

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

REPORT (Minutes) of the Planning and Development Committee relating to the inspection of planning applications and other planning related matters, held at the Fleur de Lys Council Chambers, Market Square, Hailsham on Tuesday 8th November 2011 at 7.00 pm.

Prior to commencement of formal business, a period of not more than 15 minutes was assigned for the purpose of permitting members of the public to address the Committee or ask questions (on matters relevant to the responsibilities under direction of this Committee) at the invitation and discretion of the presiding Chairman.

Mr Van der Kieft, of 1 Old Cottage, Hailsham, addressed the Committee regarding the application for the wind turbines at Shepham Lane, Hailsham. He strongly objected to the application, stating that they would have a devastating impact on wildlife and a negative view on the landscape. He was concerned at the noise the turbines would create, and referred to the "amplitude modulation", similar to the sound of a helicopter hovering. He also had safety concerns regarding blade failure and traffic accidents and the flicker effect caused by the wind turbines, particularly as there is a primary school in the area. Mr Van der Kieft reported that the land designated for the wind turbines was agricultural land and not to be used for commercial development; he also considered that tidal power was less damaging and more sustainable.

Mr Castledon of Otham Court, Hailsham, also strongly opposed the application for the wind turbines stating that 100 turbines were planned offshore for Newhaven and Brighton and suggested the five proposed at Shepham Lane could be added to these 100. He also had safety concerns regarding the application, quoting that 880 turbines in Germany had shed ice from their blades and there had been reports of 14 turbine failures. He stated that these kind of failures were mostly common in damp conditions, such as locations near or relatively near to the sea.

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Present

Councillors: W. Bentley (substituting for S. J. Bentley), N. Collinson, W. Crittenden, P. Holbrook, S. McAuliffe, M. Ryan (substituting as Chairman)

Officer in attendance: K. Moralee

129 **Apologies For Absence:**

Councillor Mrs S.J. Bentley, J. Bentley Astor, Mrs M. Burt

130 **Declarations of Interest**

Councillor P. Holbrook declared a personal interest in application WD/2011/2304/FA – 17 The Grove, Hailsham, as he is acquainted with the applicant.

131 **Confirmation of Minutes**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Planning and Development Committee held on Tuesday 18th October 2011 Ref: 11/1/111 – 11/1/127 were confirmed as a correct record.

132 **Matters Arising**

None were received.

Planning Applications 11/2/133- 142 (appended hereto)

Ten plans were considered.

133 WD/2011/2137/MEA - Land off Shepham Lane, North of A27, Polegate

Hailsham Town Council objects to the application, due to:

i) the proximity of the turbines to each other and the resulting cumulative noise

ii) the height, mass and visual impact of the proposal which will have a negative impact as seen from the Hailsham perspective

Councillor S. McAuliffe was in support of the application and asked for this to be recorded

134 WD/2011/2183/F - 39 Harebeating Drive, Hailsham

Hailsham Town Council has no objections to the application as it conforms to policy HG11 of the Non Statutory Wealden Local Plan 2005 and policy EN27 of the Wealden Local Plan 1998

135 WD/2011/2228/F – 56 The Cedars, Hailsham

Hailsham Town Council has no objections to the application as it conforms to guidance with the Wealden Design Guide 2008 chapter 10 paragraphs 9.1 and 9.2.

136 WD/2011/2315 – 10 Carew Court, Hailsham

Hailsham Town Council has no objections to the application as it conforms to guidance within the Wealden Design Guide 2008 chapter 13 paragraph 2.6.

137 WD/2011/2104/F – 51a Howlett Drive, Hailsham

Hailsham Town Council has no objections providing the porch is reduced to allow sufficient room for the two parking spaces

138 WD/2011/2304/FA – 17 The Grove, Hailsham

Hailsham Town Council supports the application for the variation of conditions 15 and 16. With regard to any future development on the land adjacent 17 The Grove, the developer would have to take into consideration any overlooking to future properties

139 WD/2011/2303/F - 11 George Street, Hailsham

Hailsham Town Council has no objections to the change of use to A5, however the Council would request conditions are placed by Wealden District Council stating that bins are located outside the building and railings are erected to ensure the safety of pedestrians as the premises is next to a busy road

140 WD/2011/2320/F – 35 Carpenters Way, Hailsham

Hailsham Town Council has no objections to the application as it conforms to guidance with the Wealden Design Guide 2008 chapter 10 paragraphs 9.1 and 9.2.

141 WD/2011/2370/F – 1 Westdown Cottages, Hailsham

Hailsham Town Council has no objections as the application conforms to guidance within the Wealden Design Guide 2008 chapter 10 paragraphs 8.1 and 8.10

142 WD/2011/2329/F – Ropemaker Park, Diplocks Way, Hailsham

Hailsham Town Council has no objections to the application, providing the materials used match the existing.

Other Planning Matters

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Item as appended hereto (PLAN/11/1/143) was noted

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45 pm

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Plans available to view at Hailsham Town Council Offices, Inglenook, Market Square, Hailsham weekdays from 9.00 am – 4.30 pm

Application No: WD/2011/2137/MEA Major application with environmental assessment
Location: Land off Shepham Lane, North of A27, Polegate
Description: Erection of five wind turbines, on site access tracks, temporary site access from A27, site access from Hailsham Road, one site substation and control building, one permanent meteorological mast and on site underground cabling

Application No: WD/2011/2183/F Full
Location: 39 Harebeating Crescent, Hailsham
Description: Ground floor extension to kitchen at rear. First floor dormers to increase size of three bedrooms. Provide additional bedroom and bathroom. Porch to front door

Application No: WD/2011/2228/F Full
Location: 56 The Cedars, Hailsham
Description: Erection of conservatory on rear elevation

Application No: WD/2011/2315/F Full
Location: 10 Carew Court, Hawkswood Road, Hailsham
Description: Replacement of shopfront

Application No: WD/2011/2104/F Full
Location: 51A Howlett Drive, Hailsham
Description: Front porch to new dwelling – proposed parking spaces shown and reduction in depth of front porch

Application No: WD/2011/2304/FA Full
Location: 17 The Grove, Hailsham
Description: Variation of conditions 15 and 16 of WD/2011/1677/FA (proposed detached dwelling)

Application No: WD/2011/2303/F Full
Location: 11 George Street, Hailsham
Description: Change of use of part of ground floor from offices to A5 (hot food takeaway shop)

Application No: WD/2011/2320/F Full
Location: 35 Carpenters Way, Hailsham
Description: Erect a white pvcu conservatory to the rear of the property

Application No: WD/2011/2370/F Full
Location: 1 Westdown Cottages, Downash, Hailsham
Description: Change of use of part of adjoining paddock into the garden curtilage to accommodate new double garage

Application No: WD/2011/2329/MAJ Major
Location: Ropemaker Park, Diplocks Way, Hailsham
Description: Proposed extension to existing factory to provide a warehouse/storage facility

Other Planning Matters

East Sussex County Council Roadway Adoption – Grovelands Farm Phases 4 and 7

Adoption of Lavender Close, Holyhead Close and St Boswells Close