

Meeting PLANNING AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

Date Tuesday 18 September 2018 (commencing at 10.30 am)

**Membership**

Persons absent are marked with `A`

**COUNCILLORS**

Jim Creamer (Vice-Chair)

Pauline Allan	John Longdon
Andy Brown	Rachel Madden
Richard Butler	Kevin Rostance
Neil Clarke MBE	Tracey Taylor
Sybil Fielding	Keith Walker
Paul Henshaw	Andy Wetton

**OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Pete Barker – Chief Executive’s Department  
Rachel Clack – Chief Executive’s Department  
Rob Fisher – Place Department  
Joel Marshall – Place Department  
Jonathan Smith – Place Department  
Debbie Wragg – Place Department

**1. CHAIR**

In the absence of Councillor Barnfather, Councillor Creamer took the Chair.

**2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING HELD ON 17th July 2018**

The minutes of the meeting held on 17 July 2018, having been circulated to all Members, were taken as read and were confirmed and signed by the Chair of the meeting.

**3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillor Barnfather who had suffered a family bereavement. On behalf of committee members the Vice Chair expressed their sympathies.

#### **4. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS**

No declarations of interest were made.

#### **5. DECLARATIONS OF LOBBYING OF MEMBERS**

All Members had received material/correspondence relating to the extraction of shale gas, which did not preclude them from speaking or voting on Item 8, Draft Response to Two Consultation Papers Relating to Shale Gas Proposals.

#### **6. APPROVED PREMISES FOR CIVIL CEREMONIES**

Mr Fisher introduced the report which provided an annual update and overview of the County Council's role in licensing premises for the solemnisation of marriages and the registration of civil partnerships.

On a motion by the Chair, duly seconded, it was:-

#### **RESOLVED 2018/020**

That Committee receive an update report in the next 12 months and that this be included in the work programme.

#### **7. DANESHILL LANDFILL SITE, LOUND ROAD, RETFORD DN22 8RB**

Mr Smith introduced the report which concerned three planning applications seeking permission to extend the use of the recycling compound for a further temporary period of five years, for the recycling of inert construction and demolition waste.

Following the introductory remarks of Mr Smith, Mr Thistlethwaite was given the opportunity to speak and a **summary** of that speech is set out below:-

- I am a specialist waste and minerals planning consultant who has worked with the applicant, FCC Environment, to prepare the three applications.
- Recycled and secondary aggregate that would be produced by the site is increasingly making an important contribution to the UK's construction needs.
- By reducing the demand for primary aggregates it helps the wider industry improve its sustainability credentials.
- Currently in the UK over 30% of the aggregate used in the construction industry is generated from recycled sources, the continued option to use the Daneshill site will help to increase this.
- With the predicted growth in housing required to support the country's and Nottingham's own needs, facilities such as Daneshill have a crucial role to

play in ensuring that these developments are as sustainable as they practically can be.

- The recycled material generated by the Daneshill site can play an important part in the delivery of a wide variety of elements of the construction industry from a bulk fill material required to create level building platforms through to making up the constituent parts of cement and concrete mixtures.
- Whilst the Daneshill site has been moth-balled in recent years there has been the aspiration from the applicant to recommence recycling operations on site at short notice, as and when the market demand arises.
- The previous planning condition had required the restoration of the proposal by late 2017 and this stifled the use of the site as the opportunity for it to be used ended.
- By extending the use of the site for a further 5 years there is sufficient time to allow the limited investment required to recommence recycling operations to be economically viable.
- The site is a brownfield one and well located in terms of access to the road network whilst also being well screened from sensitive receptors. This is underlined by the fact that no objections were received from either statutory and council consultees or local residents.
- To further reassure members, the site will continue to be subject to regular monitoring visits by the council's and the applicant's own experienced teams to ensure it operates within its approved terms.
- The applicant has worked closely and collaboratively with NCC officers to agree the approach outlined in the report.
- The proposals are fully supported by the latest local and national planning policies and have the potential to contribute significantly to delivering sustainable development.

There were no questions.

Following the speech Members debated the item and the following comments and questions were responded to:-

- No lorry routeing plan is proposed. It is assumed traffic will go straight on to the A1, with volumes anticipated to be lower than those allowed for in the permission.
- Highways have not objected to the proposals and the situation will not be any worse for residents than that which they are currently experiencing.

On a motion by the Chair, duly seconded, it was:-

**Resolved 2018/020**

1. That planning permission be granted for planning application 1/18/00217/CDM subject to the conditions set out in Appendix 1 of the report.
2. That planning permission be granted for planning application 1/18/00218/CDM subject to the conditions set out in Appendix 2 of the report.
3. That planning permission be granted for planning application 1/18/00219/CDM subject to the conditions set out in Appendix 3 of the report.

**8. AB WASTE DISPOSAL LIMITED, BLEAKHILL SIDINGS, SHEEPBRIDGE LANE, MANSFIELD, NOTTS, NG18 5EP**

Mr Smith introduced the report which sought permission for a variation of approved plans to erect a covered waste bay building as well as full permission for a small wash down area.

The key issues related to the visual appearance and residential amenity concerns.

Following the introductory remarks of Mr Smith, Members debated the item and the following comments and questions were responded to:-

- Members welcomed any measures that limited noise and dust on site and minimised the taking of mud off the site.
- The proposals should result in an improvement and could be termed as a 'planning gain'.

**Resolved 2018/022**

That planning permission be granted subject to the conditions set out in Appendix 1 of the report.

**9. DRAFT RESPONSE TO TWO CONSULTATION PAPERS RELATING TO SHALE GAS PROPOSALS**

Mr Smith introduced the report which sought Members' views and input on the County Council's draft response to the Government's consultation papers relating to shale gas proposals entitled 'Permitted development for shale gas exploration' and 'Inclusion of shale gas projects in the nationally significant infrastructure project regime'.

Mr Smith informed Members that their views would be used to finalise the County Council's response on the two consultations which will be brought to Planning and Licensing Committee in October for final approval prior to being submitted to the Government as the Council's formal response.

Following the introductory remarks of Mr Smith, Members debated the item and the following comments and questions were responded to:-

- The Chair emphasised that the consultation was not about supporting fracking but around process and representation.
- Schemes allowed under permitted development could still contain conditions that Committee would need to approve, those to do with hours for example.
- Not all the consequences of planning decisions are always anticipated, for example the impact on the provision of affordable housing made by the residential conversion policy has meant access to Section 106 monies has been lost.
- It has been made clear at public meetings held to discuss the consultation that all individuals can make their own submissions. This participation has been encouraged with details of how to do so having been made available at such meetings.
- The importance of Members being seen as accountable was emphasised with decisions made locally and constituents' concerns addressed. The Authority's response could be re-worded to reinforce this point.
- Concern was expressed at the possible impact of multi-national companies having successfully been granted permission at other authorities subsequently seeking permission from this authority.

### **Resolved 2018/023**

That Members consider the draft response to the questions posed by the two consultation papers issued by the Government and provide comments to officers in order that they can finalise the County Council's formal response, which will be brought back to this committee in October for final approval.

### **10. DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROGRESS REPORT**

Mr Smith introduced the report and confirmed that it was the usual regular report detailing which reports were likely to come before Committee.

### **Resolved 2018/024**

1. That an update report entitled 'Approved Premises for Civil Ceremonies' be brought back to Committee in 12 months' time.

2. That a report detailing the Authority's final response to the Government's consultation papers relating to shale gas proposals entitled 'Permitted development for shale gas exploration' and 'Inclusion of shale gas projects in the nationally significant infrastructure project regime' be brought to the October meeting of the Committee for approval.

The meeting closed at 11.26am

**CHAIR**