

**PLANNING AND REGULATION COMMITTEE
4 JULY 2022**

PRESENT: COUNCILLOR I G FLEETWOOD (CHAIRMAN)

Councillors Mrs C L E Vernon (Vice-Chairman), T R Ashton, Mrs A M Austin, I D Carrington, A M Hall, Mrs A M Newton MBE, N H Pepper, R P H Reid, N Sear, P A Skinner and T J N Smith

Councillor C E H Marfleet attended the meeting as an observer via Microsoft Teams.

Officers in attendance:-

Jeanne Gibson (Programme Leader: Minor Works and Traffic), Martha Rees (Solicitor), Marc Willis (Applications Manager) and Rachel Wilson (Democratic Services Officer)

5 APOLOGIES/REPLACEMENT MEMBERS

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors P Ashleigh-Morris, S A J Blackburn and Mrs M J Overton MBE.

6 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest at this point in the meeting.

The Chairman highlighted that in relation to agenda item 4.1, some members present had not visited the site locations in the Bailgate on 14 March 2022 with the rest of the Committee. He advised that those members who had not visited, but had a good knowledge of the Bailgate may still vote on this item if they wish.

The Chairman also highlighted that a couple of e-mails in relation to the Bailgate scheme had been received over the weekend, and these had been circulated to the Committee in advance of the meeting.

7 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND REGULATION COMMITTEE HELD ON 6 JUNE 2022

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 6 June 2022 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

8 TRAFFIC ITEMS

9 LINCOLN, BAILGATE AND CHAPEL LANE - PROPOSED REVISED PERMIT PARKING SCHEME

The Committee considered a report which proposed a revised scheme for the introduction of a residents permit scheme in Bailgate and Chapel Lane.

In February 2022, a report was brought to the Committee for a proposal to introduce a new residents permit scheme in Bailgate and Chapel Lane named Zone 4H. Following a consultation with residents and businesses in the area, sufficient support was established for a scheme to be viable and a consultation took place whereby it was proposed to change all the existing limited waiting bays on Bailgate to the north of Westgate, and those at the south end of Chapel Lane, to dual use. They would be available to all for up to a one hour stay and for an unlimited period for permit holders. The bays in these areas were predominantly residential in nature and so would provide permit bays close to their users.

Many representations were made in response to the proposal, both in support and in opposition to it. Summaries of these representations were contained in the report to the Committee on 14 February 2022. Three options were put to the Committee in February, and following discussion resolved that Option 3 should be pursued– that further work to identify a means by which a permit scheme may be introduced in some form, but with less potential impact on Bailgate’s economy and community. A site visit for members subsequently took place on 14 March 2022, and a revised proposal, detailed at Appendix B to the report, had been put forward for consideration.

The revised proposal would reduce the number of existing limited waiting bays in Bailgate which would be changed to accommodate permit holders. However, potential permit holders residing in Bailgate and Chapel Lane would have access to an extension to the adjacent residents permit zones.

The report set out two potential options for the committee to consider:

- Option A – Proceed with the previous scheme as advertised so that the existing 1 hour limited waiting bays in Bailgate north of Westgate and on Chapel Lane, as shown at Appendix A to the report, are made available to permit holders for an unlimited period.
- Option B – Proceed with statutory consultation and public advertisement of the revised scheme as shown at Appendix B to the report.

Officers advised that if Option A was selected, it could be implemented within 1 – 2 months, Option B would take approximately 3 – 4 months to process with a further report to this Committee at the end of the year should objections be received.

Councillor K E Lee was invited to address the Committee as the local member for Ermine and Cathedral, and points highlighted to the Committee included the following:

- She had previously spoken at the meeting in February 2022 about the concerns and the impacts this would have on local residents.

- This was about fairness for everybody. The residents were willing to share the spaces.
- It had been demonstrated that there was ample parking in the area, which four or five car parks close by. The issue was about access to free parking.

Councillor R B Parker was invited to address the Committee as the local member for Lincoln Carholme, and points highlighted to the Committee included:

- He wished to represent the views of both residents and businesses.
- Key parts of the uphill Lincoln economy were struggling, and the City of Lincoln car parks were important to attract tourists. The on street parking spaces were mainly used by local people doing their shopping, or collecting prescriptions etc.
- The revised proposal would have a lesser impact but would still affect the make up of the area.
- It was highlighted that local businesses also had the support of Visit Lincolnshire and Lincoln BIG.
- The residents parking scheme would substantially benefit those residents that lived in the area, as some did have to park significant distances from their homes.
- A number of those people who had signed the petitions were not local residents.
- The new scheme should be welcomed, particularly with the extension of the neighbouring permit zones which would increase the number of spaces available.
- It was important that any new scheme was fair, and the Committee was urged to support Option B.

The Chairman proposed that the Committee consider a further Option (C) – which was to leave the current parking as it was. If it did become a pinch point in the future, there would be the potential for part of the scheme to be revised if necessary.

It was commented that it seemed an uninspired approach to turn parts of the Bailgate into residents parking. Residents were already making their own arrangements, and when they moved there, they did so knowing there was no/limited parking. There was a need to look at options which did not encourage more cars into an already cramped part of Lincoln.

On a motion proposed by Councillor I G Fleetwood and seconded by Councillor P A Skinner, it was:

RESOLVED (9 for, 3 abstentions)

That the proposed scheme be abandoned and the on street parking in the area remained unchanged.

10 BURWELL, A16 & MUCKTON ROAD - PROPOSED 30MPH SPEED LIMIT

The Committee considered a report in connection with a reduction of the existing 40mph speed limit through the village of Burwell. Investigations had indicated that this may be considered a 'Borderline Case', as defined within the Speed Limit Policy and a 30mph limit may be introduced subject to the approval of the Committee. Following a fatal road traffic accident on the A16 within Burwell village several residents requested that the existing 40mph speed limit be reduced to 30mph, and subsequently an assessment was carried out in line with the criteria set out in the County Council's Speed Limit Policy. The existing speed limit had been in place for many years and would be the results of a speed survey which determine if the level can be reduced. Speed survey equipment located at the site identified in Appendix B to the report, measured a mean speed of 35mph. This lies within 3pmh of the level required to justify a 30mph speed limit, as specified in the Policy, and was therefore a borderline case in accordance with 4.2 of the policy.

Councillor C E H Marfleet was invited to address the Committee via Microsoft Teams, as the local member for Louth Wolds. His comments were as follows:

- He very much supported the request for a reduction to 30mph, as there had been many accidents in this area, as it was a very fast stretch of the A16.
- It was welcomed that Highways was examining the speed on the approach from the north of the village, as the village was constantly under pressure from speeding vehicles.
- The Burwell-Muckton road was a very narrow road, and any incidents could cause traffic to be diverted.
- It was also requested whether there could be a parent-child Slow Down sign installed as he was aware that families regularly walked along this road.

There was support from the Committee of a reduced speed limit, as it was agreed it was a fast stretch of road, and members also commented that they would like to see the southern approach to the 30mph limit reviewed with some urgency. Officers agreed that the southern approach could be examined.

On a motion proposed by Councillor I G Fleetwood and seconded by Councillor T R Ashton, it was:

RESOLVED (unanimous)

That the reduction in speed limit proposed be approved and the necessary consultation proceed to it into effect be pursued.

11 COUNTY MATTER APPLICATIONS12 FOR THE PROPOSED SOUTHERN EXTENSION TO EXISTING SAND AND GRAVEL

EXTRACTION OPERATIONS WITH RESTORATION TO LOW LEVEL AGRICULTURE AND AMENITY/NATURE CONSERVATION AT LAND SOUTH OF WEST DEEPING QUARRY, KING STREET, WEST DEEPING - CEMEX UK OPERATIONS LTD - S22/0756

TO VARY CONDITIONS 2 AND 4 OF PLANNING PERMISSION S19/2127 TO ALLOW FOR AN AMENDED PHASING PROGRAMME AND REVISIONS TO THE APPROVED RESTORATION SCHEME AT CEMEX WEST DEEPING QUARRY, KING STREET, WEST DEEPING - CEMEX UK OPERATIONS LTD - S22/0757

The Committee considered a report which set out details of two concurrent applications which had been made by Cemex UK Operations Ltd for proposals which related to their West Deeping Quarry, King Street, West Deeping.

The Applications Manager guided members through the report and set out the main issues to be considered in the determination of the application.

The report recommended that, following consideration of the relevant development plan policies and the comments received through consultation and publicity, that conditional planning permissions be granted for both applications.

In considering the applications, members commented that the proposals were logical and it was clear that the applications needed to be granted. It was also important to note that no objections to the proposals had been received. The Committee was advised that there would be no additional traffic movements as a result of these proposals.

On a motion proposed by Councillor I G Fleetwood and seconded by Councillor T J N Smith, it was:

RESOLVED (unanimous)

That conditional planning permission be granted for application S22/0756.

On a motion proposed by Councillor I G Fleetwood and seconded by Councillor T J N Smith, it was:

RESOLVED (Unanimous)

That conditional planning permission be granted for application S22/0757.

13 FOR THE EXTRACTION OF SAND AND GRAVEL BENEATH FORMER PLANT SITE WITH ENHANCED RESTORATION TO AMENITY/NATURE CONSERVATION AT MANOR PIT, BASTON OUTGANG ROAD, BASTON - CEMEX UK OPERATIONS LTD - S22/0758

The Committee considered a report where planning permission was sought by Cemex UK Operations Ltd for the extraction of sand and gravel beneath former plant site with

enhanced restoration for amenity/nature conservation at Manor Pit, Baston Outgang Road, Baston, in the parish of Baston.

The Applications Manager guided members through the report and set out the main issues to be considered in the determination of the application.

The report recommended that following consideration of the relevant development plan policies and comments received through consultation and publicity, that conditional planning permission be granted.

It was commented that the routing agreement for HGV movements was commensurate with the location, and any road safety concerns were being addressed.

On a motion proposed by Councillor R P H Reid, and seconded by Councillor N H Pepper, it was:

RESOLVED (unanimous)

That conditional planning permission be granted.

14 TO CHANGE THE USE / EXTENDED USE OF PART OF THE EXISTING CEMEX WEST DEEPING QUARRY TO ALLOW FOR THE IMPORTATION OF MINERAL TO THE SITE FOR PROCESSING AT CEMEX, WEST DEEPING QUARRY, KING STREET, WEST DEEPING - CEMEX UK OPERATIONS LTD - S22/0759

The Committee considered a report where planning permission was sought by Cemex (UK) Operations Ltd for a temporary change of use/extended use of part of the existing CEMEX West Deeping Quarry to allow for the importation of mineral to the site for processing at Cemex, West Deeping Quarry, King Street, West Deeping.

The Applications Manager guided members through the report and set out the main issues to be considered in the determination of the application.

The report recommended that following consideration of the relevant development plan policies and comments received through consultation and publicity, that conditional planning permission be granted.

It was confirmed that this application was time limited, and if necessary, there would be an option to make an application for an extension.

On a motion proposed by Councillor T J N Smith, and seconded by Councillor R P H Reid, it was:

RESOLVED (unanimous)

That conditional planning permission be granted.

The meeting closed at 11.33 am