

PLANNING COMMITTEE

4th August 2015

PRESENT:-

Conservative Group

Councillor Roberts (Chairman), Mrs Brown (Vice Chairman) and Councillors Atkin, Mrs Farrington, Ford, Grant, Mrs Hall, Stanton and Watson.

Labour Group

Councillors Dunn, Pearson, Shepherd and Southerd.

In attendance

The following Members also attended the Meeting: Councillors MacPherson, Smith (Conservative Group) and Richards (Labour Group).

PL/44 **APOLOGIES**

No apologies for absence were received.

PL/45 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Southerd declared a non-pecuniary interest in application number **CW9/2015/0002** by reason of his being Chair of the Derbyshire County Council Planning Committee.

Councillor Dunn declared a non-pecuniary interest in application number **CW9/2015/0002** by reason of his being a Substitute Member of the Derbyshire County Council Planning Committee.

Councillor Ford declared a non-pecuniary interest in application number **CW9/2015/0002** by reason of his being a Member of the Derbyshire County Council Planning Committee.

PL/46 **QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO.11**

The Committee was informed that no questions from Members of the Council had been received.

MATTERS DELEGATED TO COMMITTEE

PL/47 **REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY AND PLANNING SERVICES**

The Director of Community and Planning Services submitted reports for consideration and determination by the Committee and presented oral reports to the Meeting to update them as necessary. Consideration was then given thereto and decisions were reached as indicated.

PL/48 **OUTLINE APPLICATION (ALL MATTERS EXCEPT FOR ACCESS RESERVED FOR SUBSEQUENT APPROVAL) FOR RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT ON LAND AT SK2816 1036 LINTON HEATH LINTON SWADLINCOTE**

Mr R Kinson (objector) and Ms J Hodson (agent in support) attended the Meeting and addressed Members on this application.

Queries and comments made by Councillors relating to NHS funding, traffic issues, its sustainable settlement status, parking, intrusion into the countryside, speed limits, the lack of response from the Derbyshire County Council Flood Team, the previous application and the likely appeal outcomes if the application were to be refused were noted and responded to.

RESOLVED:-

That planning permission be refused contrary to officer recommendation on grounds of visual intrusion into the countryside.

PL/49 **CREATION OF A 5MW SOLAR FARM WITH ASSOCIATED INVERTER/TRANSFORMER INFRASTRUCTURE, ON-SITE SUBSTATION, PERIMETER FENCING, CCTV AND EXPORT CABLE ON LAND AT SK3220 9010 SHORT HAZELS FARM MANCHESTER LANE HARTSHORNE SWADLINCOTE**

It was reported that members of the Committee had visited the site earlier in the day.

Dr A Kirby (agent in support) attended the Meeting and addressed Members on this application.

Queries and comments made by Councillors relating to visual impact, tree planting, the panels surface finish, the potential for a proliferation of such schemes, the change in status from green field to brown field land, the effect on public footpaths, screening, fencing, potential disruption during delivery / construction phase and site traffic management were noted and responded to.

RESOLVED:-

That planning permission be granted subject to the conditions set out in the report of the Director of Community & Planning Services.

PL/50 **THE ERECTION OF A SINGLE STOREY EXTENSION AT 13 NELSON STREET SWADLINCOTE**

RESOLVED:-

That planning permission be granted subject to the conditions set out in the report of the Director of Community & Planning Services.

- PL/51 **DEMOLITION OF KENNEL FACILITIES AND THE ERECTION OF 3 DWELLINGS AT LITTLEHOLM KENNELS COTON PARK LINTON SWADLINCOTE**

RESOLVED:-

That planning permission be granted subject to the conditions set out in the report of the Director of Community & Planning Services.

Councillors Dunn, Ford and Southerd left the Chamber at 7.05pm.

- PL/52 **ERECTION OF A 15MW RENEWABLE ENERGY CENTRE AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE (COUNTY REF: CW9/0615/48) ON LAND AT SK2319 0645 FORMER DRAKELOW POWER STATION WALTON ROAD DRAKELOW SWADLINCOTE**

Queries and comments made by Councillors relating to the amount of electricity to be generated, air quality standards, the source and make-up of the biomass materials and the removal of ash waste were noted and responded to.

RESOLVED:-

That no objection to the proposed development be raised subject to the conditions set out in the report of the Director of Community & Planning Services.

- PL/53 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 (AS AMENDED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985)**

RESOLVED:-

That, in accordance with Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended), the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the Meeting as it was likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that there would be disclosed exempt information as defined in the paragraphs of Part 1 of the Schedule 12A of the Act indicated in brackets after each item.

EXEMPT QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE No 11.

The Committee was informed that no questions had been received.

The meeting terminated at 7.20pm.

COUNCILLOR A ROBERTS

CHAIRMAN