

To: Members of the Planning & Regulation Committee

Notice of a Meeting of the Planning & Regulation Committee

Monday, 7 March 2011 at 2.00 pm

County Hall, New Road, Oxford



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Members are asked to contact the case officers in advance of the committee meeting if they have any issues/questions of a technical nature on any agenda item. This will enable officers to carry out any necessary research and provide members with an informed response.

Membership

Chairman – Councillor Steve Hayward
Deputy Chairman - Councillor Mrs Catherine Fulljames

Councillors

Alan Armitage
Tony Crabbe
Anda Fitzgerald-O'Connor
Jenny Hannaby
Ray Jelf

Peter Jones
Lorraine Lindsay-Gale
David Nimmo-Smith
Neil Owen
G.A. Reynolds

John Sanders
Don Seale
John Tanner

Notes:

- **Date of next meeting: 11 April 2011**

Declarations of Interest

This note briefly summarises the position on interests which you must declare at the meeting. Please refer to the Members' Code of Conduct in Part 9.1 of the Constitution for a fuller description.

The duty to declare ...

You must always declare any "personal interest" in a matter under consideration, ie where the matter affects (either positively or negatively):

- (i) any of the financial and other interests which you are required to notify for inclusion in the statutory Register of Members' Interests; or
- (ii) your own well-being or financial position or that of any member of your family or any person with whom you have a close association more than it would affect other people in the County.

Whose interests are included ...

"Member of your family" in (ii) above includes spouses and partners and other relatives' spouses and partners, and extends to the employment and investment interests of relatives and friends and their involvement in other bodies of various descriptions. For a full list of what "relative" covers, please see the Code of Conduct.

When and what to declare ...

The best time to make any declaration is under the agenda item "Declarations of Interest". Under the Code you must declare not later than at the start of the item concerned or (if different) as soon as the interest "becomes apparent".

In making a declaration you must state the nature of the interest.

Taking part if you have an interest ...

Having made a declaration you may still take part in the debate and vote on the matter unless your personal interest is also a "prejudicial" interest.

"Prejudicial" interests ...

A prejudicial interest is one which a member of the public knowing the relevant facts would think so significant as to be likely to affect your judgment of the public interest.

What to do if your interest is prejudicial ...

If you have a prejudicial interest in any matter under consideration, you may remain in the room but only for the purpose of making representations, answering questions or giving evidence relating to the matter under consideration, provided that the public are also allowed to attend the meeting for the same purpose, whether under a statutory right or otherwise.

Exceptions ...

There are a few circumstances where you may regard yourself as not having a prejudicial interest or may participate even though you may have one. These, together with other rules about participation in the case of a prejudicial interest, are set out in paragraphs 10 – 12 of the Code.

Seeking Advice ...

It is your responsibility to decide whether any of these provisions apply to you in particular circumstances, but you may wish to seek the advice of the Monitoring Officer before the meeting.

If you have any special requirements (such as a large print version of these papers or special access facilities) please contact the officer named on the front page, but please give as much notice as possible before the meeting.

AGENDA

1. **Apologies for Absence and Temporary Appointments**
2. **Declarations of Interest - see guidance note opposite**
3. **Minutes** (Pages 1 - 10)

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 6 December 2010 and to receive for information any matters arising therefrom.

4. **Petitions and Public Address**
5. **Construction and use of a digestate slurry lagoon, land at Worton Farm, Yarnton** (Pages 11 - 26)

Report by Deputy Director for Environment & Economy (Growth & Infrastructure) (**PN5**)

This is an application to construct a slurry lagoon to store the digestate produced from the Anaerobic Digestion (AD) plant at Worton Farm near Yarnton. The AD facility has been receiving waste since September 2010 and it is now fully operational. The plant is generating the digestate product which can be used as fertiliser in agricultural fields. Outlets for material are in the process of being secured but there is still a need to secure a lagoon to capture the quantities of digestate produced as a result of the AD process. The slurry lagoon measures approximately 170m in length and 60m in width at its widest edge. 2.4 metre high security fencing is proposed around the perimeter of the lagoon which has an approximate total volume of 26,800m³ with an anticipated digestate capacity of 22,000m³.

The report outlines the consultation responses received, comments from third parties, relevant Development Plan and other policies and key considerations for the Committee to take account in determining the application together with the views and recommendation of the Deputy Director for Environment & Economy (Growth & Infrastructure).

It is RECOMMENDED subject to a legal agreement to secure a contribution of £17,746 to the public access/pedestrian/cycle routes that planning permission be granted for the development proposed in Application 10/01852/CM subject to conditions to be determined by the Deputy Director for environment & Economy (Growth & Infrastructure) but to include the matters set out below.

Conditions to include:

1. **Compliance condition.**
2. **Commencement date.**
3. **Site used for digestate slurry from the AD plant only.**

4. ***Floodlighting details, only intruder lighting out of hours.***
5. ***Development to be carried out in accordance with submitted planting scheme.***
6. ***Bund and fencing to be erected in accordance with agreed plan***
7. ***Effective silencers.***
8. ***Site signage on A40 to be kept to a minimum.***
9. ***Sweeping on and adjacent to the site.***
10. ***Odour Control scheme to be submitted and agreed (to include temporary cessation of pumping if required).***
11. ***Sustainable surface water drainage scheme to be submitted.***

EIA Informative: for flood risk and water courses, environmental permit, contamination and hydrology.

6. **Continuation of the winning and working of sand and gravel with restoration using suitable imported materials without complying with the requirements of condition 2 in order to extend the time period for extraction until December 2015 and the time period for restoration until December 2017 to allow sufficient time for the working of material from beneath the plant site at Cassington Quarry, Worton, Witney (Pages 27 - 40)**

Report by Assistant Director of Environment & Economy (Growth & Infrastructure) (PN6)

This is an application to continue the existing sand and gravel operation at Cassington Quarry for another 5 years until December 2015 and restoration by 2017. This is to allow sufficient time for the working of material from beneath the plant site and to retain the processing plant for the same period. The proposed extraction area is approximately 12 hectares which would provide about 380,000 tonnes of mineral. Restoration of the site would be to a lake suitable for angling, in accordance with the previously approved scheme.

The report outlines the consultation responses received, comments from third parties, relevant Development Plan and other policies and key considerations for the Committee to take account in determining the application together with the views and recommendation of the Deputy Director for Environment & Economy (Growth & Infrastructure).

It is RECOMMENDED that planning permission be granted for Application 10/01929/CM subject to those heads of conditions set out in planning permission W2001/1729 and 02/00602/CM together with additional heads of conditions numbers 6 and 10 as set out in Annex 1 to the report except that condition 2 should now read 'Except with the express written consent of the Mineral Planning Authority: (a) No excavations shall be undertaken or continued after 31 December 2015; (b) all restoration shall be carried out and completed not later than 31 December 2017'.

7. Relevant Development Plan and other Policies (Pages 41 - 48)

This paper sets out policies referred to in Items 5 and 6 above and should be regarded as an Annex to each report.

Pre-Meeting Briefing

There will be a pre-meeting briefing at County Hall on **Monday 7 March 2011** at **12.30 pm** for the Chairman, Deputy Chairman and Opposition Group Spokesman.