

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 2 JUNE 2016 AT COUNCIL CHAMBER - COUNTY HALL, TROWBRIDGE BA14 8JN.

Present:

Cllr Andrew Davis (Chairman), Cllr Glenis Ansell, Cllr Trevor Carbin, Cllr Terry Chivers, Cllr Stewart Dobson, Cllr Charles Howard, Cllr Bridget Wayman, Cllr Fred Westmoreland, Cllr Jerry Wickham (Substitute) and Cllr Magnus Macdonald (Substitute)

Also Present:

Cllr Toby Sturgis and Cllr Alan Hill

31 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from:

Cllr Tony Trotman who was substituted by Cllr Jerry Wickham
Cllr David Jenkins who was substituted by Cllr Magnus Macdonald

32 **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Jerry Wickam stated that he held the position as Portfolio Holder for Waste but would consider all the issues involved in the Lower Compton waste management facility in Minute No 37 below with an open mind.

Cllr Glenis Ansell stated that she acted as Chairman of the Calne Air Quality Working Group.

33 **Chairman's Announcements**

There were no Chairman's announcements.

34 **Public Participation and Councillors' Questions**

No questions had been received from councillors or members of the public.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. He then explained the rules of public participation and procedure to be followed at the meeting.

35 **14/09744/WCM - Lower Compton Waste Management Facility, Lower Compton, Calne, SN11 8RB - Retain and extend existing Materials Recycling Facility including transfer activities, screening bund and ancillary activities and development.**

The Committee noted that at its meeting on 17 June 2015, this Committee considered this application and resolved as follows:

To refuse planning permission for the following reasons:-

- 1. The development proposal conflicts with Core Policy 55 (Air Quality) of the Wiltshire Core Strategy.**
- 2. The development proposal conflicts with Core Policy 60 (Sustainable Transport), Core Policy 61 (Transport and New Development) and Core Policy 65 (Movement of Goods) of the Wiltshire Core Strategy.**
- 3. The Environmental Statement accompanying the planning application is flawed in terms of the approach taken to the no-project baseline scenario, the transport assessment and the air quality assessment.**

Members then heard the views of Dr Peter Alberry, a local resident expressing his views regarding this issue.

The Committee was then asked to consider the way forward in the light of legal advice received.

36 **Exclusion of the Public**

Resolved:

To agree that in accordance with section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 to exclude the public from the meeting for the business specified in Minute No. 37 because it is likely that if members of the public were present there would be disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in paragraph 5 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act and the public interest in withholding the information outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information to the public.

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The Committee considered a confidential report by the Area Development Manager.

On hearing the views of Cllr Alan Hill, the local Member in support of refusal of the application and on considering the legal advice from Counsel for the Council requested by the Solicitor to the Council,

Resolved:

In the light of Counsel's Advice, to inform the Planning Inspectorate and Appellant that the Council no longer seeks to defend those reasons for refusal and promptly gives notice to the Planning Inspectorate and the Appellant that it will not be defending its reasons for refusal at that Inquiry.

(Duration of meeting: 10.30 - 11.25 am)

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