

## **WNP Report. John Fox, Chairman**

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In December a Strategic Environmental Assessment [SEA] was required. Environmental Agency, Historic England and Natural England have lingering concerns. [**WNP Website, Evidence Base, SODC 11: SEA Authorisation, Dec. 2017**] This has begun and findings will be published for response. We met OCC for the first time on 19 January. Infrastructure can only be discussed when development plans firm up. In February OCC's response followed to Brookes' outline planning application. It was detailed and impressive without mentioning 'No Money'. Wheatley congestion was acknowledged, and the shortfall in Brookes' treatment of it. From the start, WNP has resisted attempts to turn it into a traffic campaign. New development is the context and the time to start those discussions. New land use is the NP brief, not roads, except those linked with new land use. Traffic surveying is expensive and would have cost us much of our budget. The Parish Council is now due to revive its Infrastructure Committee through which to discuss roads and traffic with OCC directly, plus other issues, e.g capacity of surgery and schools. OCC advise Brookes of the remodelling needed from Holton flyover to High St alone to meet their proposed housing traffic. Once at the High St, discussion cannot ignore the seriously dangerous crossing and Station Rd. OCC also fully support Green Pathways. Get the available sections built, they say, get 'safeguarded' status for the problem sections and wait ! That way they stop being 'just talk'.

We are improving our Website – updating more quickly and including clearer contents directions.

Do try the Evidence Base [**EB**] **WNP Response to Brooks GVA proposals, Feb 2018, Brookes Dialogue 6**; then look at **EB Research 12, Tree Survey Holton Park 2017**. WNP sent both in response to the Brookes proposals. As we finalise the Draft WNP, Site Assessments are a priority, and to confirm site-owners' interest expressed in Consultation 2017. Basic Conditions (Compliance), Consultation Statement, Executive Summary (which *many* requested) and other statutory required papers are being composed in parallel as we wait for the SEA to end. More soon.