Scrutiny Briefing Note.

The Communities Scrutiny Panel is asked to note progress on the Decision Notice dated 26th January 2026 in relation to recommendations for Improvements to Fuller Street Bridge. This briefing contains the latest position as of 6th November 2026.

Subject: Fuller Street Bridge Update

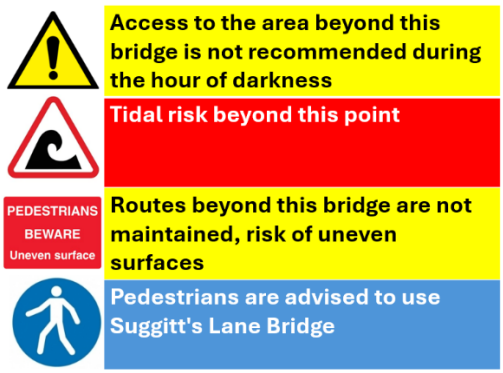
BACKGROUND

On 23rd April 2025 a formal petition was received by North East Lincolnshire Council with regards to improving safety and lighting of Fuller Street Bridge, this petition which was signed by over 200 residents. The formal petition was presented to the Portfolio Holder for Safer and Stronger Communities on the 18th of June 2025, with follow up meetings held on the 17th September 2025 and 26th January 2026 where officers provided feedback and options around the concerns raised.

A Decision Notice was published on the 28th January which was subsequently called in and heard at Communities Scrutiny Panel on 26th February 2026 which upon hearing was resolved and released for implementation subject to an update being provided back to Communities Scrutiny Panel. Please see below updates from the Decision Notice.

1.That signage at the bridge be installed warning people not to cross at night and use alternative routes.

Signage is now installed and in place (see below).





2. That the Rapid Deployment Camera remain in place and be reviewed after a three-month period.

The Rapid Deployment Camera was installed on Harrington Street, overlooking the Fuller Street Bridge, on 23 September 2025 and has remained in place since that date. In August 2026, a request was received from Humberside Police to preserve and archive footage as evidence in relation to a criminal investigation. The single request related to an incident of public disorder that occurred in the

vicinity of the bridge, no outcome of the offence has been reported back by the Police. The camera has remained in place for over a year, and no other requests have been made to archive footage.

Due to the lack of crime and ASB in the area it is intended for the Rapid Deployment Camera to be moved to a different location across the borough.

3. That officers look at options to make the street lighting brighter in the area and the new signage visible at night.

Following assessment by Street Lighting engineers it has been concluded that an additional streetlight is not possible on the bridge side of the street as it does not meet current design standards in terms of distance from the fencing line and the carriageway. It would have also required lengthy consultation with network rail and appraisal due to proximity of the line, reflection in the driver's line of site etc. therefore this in not feasible.

An alternative option is to replace the lamp heads on the existing streetlights on either side of the bridge with more powerful models to provide additional lighting. The estimated cost is £1,000–£2,000, with an anticipated delivery timescale of one to two months, subject to supply chain availability. As this would exceed the lighting specification required for this section of road, it falls outside the usual remit of the highways street lighting team. Consultation with the occupiers of neighbouring properties is therefore recommended to understand any concerns about potential light nuisance. If the consultation supports enhanced lighting, agreement to proceed will be sought from the relevant Portfolio Holder. If the consultation does not support the proposal and no further action is taken, an update will be provided to the Scrutiny Panel.



4. That a communications plan be devised between Humberside Police and North East Lincolnshire Council for informing the public about the levels of crime in the area.

Neighbourhood Networking Month of Action

North East Lincolnshire Council (NELC) commissioned Voluntary Action North East Lincolnshire (VANEL) to deliver a Neighbourhood Networking Month of Action in March 2026. The purpose of the initiative was to gain a better understanding of residents' perceptions and concerns regarding community safety.

Humberside Police supported the initiative through regular high-visibility patrols within the area and by engaging with residents on local community safety issues.

The key findings and activities undertaken are outlined below:

- VANEL distributed a "Do You Want a Neighbourhood Watch?" leaflet to every property on Fuller Street, as well as a section of Harrington Street adjoining Fuller Street Bridge.
- VANEL and Humberside Police conducted several community walkabouts, engaging directly with residents to discuss current issues affecting the area.
- Humberside Police also carried out several *Humber Talking* patrols, providing residents with information on local crime and anti-social behaviour (ASB) issues and encouraging them to register for *My Community Alert* (MCA).
- *Humber Talking* is a community engagement initiative designed to connect with residents face-to-face, enabling discussions around local concerns such as anti-social behaviour, drug-related activity, and other community safety issues.
- *My Community Alert* is a free two-way public messaging system operated by Humberside Police, Humberside Fire and Rescue Service, and the Humberside Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC). Subscribers receive timely updates about incidents in their neighbourhood, including burglaries, scams, crime prevention advice, and other community safety information.

Outcome

Between 1 November 2025 and 31 October 2026, there was one recorded crime within the area, relating to Public Fear Alarm or Distress (21-04-2026), and one reported incident of anti-social behaviour (April 2026). Local Police Officers also advised that very little crime is reported on Fuller Street.

The engagement activity indicated relatively low levels of reported crime and anti-social behaviour within the area. Residents were provided with opportunities to discuss community safety concerns, receive information about local policing activity, and access community safety resources such as Neighbourhood Watch and My Community Alert.

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