Informal Call-in Meeting: FP/051/02/24 North Essex Parking Partnership (NEPP) Joint Committee Draft Minutes 01.02.24

In attendance:

Cllr Ross Playle, Cllr Chris Siddall and Cllr Lynette Bowers-Flint Cllr Alan Goggin (Chairman of the Place Services and Economic Growth Policy and Scrutiny Committee) Cllr Dan Land (Chairman, North Essex Parking Partnership [NEPP])

Officers:

Justin Long (Senior Democratic Services Officer) Emma Tombs (Interim Democracy Lead) Richard Walker (NEPP) Jake England (NEPP)

The Chairman of the Place Services and Economic Growth Policy and Scrutiny Committee, Councillor Alan Goggin welcomed members to the informal meeting. The purpose of the meeting and the rules on call-in were outlined by officers.

Councillors Playle, Bowers-Flint and Siddall gave their reasons for calling in the decision, and on behalf of the NEPP, Councillor Dan Land and officers gave the background to the decision and outlined some of the wider challenges facing the NEPP.

It was noted that the Minutes of the Joint Parking Committee (JPC) meeting held on 1 February 2024 were felt to be an accurate reflection of the discussions held and the resolution that was passed. Whilst the option for an enhanced consultation, separate to the statutory consultation, was discussed at the meeting, it was not included in the resolution. Therefore, whilst noting the complexity of the subject and the range of interpretations that could be made it is likely that the Minutes will, at the next meeting of the NEPP Joint Committee, be agreed as a true record.

In consequence of the discussions held at the informal call-in meeting, the Chairman of NEPP, Councillor Dan Land has given the following assurance:

A report will go to the next meeting of the Joint Parking Committee (JPC) on 21 March 2024 confirming the following in relation to the Additional On-Street Parking schemes discussed at the 1 February 2024 meeting (see draft Minute 168):

- No final decision has been taken on whether any of the identified schemes will be implemented as this cannot be the case prior to statutory consultation. This is supported by the Minutes of the Joint Parking Committee (JPC) meeting held on 1 February 2024.
- There will be enhanced consultation on these schemes (including with county councillors) prior to the statutory consultation with the results reported to the JPC before a final decision is taken as to whether any of the schemes proceed to statutory consultation.