

CALL-IN REQUEST FORM

This form must be completed and signed by at least **TWO** members of any Scrutiny Commission or Scrutiny Committee and **MUST** be returned to the *Proper Officer within **3** working days of the decision being published (*not including the day of publication*). Please telephone the Proper Officer to make them aware that the Call-In form is on its way.

**Please note that the Proper Officer can be any of the following Senior Democratic Services Officer: Paulina Ford, Tel: 452508 or the Democratic Services Manager, Gemma George, Tel 452268. The Call-In Request will only be valid if it has been received in person by any of the above people within the 3 working day deadline. The form may be emailed or hand delivered. If sent in the post you must call the Proper Officer to advise that it has been posted and it will need to be received by the Proper Officer within the 3 working day deadline.*

Decision taker:	Cabinet
Date of publication of decision:	2 February 2015
Title of Decision Called in :	Junction 17 - 2 Fletton Parkway Widening, Contamination and Drainage Issues - JAN15/CAB/11
Date Decision Called in:	5 February 2015

	REASONS FOR CALL-IN	Tick which reason applies
1.	Decision contrary to the policy framework?	
2.	Decision contrary or not wholly consistent with the budget?	✓
3.	Decision is Key but it has not been dealt with in accordance with the Council's Constitution.	
4.	Decision does not follow principles of good decision-making set out in Article 11 of the Council's Constitution.	✓
If reason 4, please tick which specific element of Article 12 the decision maker has not followed, did he or she not:		
(a)	Realistically consider all alternatives and, where reasonably possible, consider the views of the public.	
(b)	Understand and keep to the legal requirements regulating their power to make decisions	
(c)	Take account of all relevant matters, both in general and specific, and ignore any irrelevant matters.	✓
(d)	Act for a proper purpose and in the interests of the public.	✓
(e)	Keep to the rules relating to local government finance.	
(f)	Follow procedures correctly and be fair.	
(g)	Make sure they are properly authorised to make the decisions.	
(h)	Be responsible for their decisions and be prepared to give reasons for them.	✓
(i)	Take appropriate professional advice from officers.	

APPENDIX 1

Detailed Reason(s) for Call-in.

The Cabinet report failed to address adequately the reasons why the problems with the Fletton Parkway were not detected earlier. The result is that Cabinet have been asked to make a decision on the grounds that the development is necessary as it is now at a crucial point. It is the timetabling of this which is forcing the decision for the additional spend. The spend is 30% of the original budget which is excessive and requires a full investigation of why this situation has occurred. The report is deficient in that aspect. The Cabinet report fails to address:

1. Why the initial surveys failed to uncover the underlying problems with the Parkway given that they were so extensive?
2. It is well known that this section of land was used as landfill. This does not appear to have been addressed in the report.
3. Why was the project scaled back in the early stages and did this impact on the scope of surveys undertaken on the site?
4. The issue of any third party liability is not addressed. It is unusual for such a large overspend to occur on a project like this, without some independent verification of whether the surveys were accurate.
5. The repeated drainage problems on this site should have indicated that there was an issue with the underlying drainage that needed investigation at the outset.
6. There was no proof of initial testing attached to the Cabinet report.

On the whole the report was not sufficiently transparent in addressing these issues and the Cabinet ought to be asked to review the decision again and satisfy itself that this additional expenditure is the responsibility of the Council. For this reason the public interest has not been satisfied.

	Name (please print)	Signature	Date
1.	David Harrington	Via email	5/2/15
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