

Allington public Meeting Gonerby Moor

23 April 2025

Following a meeting with Allington Parish Council on 6 March 2025, Harworth offered to convene a public meeting for residents to discuss their concerns and ask questions regarding the proposed development at Gonerby Moor, approximately one mile to the east of Allington village.

The feedback generated from the meeting will be used to help inform next steps and mitigation strategies before a planning application is submitted to South Kesteven District Council in due course.

The themes raised during the meeting have been listed below.

Highways

Horse safety

- Concerns were raised over the safety of horses and their riders with an increased volume of traffic in the area.

Traffic within the village

- Concerns were raised regarding additional traffic movements through Allington and the associated safety impact.
- Night time vehicle movements was also discussed and the disruption to residents as a result.
- The safety of school children at the village primary school was also discussed.

A52 to A1 access

- There are current issues with accidents and closures on the A52 and the A1 which result in traffic being diverted through the village.
- Comments were made in relation to an increase in traffic coming from the A52 through Allington to the site and the A1, as well as traffic cutting through from the site back to the A52 through the village.
- When the A1 is closed, traffic levels increase through the village as it's used as a diversion route.
- Sat navs send vehicles through this route which is unsuitable for HGVs.

- The neighbouring Arena UK site causes current issues with horse boxes and other associated traffic and residents questioned whether there was any adherence to agreed planning conditions.

Gonerby Lane

- It was recognised that this stretch of road needs resurfacing by Lincolnshire County Council, although some remedial work has recently been carried out.
- There were concerns regarding the road's suitability for an increase in vehicle movements.
- There was a request for Lincolnshire County Council to consider whether Gonerby Lane could be closed for through traffic.

Volume of traffic

- There were questions regarding the current traffic modelling and whether the figures were accurate with regards to the proposed numbers once the site was in operation.

Transport assessments

- A request was made for an independent transport assessment to be carried out.

Sedgebrook Road

- A request was made for a traffic count on Sedgebrook Road to be carried out.

Communication

Leaflets

- Some residents said they hadn't received the newsletter detailing the proposals. Any requests for copies can be sent to info@harworth-gonerbymoore.co.uk and they will be posted or emailed on request.
- It was requested that verbatim minutes were made publicly available following the meeting.

Flooding

- A resident referenced flood watch data to say that the village had flooded five times in the last 18 months.
- Flooding is a concern throughout the village and there was a belief that flooding would worsen with the development of the Gonerby Moor site.
- It was also highlighted by residents that the site itself regularly floods.

Lighting

- It was requested that consideration over and above the standard mitigation should be considered in order to prevent any negative impact on village residents from light pollution.

Principle of development

- Residents recognised the Local Plan draft allocation status of the site but said the application was premature in coming forward as the Plan has not been ratified.
- There were comments regarding South Kesteven District Council and Lincolnshire County Council's involvement in including the site as a draft allocation.
- Questions were raised as to why the site could not be located at Spitalgate Heath to the south or Long Bennington to the north.