

Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 6 August 2020

Present: Mark Winnington (Chairman)

Attendance

David Brookes	Paul Snape
Ron Clarke	Mike Worthington
David Smith (Vice-Chairman)	Bob Spencer
John Cooper	Ian Lawson
Trevor Johnson	Jeremy Oates
Kyle Robinson	Richard Ford

Apologies: Alan Dudson

PART ONE

67. Declarations of Interest in Accordance with Standing Order No. 16

Name of Member	Nature of Association	Minute No./ Application No.
Mark Winnington	Personal interest in Item 5c and 5d as he is the local member for that division.	Item 5c: 19/08/4004 Item 5d: 20/01/4004

Due to the nature of Councillor Mark Winnington's Declaration of Interest, he advised that he would vacate the Chair for item 5c and 5d and would speak to the Committee as the local member for the area.

68. Minutes of the meeting held on 6 February 2020

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 6 February 2020 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

69. Appointment of Members to the Countryside and Rights of Way Panel

RESOLVED – That:

- Mr Winnington, Mr Smith, Mr Brookes, Mr Snape and Mr Dudson be appointed to the Countryside and Rights of Way Panel for 2020/21
- Mr James, Mr Lawson, Mr Worthington, Mr Clarke and Mr Robinson be appointed to the Countryside and Rights of Way Panel as Substitutes for 2020/21
- Mr Winnington be appointed as the Chairman of the Countryside and Rights of Way Panel for 2020/21
- Mr Smith be appointed as the Vice-Chairman of the Countryside and Rights of Way Panel for 2020/21

70. Applications for Permission

71. Cauldon Cement Plant, Earlsway, Staffordshire SM.19/13/111 MW & SM.19/10/111 MW

The Committee received a presentation by the Case Officer recommending to delegate authority to determine the application for Hazardous Substances Consent for proposed fuel storage and feed system for alternative fuel firing and ancillary development (SM.19/13/111 MW).

The Committee also received a presentation by the Case Officer on the proposed Fuel Storage and Feed System for Alternative Fuel Firing and ancillary development (SM.19/10/111 MW).

In accordance with the County Councils scheme for public speaking at meetings, the Committee received a representation from Mr C Hinton from Waterhouses Parish Council and Mr S Hutchings representing the applicant.

Following a vote it was:

RESOLVED: (a) To grant delegated authority to the Director for Economy, Infrastructure and Skills in consultation with the Chairman of Planning Committee and the Cabinet Member for Environment, Infrastructure and Climate Change, to determine the application for Hazardous Substances Consent for proposed fuel storage and feed system for alternative fuel firing and ancillary development, on receipt of the relevant consultation responses, particularly from the HSE.

(b) To PERMIT the application for a Fuel Storage and Feed System for Alternative Fuel Firing and ancillary development subject to the applicant and all other persons with an interest in the land signing a Section 106 Legal Agreement to secure the terms listed in the report and subject to the planning conditions listed in the report.

72. Alrewas Quarry, Croxall Road, Alrewas, Burton on Trent L.19/09/817 MW

The Committee received a presentation by the Case Officer on the proposed application for the winning and working of sand and gravel including a southern extension and the re-phasing of permitted working and restoration schemes; the restoration of the quarry by the importation of inert waste material; the provision of new crossing points and conveyor bridges at Stockford Lane, Sittles Lane and Roddige Lane as well as the continued use of existing crossing points on Roddige Lane, the A513 and Croxall Road; and the continued use of the mineral processing plant and other ancillary facilities already permitted including weighbridge, site offices, field conveyor, concrete batching plant and bagging plant.

In accordance with the County Councils scheme for public speaking at meetings, the Committee received representations from Ms L Servian, objecting to the application, Mr J Pegg representing Alrewas Parish Council and Mr N Atkins representing the applicant.

Following a vote it was:

RESOLVED: To PERMIT the application for the winning and working of sand and gravel including a southern extension and the re-phasing of permitted working and restoration schemes; the restoration of the quarry by the importation of inert waste material; the provision of new crossing points and conveyor bridges at Stockford Lane, Sittles Lane and Roddige Lane as well as the continued use of existing crossing points on Roddige Lane, the A513 and Croxall Road; and the continued use of the mineral processing plant and other ancillary facilities already permitted including weighbridge, site offices, field conveyor, concrete batching plant and bagging plant subject to the applicant and all other persons with an interest in the land signing a Section 106 Legal Agreement to secure the terms listed in the report and subject to the planning conditions listed in the report.

Note by Clerk: Mr D Smith took the Chair.

73. Brookfield Farm, Cowley, Gnosall, Stafford S.19/08/4004 W

The Committee received a presentation by the Case Officer on the proposed application to vary (not comply with) Condition 1 (Approved documents and plans) of planning permission ref. S.16/05/4004 W relating to: amendments to the location of the weighbridge and office; reduction of the landscape area (trees and hedges retained as approved); the increase of the 'lean to' size; inclusion of pasteurising equipment; relocation of liquid storage tanks; relocation of odour control (now referenced bio filter); relocation of post pasteurisation tank and, amendments to the northern elevation of the food de-packaging facility ancillary to the adjacent Anaerobic Digestion (AD) plant.

In accordance with the County Councils scheme for public speaking at meetings, the Committee received representations from Mr C Kidson objecting to the application, Mr R Greatrex on behalf of Gnosall Parish Council and Mr M French speaking on behalf of the applicant.

Mr M Winnington as local Member advised the Committee that in recent times there had been public concern about the site. He sought assurances that the landscaping would still be fit for purpose despite the buildings relocation and that the County Council would be able to regulate the site.

The Committee raised concerns about the impact of the operations on the local residents and agreed that the approval of this application would be subject to the applicant signing a Section 106 Legal Agreement to secure a Site Liaison Committee in relation to both the Anaerobic Digestions Facility and the food de-packaging facility.

The Committee also discussed restricting the exporting of de-packaged food waste from the de-packaging facility to anywhere other than the adjacent Anaerobic Digestion/ Biogas facility.

Following a vote it was:

RESOLVED: To PERMIT the application to vary (not comply with) Condition 1 (Approved documents and plans) of planning permission ref. S.16/05/4004 W relating to: amendments to the location of the weighbridge and office; reduction of the landscape

area (trees and hedges retained as approved); the increase of the 'lean to' size; inclusion of pasteurising equipment; relocation of liquid storage tanks; relocation of odour control (now referenced bio filter); relocation of post pasteurisation tank and, amendments to the northern elevation of the food de-packaging facility ancillary to the adjacent Anaerobic Digestion (AD) plant subject to the 33 conditions listed in the report, an additional condition to restrict the export of de-packaged food waste from the de-packaging facility to anywhere other than the adjacent Anaerobic Digestion/ Biogas facility, and the applicant and all other persons with an interest in the land signing a Section 106 Legal Agreement to secure a Site Liaison Committee in relation to both the Anaerobic Digestion Facility and the food de-packaging facility.

Note by Clerk – Mr Winnington asked that his name be recorded as having abstained from voting on the recommendations.

74. Brookfield Farm, Cowley, Gnosall, Stafford S.20/01/4004 W

The Committee received a presentation by the Case Officer on the proposed application to consolidate the existing Anaerobic Digestion (AD) facility / biogas facility (planning permission Ref. S.13/11/4004 W) and amendments to the layout including: relocation of separator; new concrete road within the site; erection of new building to replace and relocate the existing store for separated digestate fibre (planning permission Ref. S.15/01/4004 W); and erection of two end storage tanks for liquid digestate to replace the lagoons previously used.

In accordance with the County Councils scheme for public speaking at meetings, the Committee received representations from Mr C Kidson objecting to the application, Mr R Greatrex on behalf of Gnosall Parish Council and Mr M French speaking on behalf of the applicant.

Mr M Winnington as local Member advised the Committee of the condition of the nearby roads. He requested the Committee query the operating hours as they currently included Sundays, Bank and Public Holidays and also suggested that there should be more conditions around the digest taken out of the site should stay local.

The Committee discussed restricting the hours of operation at the site, however, they were informed that they could only control the export of digestate with this application. The Committee agreed to setting a vehicle restriction and a restriction on the days/ hours for vehicle movements exporting the digestate from the site.

The Committee raised concerns about the impact of the operations on the local residents and agreed that the approval of this application would be subject to the applicant signing a Section 106 Legal Agreement to secure a Site Liaison Committee in relation to both the Anaerobic Digestions Facility and the food de-packaging facility.

Following a vote it was:

RESOLVED – To PERMIT the application to consolidate the existing Anaerobic Digestion (AD) facility / biogas facility (planning permission ref. S.13/11/4004 W) and amendments to the layout including: relocation of separator; new concrete road within

the site; erection of new building to replace and relocate the existing store for separated digestate fibre (planning permission ref. S.15/01/4004 W); and erection of two end storage tanks for liquid digestate to replace the lagoons previously used at Lower Reule Bioenergy Ltd, Brookfield Farm, Cowley, Gnosall, Stafford subject to the 27 conditions listed in the report, an additional condition to control the export of digestate (liquid and fibre digestate) from the site via a vehicle restriction and a restriction on the days / hours for vehicle movements exporting the digestate from the site, and the applicant and all other persons with an interest in the land signing a Section 106 Legal Agreement to secure a Site Liaison Committee in relation to both the Anaerobic Digestion Facility and the food de-packaging facility.

Note by Clerk – Mr Winnington asked that his name be recorded as having abstained from voting on the recommendations.

Note by Clerk – Mr Winnington retook the Chair.

75. Barton Quarry (Western Extension), Walton Lane, Barton under Needwood ES.17/11/502 M

The Committee received a presentation by the Case Officer on the proposed application for Western extension to Barton Quarry between A38 road and railway line to extract 6 million tonnes of sand and gravel over a period of 10 years and to restore the site to landscaped water areas with biodiversity, landscape and flood alleviation benefits.

In accordance with the County Councils scheme for public speaking at meetings, the Committee received a representation from Mr S Lamb on behalf of the applicant.

Following a vote it was:

RESOLVED: To PERMIT the western extension to Barton Quarry between A38 road and railway line to extract 6 million tonnes of sand and gravel over a period of 10 years and to restore the site to landscaped water areas with biodiversity, landscape and flood alleviation benefits subject to the applicant signing a Section 106 Legal Agreement to secure the terms listed in the report and subject to the planning conditions listed in the report.

76. Planning, Policy and Development Control - Annual Performance Report

The Committee received a report of the Director for Economy, Infrastructure and Skills on the planning development control and policy making performance over the period 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020.

The Committee were presented with details of performance against various categories of application and the respective targets. The Committee noted the performance with policy-making; the development control performance against various categories of application and the respective national and local targets; the income from applications and pre-application advice; and, the staffing changes in the Planning, Policy and Development team.

The Committee expressed their thanks to the Planning, Policy and Development team.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

77. Exclusion of the public

RESOLVED – That the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business which involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 12A (as amended) of the Local Government Act 1972 indicated below.

78. Planning Regulation - Performance and Delegated Decisions Report

The Committee were informed of the work and performance of the Planning Regulation Team including details of notices served since 1st April 2019.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

Chairman