Meeting of THORNEY PARISH COUNCIL for a Community Meeting held in the Bedford Hall, Thorney on
Thursday 29 October 2026 at 7.00p.m.

Chair: Councillor Mrs M Long
Councillors: Mrs. D Halfhide, Mr J Francis, Mrs L Moore, Mr J Wren, Mr D Winch
Peterborough City Councillors Mr M. Ormston, Mr S Allen
Peterborough City Council Officers Mrs G Wildman, Mr P Moore

127 Members of the public

1 com/26-27 To receive and approve apologies for absence.
Received: Cllrs Mr G Mills

2 com/26-27 Presentation by Peterborough City Council Officers
Presentation given and presentation charts attached

3 com/26-27 Meeting open for public discussion
Most questions, answers and statements concerned Policy LP60.1 - Thornberry Lodge, Thorney, proposed Gypsy and Traveller site contained in Peterborough City Council Local Plan 2024 – 2043.
There were strong statements disapproving of the inclusion of this in the local plan because of its very large size, its adjacent to a high speed road that has seen numerous fatalities in recent years, that children from this site would have to be bused to school, there is no footpath, no street lights, no drainage, the ground is contaminated by previous and present usage, difficult access to health facilities and community access, most of the site is in a flood risk zone 3, the highest level.
The heated debate was brought to a close when the Head of Planning revealed the site proposed in the plan was put forward by the traveller owner.
This is not an objection to the provision of appropriate accommodation for Gypsy and Traveller families. The Council must plan positively to meet identified accommodation needs fairly and sustainably. However, the evidence now published and the discussion at the meeting demonstrates that Thornberry Lodge is not a suitable or deliverable allocation.
Some questions were discussed concerning anti-social behaviour on new development, social housing/affordable homes and inadequate control measures adopted by Peterborough City Council concerning new development.

3 com/26-27 Close of meeting and future actions
Thorney Parish Council will formulate objection to local plan proposals and publish this on the Parish Council website before submitting formally to Peterborough City Council.

The meeting closed at 9:05pm.