

Minutes of the extraordinary meeting held virtually on Wednesday, 22nd July, 2020 at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Cllrs Collett; Dangerfield; Devine; Easterfield; Farrar(Chairman); Jones; Sues.

In attendance: Cty Cllr. Bradnam; Dist. Cllr Cone and Daunton; 7 members of the public.

2020/58 To receive apologies

Cllr Bush; the clerk

2020/59 Open forum for members of the public

Members of the public expressed concern that:

Site 3, Honey Hill, of the consultation was in the middle of Wicken Fen site and was the most rural of the three proposed sites.

that there is a conflict in planning policy between development of brownfield sites and protection of Green Belt protection. It was noted that the NPPH states that 'there is a presumption in favour of sustainable development' and that 'planning should encourage the effective use of land by reusing land that has been previously developed provided that it is not of high environmental value'

that the planning is to be determined by the Secretary of State on a recommendation from the Planning Inspectorate

that the maps show that 73 HGVs each day will require access to the site. Concern was expressed that should this be the case High Ditch Road and the bridge over the A14 would need major upgrading.

2020/60 To agree to oppose the relocation of Cambridge Waste Water Treatment Plant to Site 3, known as Honey Hill, of the consultation.

It was agreed that the Council would oppose the development for the following reasons:

it is on the Green Belt for the relocation of the Cambridge Waste Water Treatment Plant in the same way that they had opposed the previous 2006-08 consultation under the County Mineral and Waste Plan for the relocation of a wastewater treatment plant at Honey Hill.

the Council continue to maintain that the land south, east and north-east of the built-up village and conservation areas both remain undeveloped – the siting of a waste water treatment plant at Honey Hill would introduce 22ha of industrialisation in undeveloped land in close proximity to the Wicken Fen Vision area.

that the Council continue to promote the concept of an additional Green Lung leading off the Cambridge Green Lung extending along the River Cam

that the Council consistently object to speeding traffic and HGV traffic along High Ditch Road and the B1047, Horningsea Road.

the need to protect the archaeological potential of the area of Fleam Dyke following the recent significant discoveries during the Wing/Marleigh excavations

The Council are aware that the action group, Save Honey Hill, formed in 2006 has reformed.

2020/61 To request, in view of the restrictions caused by the Covid pandemic, an extension of the 6 week consultation period to 14 weeks (30th September) to enable the Council to consult in a proper manner with residents and interested parties and to obtain and evaluate further information in addition to that provided by Anglian Water

It was agreed that the Council will request an extension to the consultation period for the following reasons:

that some members of the community did not receive the documentation from Anglian Water circulated at the start of the consultation

that the restrictions of the Covid-19 pandemic to hold public meetings and the reliance on virtual meetings has made communication cumbersome and for those who are unable to manage the technology impossible

the existing end dates fall within the summer holidays

questions which are arising from the documentation need to be answered by Anglian Water prior to a full response from the Council and time to arrange such clarity is limited

the consultation for the North East Cambridge Area Action Plan, the reasoning behind the need to relocate the waste water treatment plant is not running in sequence.

2020/62 To agree to seek the support of other organizations to the above two proposals

It was agreed that other organizations should be contacted to seek support to the proposals above.

Chairman Date

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