

7<sup>th</sup> July 2018

**Pewsey Community Area Partnership (PCAP), Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) and Pewsey Parish Council (PPC) Statement to Pewsey Area Board, 9<sup>th</sup> July 2018, on the status of Everleigh HRC**

Following on from the PAB on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2018, PCAP/CPRE/PPC received a formal response dated 7<sup>th</sup> June to the questions submitted for the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> May.

The consultation on the proposed closure of Everleigh was issued on the 11<sup>th</sup> June and copies were provided to the local groups by the WC Director for Waste.

PCAP/CPRE/PPC provided a statement to the Cabinet Meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> June in Salisbury on the status of Everleigh Household Recycling Centre. It was noted that the 'Consultation on the Proposed Closure of Everleigh Household Recycling Centre' had been issued the previous day on the 11<sup>th</sup> June. The groups had not had the opportunity to look at the consultation in detail but the initial belief was that the consultation may be unlawful.

The chair of the Cabinet Meeting noted the point and placed an action on the Councils Monitoring Officer to investigate the legal status of the consultation as identified in the cabinet minutes.

PCAP/CPRE/PPC provided a statement to the Cabinet Meeting held on the 26<sup>th</sup> June advising that having conducted a full review of the consultation they had independently produced two separate documents, an assessment and an appraisal. Both documents concluded the same, that it is believed that the consultation on the proposed closure of Everleigh Household Recycling Centre may be unlawful. All of the documentation was provided directly to the Monitoring Officer.

On 2<sup>nd</sup> July in response to the PCAP/CPRE/PPC assessment and appraisal WC advised that the issue is whether the process is lawful, in terms of the factors set out by the Courts. Having considered the points raised in the submissions, the Council remains satisfied that the consultation process that it is undertaking is lawful.

The Council response did not provide any comment on the content of the PCAP/CPRE/PPC submissions and does not provide arguments to substantiate the Councils conclusion.

At the Cabinet Meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> July PCAP/CPRE/PPC provided a statement advising that the groups are surprised by the Councils assessment and we will now consider the response in detail and refer the consultation to considered legal opinion. A submission to obtain legal opinion is currently being generated and is expected to be with Solicitors by the end of the week.

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