

Independent Commission on the Future of Brandon Meeting 19 May 2025

12.30-3.30pm, at Brandon Town Council Office (Old School House)

Meeting notes

- 1. The second formal Independent Commission on the Future of Brandon meeting took place on Monday 19 May 2025 at Brandon Town Council Office (Old School House).
- 2. The meeting was led by Mark Pragnell, Chair of the Independent Commission on the Future of Brandon.
- 3. The commissioners were in attendance, together with other attendees including landowners and representatives from Brandon Town Council and West Suffolk Council.
- 4. The first part of the meeting was about better understanding the issues. A presentation was delivered by West Suffolk Council Planning Officers to outline what development is permitted and not permitted within the built-up area.
- 5. This was followed by a discussion around potential opportunities within the town for the commission to explore.
- 6. The second part of the meeting was dedicated to listening to stakeholders and we heard presentations from a local landowner and a local business with landholdings.
- 7. The meeting concluded by discussing the commission's work programme. This included getting feedback on a draft specification for a housing, community and economy study, which is expected to take place during the summer.
- 8. The commission continues to seek evidence from a broad range of stakeholders, who are welcome to present at the third formal Independent Commission on the Future of Brandon meeting. This meeting will take place on Tuesday 3 June, 11.30am to 1.30pm, online via Microsoft Teams, where we will listen to more views from stakeholders.