

**Planning Regulatory Committee
Minutes of the Meeting Held on Friday 24 July 2015
at 10am in the Edwards Room, County Hall**

Present:

Mr B Long (Chairman)

Mr S Agnew
Mr S Askew
Mr B Bremner
Mr D Collis
Mr C Foulger
Mr A Grey
Mr J Law

Ms E Morgan
Mr W Northam
Mr M Sands (Vice-Chairman)
Mr E Seward
Mr M Storey
Mr J Ward
Mr A White

In attendance:

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| Mr N Campbell | Senior Planner |
| Mr R Cox | Principal Planner |
| Mr A Harriss | Senior Planner |
| Mr N Johnson | Planning Services Manager |
| Ms J Linley | nplaw |
| Mrs J Mortimer | Committee Officer |
| Mr J Shaw | Highways |

1 Apologies and Substitutions

Apologies for absence were received from Mr M Baker.

2 Minutes from the meeting held on 19 June 2015

- 2.1 The minutes from the Planning (Regulatory) Committee meeting held on 19 June 2015 were agreed as a correct record by the Committee and signed by the Chairman.

3 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.

5 **C/7/2014/7030: Southern extension to Mangreen Quarry and ancillary works with progressive restoration to agriculture and nature conservation by the importation of inert restoration materials; Retention of existing consented facilities, establishment of a crossing point over Mangreen Lane and Proposed variation to the approved restoration scheme. Development by Lafarge Tarmac.**

- 5.1 The Committee received a report by the Executive Director of Community and Environmental Services seeking planning permission for an extension to the mineral operations at Mangreen Quarry on an area of agricultural land to the south of the existing quarry site and Mangreen Lane, for a period of 8 years. A programme of extraction and progressive restoration to a mix of agriculture, woodland and a balancing pond was being proposed. The scheme also included retention of the existing aggregate processing plant complex, bagging plant, ready-mix plant and access/haul road.
- 5.2 In response to questions from the Committee, the following points were noted:
- The monitoring officer was satisfied with the standard of restoration work which had already been carried out in areas of the site where extraction had been completed.
 - The hedgerow would be removed until extraction had ceased and restoration of the site had been completed, after which a new hedgerow would be planted.
- 5.3 Mr Mike Pendock, Estates Manager at Lafarge Tarmac addressed the Committee in support of the application. He thanked officers for the comprehensive report and added that the site was in an ideal location as it was approximately 3 miles from Norwich with easy access onto the A140 and the A47 road network. He also added that Lafarge Tarmac had operated within Norfolk for many years and he highlighted Whitlingham Park as an excellent example of the restoration work carried out at a previously completed extraction site. He also mentioned that the lack of local objections was a testament to Lafarge Tarmac's ability to work with the local community.
- 5.4 Members of the Committee praised the clean working at the site and also the restoration work carried out at Whitlingham Park.
- 5.5 In response to a question about the reason for using lorries to transport extracted materials instead of a conveyor system, Mr Pendock said that using lorries had been considered the most appropriate transportation method at the site.
- 5.6 Mr C Foulger, Local Member for Forehoe Division which covered the application site said that the application site was one of the cleanest sites he had ever visited and he had been very impressed with the operation. He added that Swardeston Parish Council had raised no objection to the application.

- 5.7 On being put to the vote, the Committee unanimously **RESOLVED** that the Executive Director of Community and Environmental Services should be authorised to:
- i) Grant planning permission subject to a Section 106 Legal Agreement in respect of long term wildlife management, vehicle routing and removal of a right turn lane in the highway and the conditions outlined in section 12 of Appendix A of the report.
 - ii) Discharge conditions (after discussion with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Committee) where those detailed in the report required the submission and implementation of a scheme, or further details, either before development commenced, or within a specified date of planning permission being granted.
 - iii) Delegate powers to officers (after discussion with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Committee) to deal with any non-material amendments to the application that may be submitted.
- 6 Broadland District: C/5/2015/5010: Strumpshaw Closed Landfill Site, Mill Hill, Strumpshaw: Installation and operation of a small scale electricity generation plant. Executive Director of Community and Environmental Services, Norfolk County Council.**
- 6.1 The Committee received a report by the Executive Director of Community and Environmental Services seeking planning permission for the installation and operation of a small scale electricity generation plant fuelled by landfill gas.
- 6.2 During the presentation of the report, it was noted that since the report had been published a response had been received from the Lead Local Flood Authority who had raised no objection to the application.
- 6.3 On being put to the vote, the Committee unanimously **RESOLVED** that the Executive Director of Community and Environmental Services should be authorised to:
- i) Grant planning permission subject to the conditions outlined in section 12 of the report.
 - ii) Discharge conditions (after discussion with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Committee) where those detailed in the report required the submission and implementation of a scheme, or further details, either before development commenced, or within a specified date of planning permission being granted.
 - iii) Delegate powers to officers (after discussion with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Committee) to deal with any non-material amendments to the application that may be submitted.

The meeting ended at 10.20am

CHAIRMAN



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