Nottinghamshire County Council

minutes

Meeting	ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE
Date	Thursday 14 November 2013 (commencing at 10.30am)

Membership
Persons absent are marked with an 'A'

COUNCILLORS

Jim Creamer (Chairman)
John Wilkinson (Vice-Chairman)

Richard Butler
Steve Calvert
Stan Heptinstall MBE
Colleen Harwood
Roger Jackson
Bruce Laughton
Pamela Skelding

Ex-officio (non-voting)
A Alan Rhodes

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Lisa Bell	Team Manager	–	Planning Policy
Sally Gill	Group Manager	–	Planning
Jas Hundal	Service Director	–	Transport, Property and Environment
Ruth Rimmington	Democratic Services Officer		

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 10 October 2013, having been circulated to all Members, were taken as read and were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

Temporary Membership Change

The following change of membership was reported to the meeting:-

- Councillor Colleen Harwood replaced Councillor Parry Tsimbiridis (for this meeting only).

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

STRATEGIC PLANNING OBSERVATIONS

a) Erection of three Wind turbines at Headstand Bank Cottam

Lisa Bell Team Manager Planning Policy introduced the report. As part of the discussions the Committee raised a query as to whether the provision of an increased number of smaller wind turbines could generate a similar amount of energy as the proposed larger wind turbines. Concerns were expressed with regard to the impact of these on the local communities due to their significant heights. Queries were also raised as to the level of community buy-in.

Following discussion an amendment to the motion was moved by Councillor Stan Heptinstall and seconded by Councillor Jim Creamer:-

The motion should be changed to read as follows:-

1) That Bassetlaw District Council be advised that the development is supported in principle as it is recognised that significant weight is given to renewable energy at a National and strategic planning level.

2) The County Council raises significant objections in relation to the implications for heritage assets and considers there to be insufficient information relating to the impacts of the proposal on the historic environment and landscape and visual impact.

The amendment was put to the vote and was carried.

RESOLVED 2013/058

1) That Bassetlaw District Council be advised that the development is supported in principle as it is recognised that significant weight is given to renewable energy at a national and strategic planning level.

2) The County Council raises significant objections in relation to the implications for heritage assets and considers there to be insufficient information relating to the impacts of the proposal on the historic environment and landscape and visual impact.

b) Single Wind Turbine at Mill Farm Cottage Weston Newark

This item was withdrawn since Newark and Sherwood District Council had withdrawn the application.

c) Single Wind turbine at Whatton Stud Manor Farm Whatton

Lisa Bell Team Manager Planning Policy introduced the report. Following discussion an amendment to the motion was moved by Councillor Stan Heptinstall and seconded by Councillor Jim Creamer:-

The motion should be changed to read as follows:-

1) That Rushcliffe Borough Council be advised that the development is supported in principle as it is recognised that significant weight is given to renewable energy at a national and strategic planning level

(2) The County Council considers there to be insufficient information relating to the impacts of the proposal on landscape and visual impact and does not support this element of the proposal.

The amendment was put to the vote and was carried.

RESOLVED 2013/59

1) That Rushcliffe Borough Council be advised that the development is supported in principle as it is recognised that significant weight is given to renewable energy at a national and strategic planning level.

2) The County Council considers there to be insufficient information relating to the impacts of the proposal on landscape and visual impact and does not support this element of the proposal.

d) Installation of a Solar Farm at Lodge Farm Orston

RESOLVED 2013/60

1) That Rushcliffe Borough Council be advised that the development is supported in principle as it is recognised that significant weight is given to renewable energy at a National and strategic planning level.

2) That the application is deferred to allow the applicant to address the issues raised relating to Highways, landscape and Visual Impact and Ecology as set out in the report.

e) Summary of Strategic Planning Observations

Sally Gill, Group Manager, Planning introduced the report.

RESOLVED 2013/61

That the report be noted.

ASHFIELD DISTRICT COUNCIL LOCAL PLAN PUBLICATION DOCUMENT 2013 - CONSULTATION

Lisa Bell Team Manager Planning Policy introduced the report.

RESOLVED 2013/62

That the Committee ratify the officer response set out in appendix 2 of the report which was sent to Ashfield District Council on 30 September 2013.

STRATEGIC PLANNING RESPONSE TO THE PARTIAL REVIEW OF NORTHAMPTONSHIRE MINERALS AND WASTE LOCAL PLAN

RESOLVED 2013/63

That the Committee ratify the comments in the report that had been sent to Northamptonshire County Council on 31 October 2013.

WASTE CORE STRATEGY EXAMINATION – RECEIPT OF INSPECTOR'S REPORT AND ADOPTION

RESOLVED 2013/64

1) That the progress on the Waste Core Strategy be noted.

2) That the Committee approve the re-naming of the Waste Core Strategy to the Nottinghamshire and Nottingham Replacement Waste Local Plan Part 1: Waste Core Strategy.

PROTOCOL FOR PLANNING APPLICATIONS TO BE TAKEN BY THE ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

RESOLVED 2013/65

That the Committee approve the agreed protocol for dealing with the strategic planning comments on planning applications and other strategic matters with effect from 1 December 2013 as set out at Appendix A to the report.

WORK PROGRAMME

In response to some member concerns about the cancellation of meetings, the Chair underlined that this was a pilot exercise which aimed to clarify the optimum meeting frequency. The Chair agreed to feedback any concerns raised with him direct as appropriate.

RESOLVED 2013/66

The committee noted the work programme.

CHAIRMAN M_14 November 13