

minutes

Meeting ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

Date Thursday 18 July 2013 (commencing at 10.30am)

membership

Persons absent are marked with 'A'

COUNCILLORS

Richard Butler
Steve Calvert
Jim Creamer
Stan Heptinstall
Roger Jackson

Richard Jackson
Pamela Skelding
Parry Tsimbirdis
John Wilkinson

Ex-officio (non-voting)

A Alan Rhodes

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mick Allen – Group Manager, Waste and Energy Management

Lisa Bell – Team Manager, Planning Policy

Tim Gregory – Corporate Director Environment and Resources

Jas Hundal – Service Director, Transport, Property & Environment

Ruth Rimmington – Democratic Services Officer

MEMBERSHIP

It was reported that Councillor Richard Jackson had been appointed to the committee in place of Councillor Bruce Laughton for this meeting only.

MINUTES

The minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 18 July 2013, having been circulated to all Members, were taken as read and were confirmed and signed by the Chair.

DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

None

ELECTRONIC WORKING

The Chair informed the committee of his wishes to be the Authority's first committee to operate electronically. Members acknowledged there were constraints that would need to be resolved ahead of it happening in the future.

PRESENTATION ON PLANNING POLICY

Lisa Bell Team Manager Planning Policy gave an overview of the work undertaken by the Authority's Planning Policy Team. The committee heard about each of its three areas of responsibility; the Minerals and Waste Local Plans; Strategic Planning and Developer Contributions.

Lisa further reported that the draft National Waste Management Plan had been published for public consultation on 15th July and that the Planning Inspector appointed to examine the Waste Core Strategy had requested that the County Council undertake a further targeted consultation on any impacts the publication of the National Waste Management Plan may have on the Waste Core Strategy. This would run until 16th August 2013.

The Government review of Planning Policy Statement 10: Planning for Sustainable Waste Management was also expected to be published for public consultation before the end of July which could require a further targeted consultation to assess the impacts of this on the Waste Core Strategy. The Planning Inspector had indicated that the additional targeted consultation was unlikely to have an impact on the timetables for producing her report.

STRATEGIC PLANNING OBSERVATIONS

a) Strategic Planning Observations on Planning Application for Residential Development on Land North of Skegby Lane Mansfield Bingham

RESOLVED 2013/39

- 1) That Mansfield District Council is advised that, whilst the principle of housing development in terms of strategic, national housing and economic growth is supported, the application constitutes a departure, by means of Policy NE4 (Open character of sensitive gaps between settlements), from Mansfield District Council's Local Plan and the applicant fails to justify why this departure is appropriate.
- 2) That further highway related work is necessary to assess impact on the safety and operation of local roads and junctions and that additional archaeological work is provided by the applicant in the form of a field evaluation, due to it being considered that inadequate and insufficient information has been provided with the application to properly assess its acceptability in landscape and visual impact terms.

- 3) That if Mansfield District Council are minded to approve the application, then the County Council request that they consult with the Developer Contributions Team to assess the need for developer contributions in line with the Council's adopted Planning Contributions Strategy.

b) Strategic Planning Observations on the erection of a single wind turbine at land at Orston, Nottinghamshire

RESOLVED 2013/40

- 1) That Rushcliffe Borough Council is 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) If Rushcliffe Borough Council is minded to grant planning permission for the proposal, issues raised in terms of visual and landscape impacts should be satisfactorily addressed and that two conditions with regards to nature conservation be included as follows:
- The applicants undertake a repeat survey for badgers within 50m of the working area prior to development commencing, with mitigation measures provided as necessary; and
 - Vegetation clearance should be controlled during the bird nesting season.
- 3) That Rushcliffe Borough Council seeks explicit confirmation from the applicant that no impact on great crested newts is predicted.

c) Summary of Planning Consultations

RESOLVED 2013/41

That the report be noted.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE LOCAL AGGREGATES ASSESSMENTS – 2013

RESOLVED 2013/42

That Committee approve the 2013 Local Aggregates Assessment attached as an appendix to the report.

WORK PROGRAMME

There would be a visit to Langford Lowfields Quarry in Newark that would coincide with the start of the consultation on the Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan.

The September meeting would take place at Mansfield Material Recovery Facility (MRF).

There was a discussion about the Local Improvement Scheme and how it was progressing.

A presentation on Coal Gas would be added to the committee's work programme.

RESOLVED 2013/43

That the report and its additions be noted.

The meeting closed at 11:35am.

CHAIRMAN

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