

## **PLANNING COMMITTEE: MINUTES**

Date: Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2015

Time: 10.00 – 10.35

Place: Kreis Viersen Room, Shire Hall, Cambridge

Present: Councillors B Ashwood, D Connor (Chairman), S Criswell, W Hunt, D Jenkins, S Kindersley, A Lay, M Loynes, J Scutt and M Smith (Vice-Chairwoman)

### **120. APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M Mason and K Reynolds (Cllr S Criswell sub.)

There were no declarations of interest.

### **121. MINUTES – 26<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2015**

The minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2015 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

### **122. SUBMISSION OF DETAILS PURSUANT TO CONDITION 8 OF PLANNING PERMISSION REFERENCE S/0461/14/CW: LAND ADJACENT TO ROYSTON SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS, A505, MELBOURN, ROYSTON SG8 5JT APPLICANT: WINTERS HAULAGE LIMITED LPA REF: S/0461/14/CW/C1**

The Committee received a report on a condition relating to the access to a site where planning permission had been granted, with the requirement to submit details of the proposed site access improvements. Members were reminded that they had considered the original application in July 2014, but at that time had expressed concerns about the vehicular access to the site. Although the site was in Cambridgeshire, the access road led directly on to the A505 north of Royston, which was in Hertfordshire. Details had subsequently been submitted by the applicant, including details of the upgrading of the deceleration lane off the A505, which was being widened slightly and increased in length to 70 metres. The condition had been presented at the March meeting of the Planning Committee but a decision was deferred in order for a request to Hertfordshire County Council be made that officers attend the meeting in order for questions to be asked regarding their assessment of the access to the site.

Highways Officers from Hertfordshire County Council were unable to attend the meeting but submitted the safety audit and a statement. They had considered an acceleration lane for the site but concluded that it would be a safety hazard.

The Committee was informed that information regarding another condition relating to the planting scheme of the planning application had been returned. It was suggested by officers that Members may wish to delegate the decision to discharge the condition to the Head of Growth and Economy in consultation with the Chairman of the Planning Committee and Councillor Lay.

During discussion of the report Members:

- Expressed disappointment that officers from Hertfordshire County Council were unable to attend the meeting.
- Highlighted that the vehicles exiting the site were heavily laden and slow moving and posed a significant accident risk.
- Questioned whether a condition could be made to improve signage leading up to the junction. Officers explained that the signage at the site entrance will have to be agreed between the developer and Hertfordshire County Council as the highway authority as part of the Section 278 agreement which enables works to be carried out on the public highway. Officers will inform Hertfordshire County Council of Members' concerns regarding highway safety and request that Hertfordshire County Council as the highway authority look to ensure that adequate signage is added to the highway as part of the S278 agreement, warning motorists of slow moving vehicles turning out of the site.
- Expressed that the number of vehicle movements coupled with the 70mph speed limit on the road posed a significant risk of accidents

It was proposed by Councillor Loynes and seconded by the Chairman of the Committee for the decision to discharge condition 7 of the planning application to the Head of Growth and Economy in consultation with the Chairman of the Planning Committee and Councillor Lay.

It was resolved to approve the discharge of condition 8 of the application and delegate the decision to discharge condition 7 of the application to the Head of Growth and Economy in consultation with the Chairman of the Planning Committee and Councillor Lay.

#### **124. SUMMARY OF DECISIONS MADE UNDER DELEGATED POWERS**

The Committee received a report on decisions made under delegated powers between 18<sup>th</sup> March 2015 and 15<sup>th</sup> March 2015.

The Committee resolved to note the report.

#### **125. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY 21<sup>st</sup> May 2015**

Chairman