

Agenda Item 3.



PLANNING AND REGULATION COMMITTEE 4 NOVEMBER 2013

PRESENT: COUNCILLOR I G FLEETWOOD (CHAIRMAN)

Councillors Mrs H N J Powell (Vice-Chairman), Mrs V C Ayling, D M Hunter-Clarke, R J Hunter-Clarke, Ms T Keywood-Wainwright, J M Renshaw, C L Strange, T M Trollope-Bellew and W S Webb

Councillors: C J Davie attended the meeting as observers

Officers in attendance:-

Steve Blagg (Democratic Services Officer), Neil McBride (Development Manager), Charlotte Lockwood (Solicitor), Andy Gutherson (Head of Planning) and Brian Thompson (Head of Highways West)

105 DEATH OF COUNCILLORS C J UNDERWOOD-FROST AND J LIBELL

The Committee stood in silence as a mark of respect following the deaths of Councillors C J Underwood-Frost who was a recent member of the Committee and J Libell who was a member of the Committee from May 1999 to May 2005.

106 CHARLOTTE LOCKWOOD, SOLICITOR TO THE COMMITTEE

The Chairman welcomed Charlotte Lockwood, Solicitor, who had replaced Stuart Tym, Solicitor, as the new legal lead for the Committee.

107 APOLOGIES/REPLACEMENT MEMBERS

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D Brailsford, D C Hoyes MBE, D C Morgan and N H Pepper.

Councillor R J Hunter-Clarke deputised for Councillor D McNally for this meeting only.

108 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

It was noted that all members of the Committee had been lobbied by the Wildlife Trust in connection with minute 111.

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109 MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND REGULATION COMMITTEE HELD
ON 7 OCTOBER 2013

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the previous meeting of the Committee held on 7 October 2013, be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

110 TRAFFIC MATTERS

111 DENTON TO SKILLINGTON, THE DRIFT/VIKING WAY - PROPOSED
PROHIBITION OF DRIVING ORDER

Brian Thompson presented a report on the outcome of consultations to permanently prohibit all motorised vehicles from using a length of road on The Drift/Viking Way near Denton, Grantham, for all of the year rather than the seasonal closure from 1 November to 30 April. He added that since the report had been circulated Natural England and the Wildlife Trust had submitted further comments on the options detailed in the report. Brian Thompson stated that there was a further option for the Committee to visit the site.

Comments by the Committee included:-

1. The need for Farmers to be able to access The Drift.
2. There were many different conflicting users.
3. The Drift was a highway before motorised vehicles.
4. There was a need to protect tranquillity as this was an area that comprised a SSSI.
5. The need to protect such areas was enshrined in legislation.

On a motion by Councillor I G Fleetwood, seconded by Councillor T M Trollope-Bellew, it was –

RESOLVED (unanimous)

That consideration of the proposals detailed in the report be deferred pending a site visit.

112 COUNTY MATTER APPLICATIONS

113 SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT - TO CONSTRUCT A NEW SEWAGE
PUMPING STATION, LAY-BY AND ANCILLARY WORKS AT WOODCOTE
LANE, BURTON BY LINCOLN - ANGLIAN WATER SERVICES LIMITED -
W14/130249/13

Neil McBride stated that the applicant was making a case for carrying out the development under permitted development rights but discussions were on-going with the applicant about whether this was acceptable.

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On a motion by Councillor I G Fleetwood, seconded by Councillor D M Hunter-Clarke, it was -

RESOLVED (9 votes for and 1 against)

That planning permission be refused for the reasons detailed in the report.

114 PROPOSED ANAEROBIC DIGESTION PLANT AT GRANGE FARM, FEN ROAD, TOYNTON ST PETER, SPILSBY - R. H-J (FARMS) LTD - (E)S186/1583/13

Comments made by the Committee included:-

1. An enquiry about the grounds for objection.
2. Had the residents been contacted?
3. The opportunity should be taken to visit a working anaerobic digester in view of the new Members on the Committee.
4. An enquiry about the type of vehicles using the site
5. Enquiries about odour and vehicle movements.
6. The effect on highway safety from mud on the road.
7. The number of anaerobic digesters was increasing and there was a need for monitoring.
8. The need to protect agricultural land for food production.

Officers responded to the comments made by the Committee, including:-

1. An explanation of the consultation process particularly for local residents.
2. A site visit to an anaerobic digester operational site could be arranged. Any visit to a site pending approval should only take place when the report was available for consideration by the Committee.
3. Gave details of the type of vehicle used to carry material to the plant.
4. There was an option to improve the access road surface to the site.
5. Odour management and a complaints procedure was addressed by a condition in the report.
6. Details of the land to be used for the production of maize for the plant.
7. Gave details of the capacity of the plant.

On a motion by Councillor W S Webb, seconded by Councillor Mrs H N J Powell, it was

RESOLVED (9 votes for and 1 abstention)

1. That consideration of the planning application be deferred pending a site visit for the following reasons:-

- (a) To view the suitability of the access to and from the site for use by large vehicles supplying the anaerobic digester plant.
- (b) Clarify the source of the feedstock for the anaerobic digester plant.

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2. That it be noted that the site visit to Grange Farm, Toynton St Peter, Spilsby, will be carried out on the same day as visits to an operational anaerobic plant at Wrangle and sites for anaerobic digestion plants at Langrick and Woodall Spa which the applications are currently out to consultation and will be brought to the next meeting of the Committee on 4 December 2013.

115 FIRST PERIODIC REVIEW OF MINERAL PERMISSIONS (E)N158/0432/98
[VARIED BY (E)N158/1701/99 AND (E)N158/0075/06] AT KEDDINGTON
OIL SITE, STEWTON NEWKIN LANE, SOUTH COCKERINGTON -
(E)N158/1736/13

Paul Foster, representing the applicant, commented as follows:-

1. He had worked with the planning officers in the preparation of the revised conditions.
2. The content of the report was supported and the application would have no adverse impact on the local community.
3. Gave details of the production of oil and of the site's geography.
4. HGVs would visit the site every two days.
5. Stated that noise levels from flared gas had reduced substantially.
6. The site accorded with all statutory legislation.

In response to further comments made by the Committee, the applicant stated that he believed oil from the site was sent to Immingham for refining and that there were no problems in complying with the conditions.

On a motion by Councillor W S Webb, seconded by Councillor Mrs H N J Powell, it was -

RESOLVED (unanimous)

That the schedule of conditions submitted by the applicant be approved as detailed in the report.

The meeting closed at 11.40 am