



**PLANNING AND REGULATION
COMMITTEE
11 APRIL 2016**

PRESENT: COUNCILLOR I G FLEETWOOD (CHAIRMAN)

Councillors D McNally (Vice-Chairman), J W Beaver, D Brailsford, G J Ellis, D C Hoyes MBE, D M Hunter-Clarke, Ms T Keywood-Wainwright, Mrs M J Overton MBE, N H Pepper, Mrs J M Renshaw and W S Webb

Councillor C J Davie attended the meeting as an observer

Officers in attendance:-

Steve Blagg (Democratic Services Officer), Andy Gutherson (County Commissioner for Economy and Place), Neil McBride (Planning Manager) and Stuart Tym (Solicitor)

89 APOLOGIES/REPLACEMENT MEMBERS

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M S Jones, C L Strange and T M Trollope-Bellew.

The Chief Executive reported that under the Local Government (Committee and Political Groups) Regulations 1990, he had appointed Councillor Mrs M J Overton MBE to the Committee, in place of Councillor Mrs H N J Powell, for this meeting only.

90 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

None declared at this stage of the meeting.

**91 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND
REGULATION COMMITTEE HELD ON 14 MARCH 2016**

(Note: Councillor Ms T Keywood-Wainwright arrived in the meeting)

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the previous meeting of the Planning and Regulation Committee held on 14 March 2016, be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

92 TRAFFIC ITEM

93 WEST KEAL, A155 - SUGGESTED 30 MPH SPEED LIMIT

(Note: Councillor D Brailsford arrived in the meeting)

The Committee received a report in connection with a proposal to pursue a reduction in the speed limit level along the A155 at West Keal following two recent accidents and the fact that the County Council's new Speed Limit Policy had recently been approved.

Officers stated that while the Mean Speeds on this stretch of road in West Keal ranged from 33mph to 37mph the criteria for a 30mph speed limit required Mean Speeds to be below 32mph to warrant the imposition of a 30mph speed limit. However, in terms of the new Policy, this location could be classed as a Borderline Case and that the location and any possible reduction could be considered by this Committee.

The Committee commented on the effect of housing development on the speed limit and officers reiterated that the density of development in the area already met the Speed Limit criteria and that in this particular case it was Mean Speed that was the issue.

On a motion by Councillor I G Fleetwood, seconded by Councillor Mrs M J Overton, it was –

RESOLVED (unanimous)

That the speed limit reduction on the A155 and Church Lane, West Keal, be supported and that officers be requested to formally consult and advertise the proposal to gauge wider public reaction to the idea and that any concerns or objections received be reported to this Committee for further discussion.

94 COUNTY MATTER APPLICATION

95 PROPOSED WESTERN QUARRY EXTENSION (IN THE PARISH OF TATTERSHALL THORPE) AND EASTERN QUARRY EXTENSION (IN THE PARISHES OF TUMBY AND CONINGSBY) AT WOODHALL SPA QUARRY, TATTERSHALL THORPE - AGGREGATE INDUSTRIES UK LTD - (E)S176/0840/15

Since the publication of the report the Planning Manager had requested that condition 7 should be amended to include an additional sentence "The approved scheme shall be implemented in full" and that condition 18 should be amended to read "3m" to "5m".

Graeme King, representing the applicant, commented as follows:-

1. The material from the site was of a high quality and used in many concrete products.
2. Gave details of the number of employees employed by the company and stated that should the Council decide not to approve the application then employees would be made redundant.
3. The site had been in operation for 60 years.

4. The proposed conveyor belt to be used on the proposed eastern development to carry excavated material to the treatment works was explained.
5. It was proposed to use only those vehicles currently in use on the western site for the new proposal on this site.
6. It was proposed to extract 2.4m tonnes from the eastern site and 1.1m tonnes from the western site.
7. The current operational site had limited reserves.

Comments by the Committee included:-

1. The business had operated at this site for many years.
2. Aircraft from RAF Coningsby would not be affected by the planning application.
3. It was important that the applicant was aware of subsidence issues as the eastern development was adjacent to the A153.
4. There was a gradient on the road at the A153/Wharf Road junction which would require gritting during icy weather.
5. It was noted that Local Parish Councils had either not objected or had made little comment on the application.
6. Had drainage issues been addressed?
7. The need to protect the ecology, the environment and the public right of way which ran through the site.

Officers' responses included:-

1. The responses to consultation from local Parish Councils were detailed in the report and stated that they had either not responded or had few comments to make on the application.
2. With regard to concerns about the eastern part of the development abutting the A153, highways had not raised any issues and the necessary safeguards would be put in place by the applicant to prevent subsidence.
3. The woodland on the eastern part of the development would now be protected.
4. Appropriate mitigation measures which had been examined by statutory consultees and detailed in the Environmental Statement were in place to protect the environment and ecology.

On a motion by Councillor D C Hoyes MBE, seconded by Councillor I G Fleetwood, it was –

RESOLVED (unanimous)

(a) That the applicant be invited to enter into a Section 106 Planning Obligation in relation to:

- vehicle routeing;
- the submission and implementation of a 10 year aftercare plan;
- the submission and implementation of a scheme for clay seals around any waterbodies and maintenance in perpetuity; and
- the submission and implementation of a Bird Management Plan in perpetuity.

(b) That, subject to the conclusion of Planning Obligation in (a) above, the Executive Director for Environment and Economy be authorised to grant planning permission subject to the conditions detailed in the report, but with condition 7 being amended to include an additional sentence "The approved shall be implemented in full" and condition 18 being amended to read "No stockpile shall exceed 5 metres in height".

(c) That the report forms part of the Council's Statement pursuant to Regulation 24 of the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2011 which requires the Council to make available for public inspection at the District Council's Offices specified information regarding the decision. Pursuant to Regulation 24(1)(c) the Council must make available for public inspection a statement which contains:

- content of decision and any conditions attached to it;
- main reasons and considerations on which decision is based;
- including if relevant, information about the participation of the public;
- a description, when necessary, of the main measures to avoid, reduce and if possible offset the major adverse effects of the development;
- information recording the right to challenge the validity of the decision and procedure for doing so.

The meeting closed at 11.10 am