enter 60 mph traffic streams from a dead start. This will create a potential accident black spot.
- The lack of any detail about drainage to cater for the Yoxford Roundabout, which will largely be located in a 2 metre deep pit. A big worry, since this area floods all too easily even at present levels. The book of plans that EDF provided for the 2 days of site accompanied visits contained well detailed visions of the proposed works on the existing landscape elsewhere, but unbelievably omitted any showing the Yoxford roundabout. This had not been previously realised by Tom McGarry or Richard Bull of EDF, who undertook to provide same forthwith. To date they have still not been received. Worryingly, the Inspectorate team did not seem phased by this.
- The opportunity was taken to mention to Edward Maund, one of the inspectors, the concerning
 aspect of the A1120 junction with the A12 in Yoxford, almost adjacent to that of the B1122, and for
 which no changes are proposed. This aspect had not been a highlighted feature of the visit. Mr
 Maund said that he visited the area in February, and was aware of the potential problem here.

- The complete lack of provision for access to the several barns between White House Farm and Willow Marsh Lane, either during construction of the NP&R or afterwards. This aspect was highlighted also by the inspector David Block.
- The seeming lack of adequate provision for a cycle route on the A12 once past Darsham Cottage, going north. It is neither adequate nor consistent at present, but much of it will disappear altogether during and after building of the NP&R. This will create a real danger to cyclists during the constricted traffic flows that will result from the construction.