

## Independent Commission on the Future of Brandon Meeting 10 September 2025

11am-2pm, at Center Parcs Elveden Forest

## **Meeting notes**

- 1. The fourth formal Brandon commission meeting took place on Wednesday 10 September 2025.
- 2. The meeting was led by Mark Pragnell, Chair of the Brandon commission.
- 3. The commissioners were in attendance, together with other attendees including businesses, landowners, local partnerships, residents and representatives from Brandon Town Council and West Suffolk Council.
- 4. A presentation was delivered by the Project Manager for 'The Brecks: Fen Edge & Rivers Landscape Partnership', which is a collaborative initiative that brings together local organisations, communities, and land managers to protect, enhance, and celebrate the unique natural and cultural heritage of the Brecks' fen edge and river landscapes.
- 5. We received a presentation from Volterra Partners LLP on progress to date with their 'Housing, Community and Economy Future Scenarios Study', which was followed by discussion.
- 6. We received updates from the business and resident groups that have met since the last full commission meeting.
- 7. We listened to a local parish council that wanted to present their evidence.
- 8. The final presentation was delivered by Natural England on Stone Curlew and the Habitat Regulations and included discussion around some of the issues and anomalies as to why compensation has been allowed in some cases and not in others
- 9. The meeting concluded with the chair of the commission explaining that we are now moving from the listening phase, during which we have spent the past few

months engaging with and hearing from stakeholders, into the next stage where the commissioners will draft their recommendations to present to the Leader of West Suffolk Council.