

Planning & Regulation Committee Monday, 28 July 2014

ADDENDA

1. Apologies for Absence and Temporary Appointments

Apology	Temporary Appointment
Councillor Stewart Lilly	Councillor lan Hudspeth
Councillor Bob Johnston	Councillor Zoe Patrick

6. Revised restoration to nature conservation rather than agriculture, retention of sandy overburden material mound (north of area I), retention of the majority of the bunds and retention of some of the associated concrete structures to the remaining unrestored ash lagoons (areas G & H/I) and the settling and discharge pond area east of the Oxford to Didcot railway line, without complying with conditions A11, A17 & A18 of planning permission SUT/RAD/5948/12-CM at Radley Ash Disposal Site, Thrupp Lane, Radley - Application No. MW.0056/13

Councillor Bob Johnston, local member, comments as follows:

'Security Fencing at Radley Lakes

I believe that the key to sorting this matter out is to either partially or completely decouple the issue of security fencing with the general restoration of the site. I think that this could give myself, Radley PC and RWE virtually all we each require.

For lakes H and I it is essential to keep the present fences for as long as possible. Similar fences are present around the former lakes on the other side of the railway for the same reason and cause no problems. These two lakes have

several very dangerous areas not dissimilar to quick sand the public must be excluded. I believe that the Green Belt argument that the fences should be removed is trumped by the safety and security issue which in my view constitutes special circumstances.

For lakes J and G the arguments are similar but not so strong, over to the Committee.

There should be maximum efforts to exclude motor cyclists, and any move to fully gate the whole site to exclude them would be welcome.

I believe as an ecologist that arguments that removing the fences improves ecological connectivity are countered by the fact that the present fences exclude foxes, cats and feral dogs which are a threat to the numerous ground nesting birds (such as waders). They also help to exclude Roe deer which could become a major threat to the establishment of trees on the site.'

7. Expansion from one form entry to 1.5 form entry through demolition of horsa, external store and temporary classroom. Extension of the existing building to provide Key Stage 1 and Foundation Stage classrooms and external works to provide associated play areas and MUGA. Temporary classroom installation to facilitate decant during construction at Wolvercote Primary School, First Turn, Wolvercote - Application R3.0053/14

The Deputy Director for Environment & Economy wishes to amend his report as follows:

Paragraph 8 Delete the following sentence:

"Further to this and the increased pupil numbers to be accommodated, it is proposed that highway safety improvements would be provided in the form of a raised zebra crossing on Margaret Road just to the west of the school's currently used pedestrian access and a junction re-alignment and raised pedestrian crossing at the junction of Wharton Road with Margaret Road."

Councillor Jean Fooks, local member, comments as follows:

'I am very happy with the design of the new buildings and welcome the extra school places that will be provided. The proposed new all-weather surface should allow the children to play outside even when the grass field is too wet to use, so it is a big bonus for the whole school.

I am concerned about the lack of extra car parking on site for the extra staff but

accept that there is not available space. The nearby roads are already well-used by non-residents and with the new CPZ to the east it is likely that there will be even more commuters looking for somewhere to park. It is very probable that in the future some form of controlled parking will be needed for this part of Wolvercote.

I would request that more cycle and scooter parking is provided on site for the staff and children who bicycle or scoot to school.

The report says that the Young People's Club site on the other side of St Peter's Road is in the control of the County Council. The site is currently leased to the Club, which is currently run by volunteers, with paid youth workers, providing excellent activities for over 100 young people from the area.'

The Chairman has agreed to the following comment by David Guyoncourt, on behalf of Friends of Radley Lakes (FRL), being put forward:

'FRL strongly supports RWEnpower's proposal that the fences should be retained at least until the end of the five-year aftercare, and that what happens thereafter should be subject to review at that point.'

8. Commons Act 2006: In the Matter of an Application to Register Cowan's Camp Field, Star Lane, Watchfield as a Town or Village Green

The local member Councillor Yvonne Constance has raised no objection to the officer recommendation.

