



Planning & Regulation Committee

Monday, 29 November 2021 at 2.00 pm

Council Chamber, County Hall, New Road, Oxford, OX1 1ND

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Please note that in line with current government guidance *all* attendees are strongly encouraged to take a lateral flow test in advance of the meeting.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Yvonne Rees'.

Yvonne Rees
Chief Executive

November 2021

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Note: Date of next meeting: 17 January 2022

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Membership

Chair – Councillor Geoff Saul
Deputy Chair - Councillor Richard Webber

Councillors

Judy Roberts
Robin Bennett
Felix Bloomfield
Yvonne Constance OBE

Imade Edosomwan
Mohamed Fadlalla
Stefan Gawrysiak
David Rouane

Les Sibley
Ian Snowdon

Notes:

- ***Date of next meeting: 17 January 2021***

Items for Decision

1. **Apologies for Absence and Temporary Appointments**
2. **Declarations of Interest - see guidance note opposite**
3. **Minutes** (Pages 1 - 12)

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 6 September 2021 (PN3) and to receive information arising from them.

4. **Petitions and Public Address**

Currently council meetings are taking place in-person (not virtually) with social distancing operating in the venues. However, members of the public who wish to speak at this meeting can also if they prefer attend the meeting 'virtually' through an online connection. Places at the meeting are very limited due to the requirements of social distancing. While you can ask to attend the meeting in person, you are strongly encouraged to attend 'virtually' to minimise the risk of Covid-19 infection.

Please also note that in line with current government guidance all attendees are strongly encouraged to take a lateral flow test in advance of the meeting.

Normally requests to speak at this public meeting are required by 9 am on the day preceding the published date of the meeting. However, during the current situation and to facilitate these new arrangements we are asking that requests to speak are submitted by no later than 9am four working days before the meeting i.e. 9 am on Tuesday 23 November 2021. Requests to speak should be sent to graham.warrington@oxfordshire.gov.uk. You will be contacted by the officer regarding arrangements for speaking.

If you ask to attend in person, the officer will also advise you regarding Covid-19 safety at the meeting. If you are speaking 'virtually', you may submit a written statement of your presentation to ensure that if the technology fails, then your views can still be taken into account. A written copy of your statement can be provided no later than 9 am 2 working days before the meeting i.e. Thursday 25 November 2021. Written submissions should be no longer than 1 A4 sheet.

5. **Chairman's Updates**
6. **Section 73 application for the continuation of the winning and working of sand and gravel with restoration using suitable imported materials to vary conditions 2, 3 and 6 of planning permission 19/02521/CM (MW.0111/19) in order to extend the period of extraction until 31st December 2022 and the time period for restoration until 31st December 2024 to allow for sufficient time for the working of mineral from beneath the plant site and the revised restoration of the plant site at Cassington Quarry,**

Worton, Witney, OX29 4EB - Application no: MW.0122/20
(Pages 13 - 40)

Report by the Assistant Director of Strategic Infrastructure and Planning (PN6).

The report sets out the proposed changes to the specified existing planning conditions which have been applied for under application no. MW.0122/20. Having considered the proposals against the development plan and other material considerations, including consultation responses and representations received, it is recommended that the application be approved.

It is RECOMMENDED that planning permission for MW.0122/20 be approved subject to conditions to be determined by the Director of Planning and Place, to include those set out in Annex 1 to the report PN6.

7. (i) Importation of inert material for use in restoration of the site and ii) To continue the development of limestone quarry extension permitted by 18/02008/CM (MW.0027/18) without complying with condition 1, condition 2, condition 8 and condition 26 in order to amend the approved restoration scheme, extend the date for restoration and allow the importation of inert material at Castle Barn Quarry, Fairgreen Farm, Sarsden, Oxfordshire - Application nos: MW.0057/21 and MW.0058/21
(Pages 41 - 78)

Report by the Assistant Director Strategic Infrastructure and Planning (PN7).

The report sets out the two proposed developments for which planning permission has been applied under application nos. MW.0057/21 and MW.0058/21. Having considered the report against the development plan and other material considerations including consultation responses and representations received it is recommended the two applications are refused.

It is RECOMMENDED that planning permission for application MW.0057/21 be refused for the following reasons:

- i) The development is Major Development in the Cotswolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty for which exceptional circumstances do not exist and for which it has not been demonstrated that the development is in the public interest. Therefore, the development is contrary to paragraph 177 of the National Planning Policy Framework, policy C8 of the Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan: Part 1 Core Strategy, policies EH1 & EH2 of the West Oxfordshire Local Plan and policies CE1, CE4, CE10, CE11, CE12 & CE13 of the Cotswolds AONB Management Plan 2018.***
- ii) The development is not necessary in order to achieve the satisfactory restoration and afteruse of the existing quarry in a timely manner contrary to Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan: Part 1 Core Strategy policies W6 and M10.***

- iii) The development would not minimise carbon emissions nor make effective use of natural resources contrary to policy C2 of the Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan: Part 1 Core Strategy and policy OS3 of the West Oxfordshire Local Plan.**

It is RECOMMENDED that planning permission for application MW.0058/21 be refused for the following reasons:

- i) In combination with the importation of inert material proposed in application no. MW.0057/21 which the proposed variations to the existing planning permission 18/02008/CM (MW.0027/18) would facilitate, the development is Major Development in the Cotswolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty for which exceptional circumstances do not exist and for which it has not been demonstrated that the development is in the public interest. Therefore, the development is contrary to paragraph 177 of the National Planning Policy Framework, policy C8 of the Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan: Part 1 Core Strategy, policies EH1 & EH2 of the West Oxfordshire Local Plan and policies CE1, CE4, CE10, CE11, CE12 & CE13 of the Cotswolds AONB Management Plan 2018.**
- ii) In combination with the importation of inert material proposed in application no. MW.0057/21 which the proposed variations to the existing planning permission 18/02008/CM (MW.0027/18) would facilitate, the development is not necessary in order to achieve the satisfactory restoration and afteruse of the existing quarry in a timely manner contrary to Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan: Part 1 Core Strategy policies W6 and M10.**
- iii) In combination with the importation of inert material proposed in application no. MW.0057/21 which the proposed variations to the existing planning permission 18/02008/CM (MW.0027/18) would facilitate, the development would not minimise carbon emissions nor make effective use of natural resources contrary to policy C2 of the Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan: Part 1 Core Strategy and policy OS3 of the West Oxfordshire Local Plan.**

8. Relevant Development Plan and Policies (Pages 79 - 98)

Report by the Assistant Director Strategic Infrastructure and Planning (PN7).

Paper by the Assistant Director for Strategic Infrastructure and Planning (PN10).

The paper sets out policies in relation to Items 6 and 7 and should be regarded as an Annex to each report.

Pre-Meeting Briefing

There will be a pre-meeting briefing via Teams to be confirmed for the Chairman, Deputy Chairman and Opposition Group Spokesman.