

MEETING OF FULL COUNCIL – 22 January 2024

AGENDA ITEM 7

QUESTIONS RECEIVED PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 9

1) *Question to the Leader of the Council, from Councillor David Dobbie – Local Ward Member for Gainsborough East*

“As the WLDC Representative on the Trent Valley Internal Drainage Board I am fully aware of the Beckingham Marshes and alleviating measures on the Nottinghamshire side of the river that were put in place over a few years to try to keep this main transport artery open during such flooding events, recognising the key role the road plays in our transport network.

Having found myself using the A631 – the day before the decision was made by Nottinghamshire County Council (NCC) to close the road, it would appear, that all that investment and mitigation measures failed due to around a 100m stretch of road – near what is termed locally, as 8 Arches. The remainder of the marshes had done the job they were intended to do, and if it wasn't for this small section of the road which sits lower and has little to no raised embankment, the travel chaos which ensued would not have resulted. In my opinion this is incompetent and renders the rest of the measures a simple waste of money.

My question is did NCC explain why they decided to close the road for the period? did they give this authority any advance warning? and further more have NCC advised us of any plans they have to improve this and any other weak points in the flood defences along the A631 to prevent a reoccurrence of this road closure during future flooding events, recognising the key role it plays in feeding this District , its businesses and residents.

Thank you”