

PRESENT: COUNCILLOR I G FLEETWOOD (CHAIRMAN)

Councillors Mrs V C Ayling (Stixwould and Langrick only), D C Hoyes MBE (not the Carlton Centre, Lincoln), D Hunter-Clarke, D McNally, Mrs H N J Powell, J M Renshaw and W S Webb (not the Carlton Centre, Lincoln)

Also in attendance for the site visit to Langrick – Councillor C E D Mair (local Member)

Officers in attendance: Steve Blagg (Democratic Services Officer), Sandra Barron (Planning Officer) and Neil McBride (Development Manager)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors B Adams, D Brailsford, M S Jones, N H Pepper and C L Strange

2. SITE VISITS TO PROPOSED ANAEROBIC DIGESTER SITES AT STIXWOULD, LANGRICK AND SPILSBY; A WORKING SITE AT WRANGLE AND THE CARLTON CENTRE, LINCOLN (ENFORCEMENT ISSUES)

The Committee visited proposed anaerobic digester sites at Stixwould, Langrick and Spilsby which were due to be considered at the next meeting of the Committee on 4 December 2013, and an operational anaerobic digester site at Wrangle. Before each visit officers explained the geography and salient features of the proposed sites.

The following issues were noted in connection with each site visit:-

(a) Stixwould

1. A view of the site from various nearby locations, including the Wellington Monument, Poolham Lane and Sandy Lane.
2. Landscaping proposed for the site.
3. The presence of a power line (It was noted that this would not affect the site).
4. Potential flooding issues on the highway but this could be addressed by conditions.
5. The elevation of the anaerobic tanks.
6. Restriction of vehicles using Poolham Lane.

(b) Langrick

1. The elevation of the proposed buildings.
2. The origination of materials to be used on the site.
3. The view of the site from various locations.

**PLANNING AND REGULATION
COMMITTEE
SITE VISITS
25 NOVEMBER 2013**

4. Access to the site from the main highway.
5. The applicant circulated a document on "commonly asked questions" in connection with anaerobic digester sites.

(c) Spilsby

1. Access to the site. (It was noted that the applicant had surfaced the access road near to the highway).
2. The use of clamps on the site was explained.
3. The distance of the site from the dyke which ran alongside the access road.

(d) Working Site at Wrangle (Staples plc)

1. The presentation of a film showing the working of an anaerobic digester which included detailed working of the plant on the site.
2. A conducted tour of the site.
3. The type of feed stock used to generate methane gas in the plant was explained.
4. The use of the methane gas and by-products produced by the plant.
5. Odour issues, if any. (It was noted from the tour of the site that odour was inoffensive and this was due to the materials used in the generation process).

(e) The Carlton Centre, Lincoln (Enforcement Issues)

1. It was noted that the development was still being constructed.
2. Measures to overcome the siting of the sprinkler unit located in front of the Centre which overlooked nearby residential properties were explained, including landscaping and the removal of certain parts of the sprinkler to make it less obtrusive to residential properties.

The meeting closed at 4.30pm.