

Planning & Regulation Committee Monday, 10 September 2012

ADDENDA

1. Apologies for Absence and Temporary Appointments

<i>Apology</i>	<i>Temporary Appointment</i>
Councillor Ray Jelf Councillor Anda Fitzgerald-O'Connor Councillor Lawrie Stratford	Councillor David Wilmshurst - -

4. Petitions and Public Address

<i>Speaker</i>	<i>Item</i>
Hazel Watt Chris Herbert <i>Representatives from Thames Water will also attend</i>)) 6. Application to continue importing) leachate for treatment – Ardley)

6. Application to continue importing leachate for treatment at Ardley Leachate Treatment Plant

*Additional comments by the Deputy Director for Environment & Economy
(Strategy & Infrastructure Planning)*

The report refers at paragraph 5 to a further meeting to discuss the concerns that Bucknell residents have about sewer flooding incidents in the village. The details of this had not been finalised at the time of writing the report and so the recommendation was to follow after that meeting had occurred. A meeting took place on 7 September 2012 and was attended by representatives from Oxfordshire County Council planning team, Viridor, Bucknell Parish Council, the Environment Agency and Thames Water.

Although flooding incidents cause great concern to Bucknell residents, the determination of this planning application is not the appropriate process to address these concerns as there is already a discharge consent granted by Thames Water to discharge treated leachate into the sewer and no change to this is proposed by the planning application. This was discussed at the meeting and Thames Water committed to attend another meeting with Bucknell Parish

Council to further investigate into possible solutions.

Although at this stage there are no conclusions regarding the cause of the sewer problems, there has not been any suggestion from the expert bodies that there is a link between leachate discharge and sewer blockages. A number of other possible causes were identified at the meeting and it is encouraging that Thames Water is working with the Parish to further investigate causes and solutions.

There has been no objection to this planning application from either Thames Water or the Environment Agency. Both bodies have been invited to attend Planning and Regulation meeting, as set out in the resolution from the July meeting.

The development is considered to be acceptable in planning terms. There is no change to the conclusions and recommendation of the July report.

It is RECOMMENDED that planning permission be approved for application MW.0084/12 to continue importing leachate for treatment at Ardley Leachate Treatment Plant at Ardley Landfill Site subject to:

- a) A routeing agreement to ensure that vehicles associated with this development follow the same route as waste vehicles associated with the EfW and landfill (avoiding Middleton Stoney)***
- b) Conditions to be determined by the Deputy Director (Growth and Infrastructure) but to include those matters listed below***

Heads of Conditions

- 1. Complete accordance with application***
- 2. End date for importation to coincide with the end of the treatment of leachate generated onsite***
- 3. Standard working hours for deliveries***
- 4. Maximum annual import of 18,200 tonnes, as proposed***
- 5. Leachate to be delivered in sealed tankers only***
- 6. White noise on reversing beepers***

Informative

Conditions 3 and 4 of permission 08/02472/CM sets out annual and daily maximum tonnages of waste to be imported to this site. Imported leachate permitted under this consent is included in those totals.